

## From the Pastor

Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday this year falls on April Fools' day (which according to some) is the holiday of atheists. As the Bible says, "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." So skeptics and non-believers have a reason to take the Resurrection as a joke. But there can be nothing farther from the truth.

An atheist was asked if he has read the Bible. He said yes, he had, that in fact he has read it twice. And what do you say, "It's too good to be true." The fact is, it is true.

Indeed, God's unconditional love and great mercy is beyond human understanding, "too good to be true," but it is true. And the greatest proof is what we have just celebrated – the Paschal Mystery – Jesus dying on the Cross in a most cruel and ignominious way to save us from our sins, but as he foretold, rose from the dead after three days.

In the words of Pope Francis, "Jesus is risen from the dead, and this is not a fantasy. It is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning. "

Pope Emeritus Benedict likewise said, "The resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is part of the person is answered.. God exists: that is the real message of Easter."

The resurrection stands on solid historical grounds. As the gospels tell us, Jesus appeared to his disciples – the original skeptics of the resurrection – over a period of forty days before he ascended to heaven, offering them many "infallible proofs." They in turn went out and turned the Roman Empire upside down with the message of the cross and the resurrection.

But in addition to the massive historical evidence for the resurrection, there is a scientific evidence and it is to be found in the Shroud of Turin, a linen cloth 14 feet by 3 feet, that purports to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus.

How wonderful that this coming April 14, at 7 pm, we will have the opportunity to explore this mysterious Shroud with international expert Russ Breault. I hope that the event will help our faith in the resurrection grow and fill us with joy.

Your brother and friend,  
Fr. Roland

A little tickler

A middle aged couple, whose last child had recently moved out on her own, were having a conversation right before Easter. The wife said to her husband that with the children grown and away from home, this was their first year they were not going to dye Easter eggs and have an Easter egg hunt. To console her, her husband responded, "That's alright, honey, we can just hide each other's pills.

## This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, APRIL 01 EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)  
NO COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP ON THIS DAY  
NO CCE CLASSES, NO ACTIVITIES

--4:00 a.m. Salubong Mass-Church  
--2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel  
--3:00 p.m. Daughters Mother's-Parish Hall

Monday, April 02- NO 6:15 a.m. Mass  
Word & Sacrament 7:00 p.m.

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED  
NO ACTIVITIES--NO CCE CLASSES

--Tuesday, April 03-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.  
NO CCE CLASSES

--5:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena-Chapel  
--7:00 p.m. Sharing the Faith-Bishop Odin  
--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room  
--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

--Wednesday, April 04- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--6:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena-Chapel  
--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Chapel  
--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room  
--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall  
--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center  
--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A",  
--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church

--Thursday, April 05- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--5:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch Center  
--6:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena-Chapel  
--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center  
--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room  
--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin  
--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"  
--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel  
--11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

--Friday, April 06- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &  
7:00 p.m Bilingual Mass-Church

--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Meeting Room  
--6:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena-Chapel  
--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia  
--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel  
--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall

--Saturday- April 07- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

--8:00 a.m. Mass in Honor of the Divine Mercy  
(Novena Prayer and Benediction)  
--8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel  
--12:00 p.m. Gaby Rauda -Quinceañera-Church

--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church  
--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch Center

--Sunday, APRIL 08 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)  
COFFEE BY THE NEOCATCHUMENATE AND TACO BREAKFAST  
BY THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

--1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ-Welsch Center  
--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room  
--3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena/Benediction-Chapel  
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Parish Hall

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Parish Celebration in Honor of the Divine Mercy



Saturday, April 7 (Eve of the Divine Mercy Feast Day and Commemoration of the death of St. Pope John Paul II)

- \*8 a.m. Mass Followed by Novena Prayer & Benediction
\*Procession with icon
\*Concludes on the back parking lot with prayer and blessing of individual icons, paintings and statues
\*Parish picnic to follow

Divine Mercy Novena Schedule-Chapel

- Good Friday, March 30 @ 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 31 @ 8:45 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 01 @ 2:30 p.m.
Monday, April 02 @ 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, April 03 @ 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 04 @ 6:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 05 @ 6:15 p.m.
Friday, April 06 @ 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 07 @ 8:45 a.m.

Shroud Encounter

Notre Dame Catholic Church
Saturday, April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 Admission

The Shroud of Turin is the most analyzed artifact in the world yet remains a mystery. The 14-foot linen cloth has been in Italy for over 400 years. The Turin contains an image of a crucified man with apparent wounds and bloodstains that match the crucifixion as recorded in the bible. A team of nearly 40 scientists in 1981 concluded it was not the work of an artist. They found no visible trace of paint, pigment, dye or other artistic substances on the cloth. The blood is type AB with human DNA as determined in 1995. If the cloth indeed wrapped a corpse, there are no stains of body decomposition.

MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY-April 01
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9

- 7:00 a.m. + Ananias & Ignacia Lazaga
--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners
--11:00 a.m. All Parishioners
--1:00 p.m. All Parishioners
--5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Monday, April 02- Monday in Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15

- 6:15 a.m. No Mass
--7:00 p.m. Word & Sacrament

Tuesday, April 03- Tuesday in Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18

- 6:15 a.m. Florence Franke (97th Birthday)
--6:30 p.m. + St. Anna (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday, April 04- Wednesday in Octave of Easter
Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35

- 6:15 a.m. Pathe M. Gueye (Thanksgiving for B-Day)
--7:00 p.m. Vocations

Thursday, April 05- Thursday in Octave of Easter
Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48

- 6:15 a.m. + Estelita Milan (Death Anniversary)
--7:00 p.m. + Juan Cajita & Junior Lawag

Friday, April 06- Friday in Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14

- 6:15 a.m. All Souls
--10:00 a.m. + Walker Kotwicki

Saturday, April 07-Saturday in Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15

- 8:00 a.m. + Benito Rafanan, Sr. (Death Anniversary)
--5:00 p.m. + Maria Lien & Hy Phan

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY, April 08-
Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

- 7:00 a.m. + Delfin & Vicenta Jugueta
--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

- 11:00 a.m. + Obinna Izuakor (Birthday)
--1:00 p.m. + Ramiro Rincon

- 5:00 p.m. + Jarret Vanderwilt



2018 Sessions:
Bible Study/Reflection: Every 2nd & 4th
Sundays of the month
Place: Meeting Room-CCE Complex
Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of:
Alberto Rivera
From: Jante Family



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimborn, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez, Sidonia Klekar, Patricia Miata, Loc Ngo, Loan Ho.....  
and ALL sick members of our parish community.

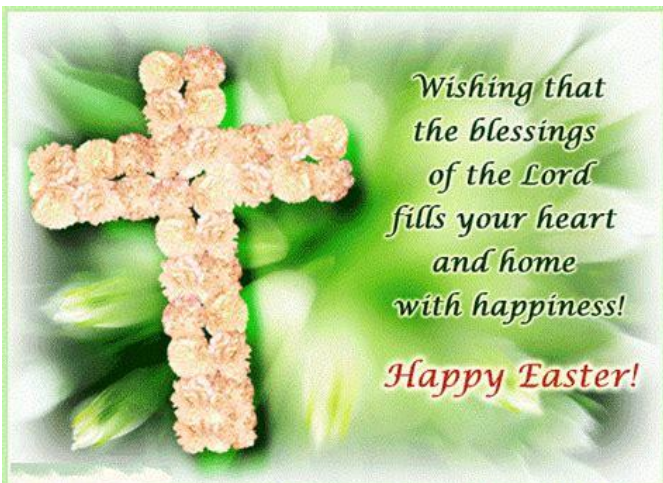
**Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick...**

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Lawrence Carter, Patricia Mohnorah, Zenaida Maglalang, Carmen Calderas...



**Easter Flower Fund**

In Kindness and love for your church please consider contributing to our Easter flower Fund. Flowers may be donated in memory of someone dear to you or for any intention. Envelopes are located in the wooden racks in the Narthex. You may place them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office.



**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Financial Results for Church Operations  
Six Months: July-December, 2017**

Receipts.....\$473,006  
Expenses.....\$518,069  
3 Month Deficit.....\$ 45,063

**PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500**

**Collection 03/11/2018**

This is a correction from last bulletin's posting

Capital Campaign.....\$5,788.36

**Collection 03/25/2018**

Regular Collection.....\$16,843.86  
Poor Box.....\$73.81  
Novena .....\$194.00

Capital Campaign..... \$9,318.51

**DSF (443 Families)**

Pledged.....\$86,321.00  
Payment.....\$47,189.35

**Notre Dame Prepares for its 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
We Need Your Help!**

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to [admin@ndgh.org](mailto:admin@ndgh.org) or [accounting@ndgh.org](mailto:accounting@ndgh.org) or bring them to the parish office.

**CCE Office Hours/ Horario de Oficina CCE  
281-495-1256**

Monday/Lunes.....4-8 pm  
Tuesday/Martes.....4-8 pm  
Wednesday/Miércoles.....9 am-2pm  
Thursday/Jueves.....9am-5pm  
Friday & Saturday.....Closed/Cerrado  
Sunday/Domingo.....9am-1pm

**\*Hours subject to change/Horario sujeto a cambio**

**Stewardship Reflection:** That our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful and willing to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth. "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:2 On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### Del Pastor

¡Felices Pascuas!

El Domingo de Pascua de este año cae en el día de los Inocentes (que según algunos) es la fiesta de los ateos. Como dice la Biblia, "El necio dice en su corazón: 'No hay Dios'." Así que los escépticos y los no creyentes tienen una razón para tomar la Resurrección como una broma. Pero no puede haber nada más lejos de la verdad.

A un ateo se le preguntó si había leído la Biblia. Dijo que sí, que de hecho lo ha leído dos veces. Y qué dices, "Es demasiado bueno para ser verdad". El hecho es que es auténtico.

De hecho, el amor incondicional y la gran misericordia de Dios están más allá del entendimiento humano, "demasiado bueno para ser cierto", pero es verdadero. Y la mayor prueba es lo que acabamos de celebrar: el Misterio Pascual: Jesús muriendo en la cruz de la manera más cruel y vergonzoso para salvarnos de nuestros pecados, pero, como predijo, resucitó de los muertos después de tres días.

En palabras del Papa Francisco, "Jesús resucitó de los muertos, y esto no es una fantasía. Es la culminación del Evangelio, es la Buena Nueva por excelencia: ¡Jesús, que fue crucificado, ha resucitado! Este evento es la base de nuestra fe y nuestra esperanza. Si Cristo no hubiese resucitado, el cristianismo perdería su significado."

El Papa Emérito Benedicto también dijo: "La resurrección de Jesús dice que hay un futuro para cada ser humano; el clamor por la vida eterna que es parte de la persona es atendida. Dios existe: ese es el verdadero mensaje de la Pascua."

La resurrección se encuentra en sólidos terrenos históricos. Como nos dicen los evangelios, Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos, los escépticos originales de la resurrección, durante un período de cuarenta días antes de ascender al cielo, ofreciéndoles muchas "pruebas infalibles". A su vez, salieron y cambiaron el Imperio Romano con el mensaje de la cruz y la resurrección.

Pero además de la evidencia histórica masiva de la resurrección, hay una evidencia científica y se encuentra en el Manto de Turín, un lienzo de 14 pies por 3 pies, que pretende ser la verdadera tela de entierro de Jesús.

Qué maravilloso que este próximo 14 de abril, a las 7:00 pm, tengamos la oportunidad de explorar este misterioso Sudario con el experto internacional Russ Breault. Espero que el evento ayude a que nuestra fe en la resurrección crezca y nos llene de alegría.

Tu hermano y amigo,  
Padre Rolando

Una cosquillita

Una pareja de mediana edad, cuyo último hijo se había mudado recientemente, estaban teniendo una conversación justo antes de Pascua. La esposa le dijo a su esposo que con los niños crecidos y fuera de casa, este iba a ser el primer año en el que no iba a pintar ni a buscar huevos de Pascua. Para consolarla, su esposo respondió: "Está bien, cariño, podemos esconder nuestras propias pastillas".

### EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo, 01 de Abril-

**DOMINGO DE RESURRECCIÓN**

NO Actividades—No Clases de Catecismo

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

Lunes, 02 de Abril-

TODAS LAS OFICINAS DE LA PARROQUIA ESTÁN CERRADAS/

NO Actividades—NO Clases de Catecismo

Martes 03 de Abril –NO Clases de Catecismo

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles 04 de Abril-

--7:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--8:00 p.m. Coro Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y

Conferencias

Jueves 05 de Abril-

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

Viernes 06 de Abril-

--6:00 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes-Salón "E"

--7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B,C,E y G

--7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas—"Salones "D" y "F"

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"

--7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

--9:00 p.m. Vigilia-Grupo ELI-Capilla

Sábado 07 de Abril-

--9:00 a.m. Hijos e Hijas de María-Salón Aleluya

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--7:00 p.m. Junta Mensual Comunidad Hispana-Salón Aleluya

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Meeting Room

Domingo 08 de Abril-

**DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA**

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Notre Dame se prepara para su

**50 Aniversario:**

¡Necesitamos de su ayuda!

Tome muchas fotos de sus reuniones grupales, actividades, celebraciones, etc. para la edición especial del directorio ilustrado de la parroquia.

Envíe sus fotos a: [admin@ndgh.org](mailto:admin@ndgh.org) o [accounting@ndgh.org](mailto:accounting@ndgh.org) o tráigalo a la oficina de la parroquia.

### Encuentro con el Manto de Turín

Iglesia Católica de Notre Dame

Sábado, 14 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.

Admisión de \$5.00

El Manto de Turín es el artefacto más analizado en el mundo y sigue siendo un misterio. El lienzo de 14 pies ha estado en Italia por más de 400 años. El Turín contiene una imagen de un hombre crucificado con heridas aparentes y manchas de sangre que coinciden con la crucifixión como se registra en la Biblia. Un equipo de casi 40 científicos en 1981 concluyó que no era obra de un artista. No encontraron rastros visibles de pintura, pigmento, tinte u otras sustancias artísticas en la tela. La sangre es tipo AB con ADN humano como se determinó en 1995. Si la tela de hecho envolvió un cadáver, no hay manchas de descomposición del cuerpo.