

From the Pastor

The theme of the readings today is a beautiful sequel to the feast we celebrated last Sunday – Divine Mercy. The readings speak about sin and repentance, forgiveness and peace – which is precisely what Divine Mercy is all about.

In the words of St. John Paul II, “To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of egoism and fear, the risen Lord offers as a gift his love that forgives, reconciles and reopens the spirit to hope. It is love that converts hearts and gives peace.”

Peace is the fruit of forgiveness. That is why in the gospel today, we find Jesus again greeting his disciples, “Peace be with you!” Having abandoned him in his darkest hour, having denied him three times, Peter and the other disciples undoubtedly felt guilty, afraid and ashamed. They were not at peace.

Perhaps that explains why, as the gospel describes them on seeing the Lord, “they were startled and terrified.” Perhaps not only because “they thought they were seeing a ghost,” but somehow they were haunted by the “ghost of their sin of abandonment and betrayal.”

But Jesus immediately calmed their fear and guilt. “Peace be with you.” No word of recrimination or blame but sheer love and forgiveness. And to make them feel at ease and assure them that it was really he himself, he asked for some food, which was something familiar. (How Jesus really loved to eat and celebrate with sinners!)

This is the good news of the Resurrection – that God has wiped away and forgiven our sins. Salvation has come. Forgiveness is offered freely and totally, to everyone. As Jesus said in the gospel, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

But we have to claim it by our personal repentance and openness to his grace. As St. Paul says in the first reading, “Repent, therefore, and be converted that your sins may be wiped away.” Forgiveness is a two way street but in that encounter, the Lord’s is more than half of the way. He is looking for us more than we are looking for him.

Your brother and friend,
Fr. Roland

A little tickler

Preacher: A lot of people must be sick with colds. There was a lot of coughing during my sermon this morning.

Deacon: Those were time signals

This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, APRIL 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 & PANCAKE BREAKFAST BY THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

--1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ-Welsch Center

--2:00 p.m. African Community-Parish Hall

--2:30 p.m. God the Father Prayer Group-Chapel

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Meeting Room

Monday, April 16-Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall

--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel

--Tuesday, April 17-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation-Bishop Odin

--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church

--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

--Wednesday, April 18- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Church

--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 19- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate –Alleluia Room

--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 20- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &

7:00 p.m-Church

--10:30 a.m. Precious Blood-Meeting Room

--6:00 p.m. Youth for Christ-Welsch Center

--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Meeting Room

--7:30 p.m. Lord’s Flock-Alleluia

--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall

- Saturday- April 21- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

--8:00 a.m. Couples for Christ-Meeting Room

--2:00 p.m. Wade Sahmel & Heather Olsovsky –

Wedding-Church

--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch Center

--Sunday, APRIL 22 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 AFRICAN COMMUNITY @ THE COMMUNITY
CENTER

--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room

--2:30 p.m. God the Father Prayer Group-Chapel

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Parish Hall

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Annual Parish May Crowning
And Flower Offering To Our
Blessed Virgin Mary**



You are all invited to join the
Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes
On May 5, 2018 (1st Saturday), 8 am
at Notre Dame Catholic Church
7720 Boone Rd, Houston, TX 77072

Holy Mass will be celebrated
followed by a Procession and the recitation of the
Holy Rosary
at Mary's Courtyard (CCE ground)

Special Intentions: To pray the Rosary daily for
family unity, special healing for all children with
rare sickness, for the protection and safety of all the
unborn and peace and salvation throughout
the world.

*You are welcome to bring flowers to offer to our
Blessed Mother at the courtyard.

For more information, please contact
Madel Martinez at 832-641-6284

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 15- THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER-

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5a; Lk 24: 35-48

--7:00 a.m. + Elizabeth, Martha & Philippe Nguyen

--9:00 a.m. + Simeon Daen

-11:00 a.m. + Marcelina O'Limpo

--1:00 p.m. + Zoila Ferrufino

--5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Monday, April 16- Monday of 3rd Week of Easter Wkdy

Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29

--6:15 a.m. + Angelita Lacsamana (Death Anniversary)

--7:00 p.m. + Jarrelt Vanderwilt

Tuesday, April 17- Tuesday of 3rd Week of Easter Wkdy

Acts 7: 51-8: 1a; Jn 6: 30-35

--6:15 a.m. + Dinh Viet Thuc

--6:30 p.m. + Crescencia Villarin

Wednesday, April 18- Wednesday of 3rd Week of Easter

Acts 8: 1b-8; Jn 6: 35-40

--6:15 a.m. Maritza Lopez (Birthday)

--7:00 p.m. Vocations

Thursday, April 19- Thursday of 3rd Week of Easter Wkdy

Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51

--6:15 a.m. + Dinh Viet

--7:00 p.m. + Anthony Fransie Ferrao

Friday, April 20- Friday of 3rd Week of Easter Wkdy

Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59

--6:15 a.m. Aly Aparece (Thanksgiving for Birthday)

-10:00 a.m. + Crisanta & Lorenzo Cuevas

--7:00 p.m. Celerina & Juan Alvarez (Special Intention)

Saturday, April 21- Saturday of 3rd Week of Easter Wkdy

Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69

--8:00 a.m. + Erlinda Galbizo (Death Anniversary)

--5:00 p.m. + Philip & Martha

Sunday, April 22- FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18

--7:00 a.m. + John & Josephine Zelko

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

-11:00 a.m. + Maxima P. Palma

--1:00 p.m. CeVerra Cerna (Birthday)

--5:00 p.m. + Antonio (Tony) Reyes

Hearts of Jesus & Mary Ministries

presents

“Powerful 2018 Houston Retreat”

By Brother Uwakwe C. Chukwu

Theme: “Cripple that Strongman”

Friday, April 27 5pm-10pm

Saturday, April 28 2pm-10pm

Sunday, April 29 11am Mass

Venue:

Notre Dame Catholic Church

At the Community Center

Contact Josephine Uzoanya @ 832-602-6905

for more information.



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:

Angelita Lacsamana

From: Lacsamana 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 Trimbom, 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, Theresa Lazarte.....
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 Caldera....

We Welcome all of our New Catholics



Please continue to pray for them throughout the year so that their faith continues to grow...

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| Yanelis Morejon | Alessandra Hernandez |
| Francisca Morejon | Alexandra Santes |
| Esperanza Morejon | Juan Santes |
| José Guzman | Nataly Gomez |
| Liam Guzman | Angela Casia |
| Anthony Alvarez | Carlos Medrano |
| Christopher Alvarez | William Bernardi |
| Susana Alvarez | Carlos Alcantar |
| Monserrat Blancas | Abel Maldonado |
| Jazmin Rediske | Claudia Reyes |
| Trinity Tran | Rene Díaz Marcos |
| Jolynn Truong | Priscila Guevara |
| Allan Patino | Wendy Prudenciano |
| Bryan Avilez-Hernandez | Maria Alberta Díaz |
| Pavel Villegas | Gianluca Villegas |
| Yuri Prudenciano | Evelyn Prudenciano |
| Danilo Lopez | Jadelynn Juliette Patino |
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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

Holy Saturday Collection was already included in the Regular Collection of 04/01/2018

Regular Collection.....	\$21,104.58
Holy Saturday.....	\$2,848.05

Collection 04/08/2018

Regular Collection.....	\$15,036.29
Poor Box.....	\$117.57
Novena	\$341.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$7,006.00
Divine Mercy.....	\$690.05

Parish Goal \$105,000
DSF (457 Families)-

Pledged.....	\$88,040.00
Payment.....	\$50,647.96

**Notre Dame Prepares for its 50th 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 or accounting@ndgh.org or bring them to the parish office.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

May 19, Saturday, 9a.m. to 5p.m.; Ave Maria Center, St Laurence Catholic Parish, Sugar Land

If you like to experience the power of the HOLY SPIRIT and practice his charismatic gifts, attend this Workshop! This is a hands-on presentation of the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor. 12:7-11): the gifts of tongues, interpretation, prophecy, word of knowledge and wisdom, discernment, faith, healing and miracles. *Fr. Mark Goring*, director of the Catholic Charismatic Center, is our main speaker; he brings with him a team of spirit-filled speakers. The Workshop ends with a powerful healing service. This Workshop is free and lunch is provided. To register, call *Deacon Rey Arellano* (713-854-8804).

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Del Pastor

El tema de las lecturas de hoy es una hermosa secuela de la fiesta que celebramos el domingo pasado – Divina Misericordia. Las lecturas hablan sobre el pecado y el arrepentimiento, el perdón y la paz, que es precisamente de lo que se trata la Divina Misericordia.

En la palabras de San Juan Pablo II, "Para la humanidad, que a veces parece estar perdida y dominada por el poder del egoísmo y el miedo, el Señor resucitado ofrece como un regalo su amor que perdona, reconcilia y reabre el espíritu a la esperanza . Es el amor el que convierte corazones y da paz."

La paz es el fruto del perdón. Es por eso que en el evangelio de hoy, encontramos a Jesús otra vez saludando a sus discípulos, "¡La paz sea con ustedes!" Después de haberlo abandonado en su hora más oscura, habiéndole negado tres veces, Pedro y los otros discípulos sin duda se sintieron culpables, temerosos y avergonzados. No estaban en paz.

Tal vez eso explica por qué, como el evangelio los describe al ver al Señor, "se sobresaltaron y aterrorizaron". Quizás no solo porque "pensaban que estaban viendo un fantasma", sino que de alguna manera estaban siendo perseguidos por el "fantasma de su pecado de abandono y traición."

Pero Jesús calmó inmediatamente su miedo y culpa. "La paz sea contigo". Ninguna palabra de recriminación o culpa, sino puro amor y perdón. Y para que se sintieran cómodos y de una manera asegurarles que era él mismo en realidad, pidió algo de comer, lo cual era algo familiar para un ser humano. (¡Cómo Jesús realmente amaba comer y celebrar con pecadores!)

Estas son las buenas nuevas de la Resurrección - que Dios ha borrado y perdonado nuestros pecados. La Salvación ha llegado. El perdón se ofrece libre y totalmente, para todos. Como Jesús dijo en el evangelio, "Así está escrito que el Cristo sufrirá y resucitará de entre los muertos al tercer día y que el arrepentimiento, para el perdón de los pecados se predicará en su nombre a todas las naciones, comenzando desde Jerusalén."

Pero tenemos que afirmarlo por nuestro arrepentimiento personal y apertura a su gracia. Como dice San Pablo en la primera lectura: "Arrepentíos, pues, y convertíos para que sean borrados vuestros pecados". El perdón es una calle de dos vías, pero en ese encuentro, el Señor es más de la mitad del camino. Él nos está buscando más de lo que nosotros lo estamos buscando a Él.

Tu hermano y amigo,
Padre Roland

Una Cosquillita:

Predicador: Mucha gente debe estar enferma de resfríos. Hubo mucha tos durante mi sermón esta mañana.

Díacono: Esas fueron señales de tiempo

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo 15 de Abril-

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia
--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 16 de Abril-

-10:00 a.m. AMSIF-Salón Parroquial y Varios Salones
--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario
--7:00 p.m. Legión de María-Salón Odín

Martes 17 de Abril –

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

Miércoles 18 de Abril-

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"
--7:00 p.m. Guadalupanos-Salón "E"
--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 19 de Abril-

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

Viernes 20 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-Salón "D" y "F"
--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"
--7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

Sábado 21 de Abril-

--9:00 a.m. ELI-Alleluia
--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia
--7:00 p.m. ELI-Salón "C"
--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Meeting Room

Domingo 22 de Abril-

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia
--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall



El Grupo San Miguel los invita al
Retiro Celebrando con los Arcángeles,
oración, meditación de la palabra y alabanza.

Fecha: Sábado, 21 de Abril, 2018

Hora: 8am – 2 pm

Lugar: Salón Parroquial

Guiado por nuestro Diácono Francisco Sandoval