

SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



LENT

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:7



APRIL 3RD • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2022

At each Sunday Mass, we usually focus on the Gospel but it is also good to listen attentively to all three readings and possibly find a direct personal message from God to each one of us. Last Sunday, the second reading from St. Paul was a powerful reminder that we are all called to the "ministry of reconciliation" given by God. This Sunday, I would like to direct your attention to the first reading from Isaiah, who speaks on behalf of God and states forthrightly, "see, I am doing something new!" God is always at work in our lives and our world. But, we have to reflect on the happenings of our days, meditate on them and recognize His presence. Isaiah continues with God's call to us to be alert, "Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Many times we fail to perceive His work. Often we do not even look for it; we take it for granted; we pass over it; we are too busy with other matters of lesser importance.

St. Paul, in today's second reading, speaks of the "supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord."
He does not claim to have achieved perfect maturity but continues to pursue this goal. We too have the same faith and the same aspirations as Paul. Let us treasure this gift, knowing that Jesus throws light on every situation of our lives and in our world.

In the Gospel, we have the example, the words and actions of Jesus that are liberating and inspiring for the woman taken in adultery but also for the scribes and Pharisees who were trying to get Jesus into trouble. He writes in the sand twice in this scene. Maybe the first time He was just doodling in order to have something positive to say to the woman and to her accusers? When they persisted in challenging Him about the woman's sin in light of the law of Moses He writes in the sand a second time and says "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." Did He write their sins in the sand? We don't know but we do know they left the scene one by one beginning with the older ones. What a lesson in being judgmental as well as being cruel and hypocritical. It is also significant that the next breeze would have wiped out whatever He wrote in the sand.

Then He turns to the woman with amazing respect and comfort 'Where are they?

Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you. Go in peace and do not sin anymore." What a wonderful relief it must have been for her! She was protected, defended and liberated. She had met her Lord and Savior and would never be the same again. She became a new person in the Lord Jesus.

May we all experience the love, respect and mercy of our Savior in this Lent.

~ Fr. David Costello OCD.

Palm Sunday, April 10

We will have a procession beginning at the south wall of the Parish Hall at the 8am and 10am Masses. If you want to be part of the procession please arrive 15 minutes earlier.

(Tendremos una procesión comenzando en la pared sur del Salón Parroquial en las Misas de 8 am y 10 am. Si desea ser parte de la procesión por favor llegue 15 minutos antes.)

Chrism Mass Monday, April 11 at 2pm St. Augustine Cathedral

Santa Cruz Church Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 14

6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight)

Good Friday, April 15

12:00 pm to 1:15pm Seven Last Words

(Algunas en Español)

3:00 pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion Bilingual Veneración

de La Santa Cruz y Pésame

Holy Saturday, April 16

7:30 pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday, April 17

6:30 am Mass

8:00 am Mass (Spanish)

(inside church)

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

(No 6:00 pm Mass)



Santa Cruz Parish Friday Fish Fry Is Back!!! *Enjoy Good Food And Fellowship* Every Friday during Lent @ 5pm on March 4th, 11th,

18th, 25th & April 1st and 8th Hosted by: Knights of Columbus

#14139 Fr. Bach ~ Bro. Angel de Santa Cruz

Why are the statues covered?

The Fifth Sunday of Lent was traditionally called "Passion Sunday" because it marked the beginning of "Passiontide" when the Church entered into am intense two-week period of preparation for Holy Week. To help Sunday, April 3rd the faithful enter into this intense period of reflection and preparation it was the practice of the Church to cover all images as a reminder that we need to shut off and shut out the external things that are distracting us from what should be our focus during these remaining weeks of Lent which is the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord; to look inwardly not outwardly: "We look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is passing, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18). The veiled statues and images remind us to seek out the hidden Jesus within us "Set your minds on things that are above...for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3). And how do we seek Him out? By examining our lives and removing the veil that we have raised over our heart: "...A veil lies over their hearts, but whenever a person turns to the Lord the veil is removed"

We strive to be a vibrant, welcoming and faith-filled community inviting all of our parishioners, our school families and our community to join us at our Annual Parish Fiesta on May 14th and May 15th! This is a wonderful way to bring our community together in a peaceful, fun, and spirited manner. All of S A N T A C R U Z this is accomplished with your help and

generosity. In order to accomplish our fundraising goal, we ask if you could help by donating items. Items that are needed:

(2Corinthians 3:15-16).

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300-12OZ FOAM CUPS
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2 BOXES OF FORKS
5 TO 6 BOXES OF FOIL SHEETS
4 BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS
5 BOXES OF PLASTIC GLOVES
10 SMALL INDIVIDUAL HAND SOAP

Your support is greatly appreciated by coming together, we'll ensure another successful fiesta. Please turn in your donated items to the parish office. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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Sign up for Flock Notes text santacruzaz to 84576 Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D. Pastor: In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Saturday, April 2nd

8:00am Stephanie Ramirez/Happy Birthday

5:30pm Julian Galaz/R.I.P.

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners 8:00am LaRhonda Goatson/R.I.P.

10:00am Alex, Lupe & Fina Gallego/R.I.P.

12:00pm Special Int./Pueblo High School,

Administration & Community

6:00pm Katherine M. Martinez/R.I.P.

Monday, April 4th

In Honor to San Pedro

8:00am Jazmine Alicia Reyes/Happy Birthday

Tuesday, April 5th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Joise Denney Wolchesky/R.I.P.

7:00pm Berry Sims/R.I.P.

Wednesday, April 6th

In Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:00am Hector Carlos Valenzuela/R.I.P.

7:00pm In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

Thursday, April 7th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Lucia Reyes/R.I.P.

7:00pm Julian Galaz/R.I.P.

Friday, April 8th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00am Benjamin & Aurora Reyes/R.I.P. 7:00pm Luis Hernandez/R.I.P.

> Parish Collection March 27th, 2022 Collection: \$ 6,393.81 CRS 2nd Collection: \$ 1,406.62

Thanking You for Your Service to Our Parish

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church. *Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols: social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm 8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street) Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance. Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833 Religious Education: Martin Doe, Director (520) 882-9687 Santa Cruz Catholic School: (520) 624-2093 FINDaPARISH.com

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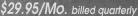
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