



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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MAY 1, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER,
“SIMON, SON OF JOHN,
DO YOU LOVE ME
MORE THAN THESE.”

~ John 21:15



Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." John 21:12

Have you noticed how Jesus reveals himself to his disciples in the setting of a meal? In the very first miracle in the Gospel of St. John, Jesus reveals himself at a wedding supper in Cana. Later, as recorded in the same gospel, he feeds thousands of people with a few loaves and fish (Jn. 6:1-15.) Before his passion and death, he shares the Passover supper with his disciples (Jn.c.13-17) and reveals the most intimate and wonderful things about his person and mission.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself through a miraculous catch of fish, but also in the meal he has prepared for them. He calls out to his disciples who had been fishing all night, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" When they came ashore with their net full of fish, thanks to the miracle of the Lord, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught.... Come, have breakfast."

Tenderness is one of the most appealing attributes of Our Lord. He is meek and humble of heart. How beautifully his tenderness is revealed at the lakeshore breakfast with his disciples. Although truly risen, he wants his glory to be hidden in order not to overwhelm his beloved disciples. Oh, and how gently he reconciles Peter to himself by asking Peter, who denied Jesus three times, if he loves him.

During the remaining weeks of the Easter Season, let us contemplate the tender love of Our Redeemer. He is with us in all the ordinary places of our lives. He is there when we give thanks for the meal we share with family and friends. We should give more importance to our family meal or even when we take time to sit down for coffee with a friend. I learned something recently from the Syrian family that has been selling sweets after Mass. They are Muslims and observe the fast of Ramadan during which time (a time a little shorter than our Lent) no food or drink is taken until sundown of each day. But when they come together for the meal called *iftar*, i.e. *break-fast*, it is a festive gathering to break their fast together. Many Muslims believe that feeding someone *iftar* is a form of charity.

In every Mass, Jesus comes to us truly, in the form of bread and wine. We say the form of bread and the form of wine because the bread and wine have not lost their form. But, miracle of miracles, through the words which the priests says at the consecration of the bread and wine at Mass, the substance of the bread and the substance of the wine has been changed to the substance of the Body of Christ and the substance of the Blood of Christ.

Will we ever be able to comprehend the tenderness and the humility of Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ? He not only bends down to us to wash our feet, but he also gives himself to us as food. He has poured out his last drop of blood for us. This shows that he wants to give himself to us as much as he can. Has there ever been a mother more tender, a father who provides more for his children, a teacher humbler, a superior more caring for those under him? Truly, Jesus is our Bread of Life. Let us journey together in faith. ~ Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.



Fiesta de la Familia

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 de la Familia 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 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:**

400-3 SECTION FOAM PLATES
300-PAPER PLATES
500-16OZ SOLO CUPS
300-8OZ FOAM CUPS
300-FOAM BOWLS OR BOATS FOR NACHOS
1000 COUNT OF NAPKINS
2 BOXES OF FORKS
2 BOXES OF SPOONS
5 TO 6 BOXES OF FOIL SHEETS
4 BOXES OF EXTRA LARGE TRASH BAGS
5 BOXES OF PLASTIC GLOVES
10 SMALL INDIVIDUAL HAND SOAP
3 DISH SOAP
5-50 BOX OF FACE MASKS

ON THE DAY OF FIESTA:
LETTUCE, CHEESE, SNOW CONE SYRUP,
NACHO CHEESE, CHIPS, CAKES ALREADY
MADE.

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!

!Santa Cruz Parish Fiesta!

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is collecting slightly used
house hold items and
clothing. If you would like to
donate please call
Yolanda Hernandez
440-3615 after 4:00 pm for
pick up and any questions.





**Next Sunday, May 8th
is Mother's Day!
Don't forget to bring
your Mothers
for a special
Mother's Day Blessing.**



**Presentation on the Only Church-Approved
Marian Apparition in the United States
Offered by Martha Valukas, OCDS
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One year after our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France, the Mother of our Savior came to the United States in the same humble way, appearing 3 times in 2 days near Green Bay, Wisconsin. The year was 1859. Our Blessed Mother spoke a message to a young Belgian woman by the name of Adele Brise, a message that everyone in the United States needs to hear. Her words will fill you with renewed purpose and hope. Come and experience a multi-media presentation of the only Church-Approved Marian apparition in our country.

Where: Santa Cruz Catholic Church

When: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Light refreshments will be available after the 8:00 Mass in the courtyard. The presentation will begin at 9:00AM and continue till 10:15AM with questions after that.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30th

8:00am Ronnie & Evelyn Soto/R.I.P.

5:30pm Dolores Bonillas Gomez/R.I.P.

Sunday, May 1st

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Maria Jesus Portugal Flores/R.I.P.

10:00am Jimmy, Sr. & Annie Vidal &

Jimmy, Jr. & Linda Vidal/R.I.P.

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

6:00pm Henry S. Martinez/R.I.P.

Monday, May 2nd

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Jolynn Quihuis/Improved Health

Tuesday, May 3rd

In Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:00am Omar Lopez/Improved Health

Wednesday, May 4th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

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

Thursday, May 5th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Ross & Karen Estavillo/
Wedding Anniversary

Friday, May 6th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Michael Patron/R.I.P.

Parish Collection April 24th, 2022

Collection: \$ 4,604.68

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor:

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

In Residence:

Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

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

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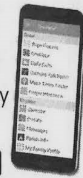
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