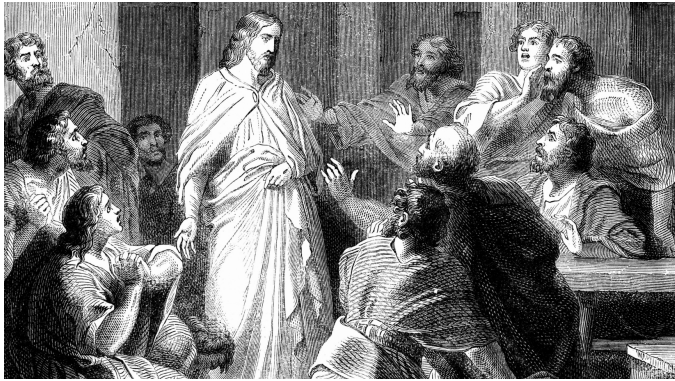


## **APRIL 13 & 14, 2024** **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*By: The Word Among Us*

### ***It opened their understanding. (Luke 24, 45)***

The disciples had just experienced three traumatic days: The Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal of Judas, the arrest of Jesus, the betrayal of Peter and finally the Crucifixion of Jesus. Everything they had staked their lives on had been shattered into pieces, and they had completely failed Jesus.

Therefore, it is not surprising that Jesus' first words when he appeared to the disciples were "*Peace be with you*" (Luke 24, 36). How much they needed that peace! Then, just as he had done with the disciples at Emmaus, he "*opened their understanding*" to help them understand everything they had just experienced (24, 45). He reviewed the Scriptures with them and showed them how his death had been part of God's plan all along. He helped them see that what had happened was not a tragedy but a triumph. It was not the end of all his hopes, but the beginning of a new and glorious future.

Have you ever felt how the disciples felt? Perhaps, you are going through a painful situation right now that makes you feel confused, betrayed or lost. Maybe a traumatic experience from the past still haunts you. Or perhaps the guilt of some past sin continues to weigh on you.

Whatever your situation, Jesus wants to do for you what he did for his disciples. He longs to open understanding to His mercy so that you can be freed from guilt or shame. The Lord wants to show you His love so that you can see your past—especially the painful parts—through His eyes of love and compassion. Jesus wants to offer you a new vision of his wisdom, so that you can see your future with hope and confidence.

Quiet your heart today, so you can hear Jesus speak to you. Allow him to "*open your understanding*" and show you how he looks at you; He allows me to give you his peace.

***"Lord Jesus, help me to see through your eyes, to listen with your ears and to love with your heart, I pray."***

## **BECOMING SAINTS...RAISING SAINTS**

*By Crisarlín Vázquez*

*Director of the Marriage & Family Life Office*

"When we face the sun, we get a tan...but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharistic, we become Saints." This is one of my favorite quotes from Blessed Carlo Acutis. Maybe because being on the beach and feeling the sun on my face is something that I love to do. If our life plan is to be saints, what better way to stand before Jesus in the Eucharist and feel his light entering into our bodies and transforming us. I imagine the image of a host radiating its light from the Father, through the Holy Spirit, to the Body of Christ. The image reaches out to me, with a power that invites me into the mystery of the ongoing Real Presence of Jesus Christ in my life every day through the Eucharist.

This April, many of our families are celebrating their children's First Holy Communion. And what better time to explain and continue reinforcing in them the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When Pope St. Pius X lowered the age for First Holy Communion from twelve to the age of discretion (around seven) in his 1910 *Quam Singulari*, he expressed his hope that children who have received First Holy Communion would be regularly admitted to the Holy Table, to be embraced by Christ, preserved from corruption, and nourished by the food of interior life. During the transubstantiation, the bread and wine used for Communion become Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Indeed, the Catholic Church teaches that "*the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.*"

Various studies in recent years have revealed a disturbing fact: less than half of people who identify as Catholics believe in the Real Presence.

In 2019, a Pew research Center survey found that 69% of Americans Catholics believe that, in the Mass, the bread and wine "*are symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.*" Only 31% believe in the Catholic doctrine that states that, upon consecration, "*the bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of Jesus.*" One of the hopes of the National Eucharistic Revival is that it will foster recognition and devotion to Our Lord, who gives himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament, not only in today's catholic adults, but in our children as well.

It can be difficult concept to teach to children (and adults). It is challenging to teach a mystery, perhaps because, in reality, we don't teach mystery; we invite others to encounter it and experience it. Certainly, as parents, we are responsible for predisposing our children to receive the sacrament, ensuring that they have a concept and understanding of what they are about to receive. However, we don't teach the real Presence of the Eucharist like we teach a mathematical or another language. Rather, we prepare them to see with their hearts. You don't have to offer any theology; instead you predisposed your children to enter into a mysterious encounter through which they would receive the greatest gift imaginable—the very presence of God within us!

Just as John tells us in the Gospel 1: 45-46: Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth? Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Carlo began to review on a website, all the Eucharistic miracles in the world. His love for the Eucharist led him to investigate 136 miracles, which he included in his virtual museum. Being a child like any other, who liked soccer and video games, he wanted the whole world to know that the Eucharist had incredible power. When you go to mass next Sunday, keep in mind that the Eucharist is not just a symbol. The Eucharist is Jesus. The same Jesus who rose from the dead.



BESIDES HAVING CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY AT 4PM, THERE WILL BE CONFESSIONS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM, FOLLOWED BY SILOE PRAYER GROUP.



## BINGO

**EXTRAVAGANZA SAT. APRIL 20TH  
FUNDRAISER SJS DR CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH HALL**

**GUARANTEE \$150 Each Game  
Regular Packs \***

**BUY IN \$35 (Includes 1 Regular Pack  
of 10 Games, Dinner, Dessert,  
Coffee or Tea)**

**Additional Game Packs \$10 Each  
Special Games \$1 Each**

**LIMITED SEATING RESERVE NOW! CALL 707-964-3775  
DINNER Starts 6pm - bingo 7pm - dessert half time**

**\*GUARANTEED PAYOUTS Based on Minimum of 60 People**

### RAFFLE PRIZES!!

**Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5  
(NO FREE PASSES)**



## KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE KNIGHTS' POST OFFICE BOX BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT STEVE BEEMAN 707-480-4614.



**FIRST COMMUNION MASS:  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 AT 10AM.**

## ~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to [olgcinfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcinfb@gmail.com) or call at 707-964-0229 ext. 1.

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 13 - 19, 2024

Saturday (13)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Alejandro Torres †
	6:30pm	Elvia Miranda Román † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Alfonso & Maria Bran † Eleuterio & Manuel Gaona † Beatriz Valencia † Belén Mandujano † Rosalina Salazar † David Ramírez †
Sunday (14)	8:00am	Carmela Angelucci †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (15)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (16)	5:30pm	Mauricia Campuzano †
Wednesday (17)	12:05pm	Brianda Venegas † Luisa Martínez † Josefina Castañeda †
Thursday (18)	12:05pm	Jim & Rita Young †
Friday (19)	12:05pm	Linda Spallino †

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

APRIL 6 & 7, 2024...\$2,577.00  
LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$872.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
MAINTENANCE FUND  
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Audrey George, Ron Sousa, Esperanza Barba,  
Bertha Valenzuela, Carolehoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez,  
Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez,  
Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater,  
Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin,  
Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

## LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramirez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 ext. 1 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

## **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to Our Lady of Good Counsel's Church,  
Welcome! We hope you find a spiritual home here.  
Please formally register in the parish and be a part  
of our family. Come to the Parish Office  
Mon - Fri, 10am – 2pm to register.  
Registration forms are also available  
in the church vestibule.



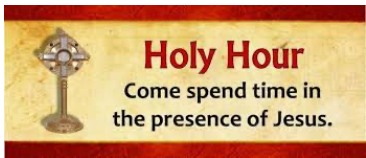
### **WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides  
“ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software!**

**To get started, you can go to [olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).**

*From this link you will be allowed to manage your own  
account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a  
one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit  
card, checking or savings account!*

*If you have any questions, please contact  
the Parish Office at 964-0229.*



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,  
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,  
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN  
WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.  
ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE  
DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN  
GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND  
DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED  
AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE AS A PERMANENT REMINDER  
OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.