



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 1, 2012

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9:00AM—5:00PM  
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**Office Hours**  
Monday—Thursday  
10:00AM - 8:00PM

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770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

**Office Hours**  
Tuesday—Thursday  
10:00AM - 1:00PM

### English Mass Schedule

Monday: 12 Noon  
Tuesday: 12 Noon  
Wednesday: 6:30 AM &  
7:00 PM  
Thursday: 7:00 PM  
Friday: 12 Noon  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM,  
9:30 AM  
11:30 AM &  
5:00 PM

**Confession:**  
Saturdays: 3:30 PM

### Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM  
Jueves: 8:00 PM  
Sábado: 7:30 PM  
Domingo: 6:00 AM  
2:00 PM &  
7:30 PM

**Confesión:**  
Sábados: 6:30 PM  
Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

*Prayer for Holy Week*

*Gracious God,  
the people of Jerusalem  
waving palm branches,  
sang their praises of your Son  
and of a kingship  
they did not understand.*

*In this holiest of weeks,  
give us grace  
to know your kingdom,  
a kingdom of humility  
and compassion,  
a kingdom of love and justice.*

*Let us walk with your Son  
on the road to his Passion,  
mindful of the love  
he felt for his disciples,  
the forgiveness he offered  
to those who crucified him,  
and the care he gave  
to all creation.*

*In these holy days,  
let us draw nearer to him every day.  
We ask this  
through the same Christ, our Lord.  
Amen*

**Palm Sunday of  
THE LORD'S PASSION**

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HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA DISPONIBLE EN LA PÁGINA 4



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**Pastor:** Rev. James H. Kuczynski, M.S. (x108)

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Pedro Chingandu, M.S. (x106) • Rev. Andrews Kollanoor, M.S. (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. (x121)  
• Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193) • **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett • Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson • Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell

**Parish Administrator:** Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)



**Offertory/Ofertorio March 17-18, 2012**

Budgeted ( <i>Presupuesto</i> ).....	\$32,692.00
Offertory ( <i>Ofrenda</i> ).....	\$29,720.00
Shortfall ( <i>Pérdida</i> ).....	\$2,972.00

**Thanks for your generosity!**  
**¡Gracias por su generosidad!**

**FY 2012 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date**  
**Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real**

To Date Budget ( <i>Proyección</i> ).....	\$1,275,000.00
To Date Actual ( <i>Real</i> ).....	\$1,082,932.00
To Date Shortfall ( <i>Pérdida</i> ).....	\$192,069.00

**Update on our Capital Campaign**  
**Moving Forward In Hope**  
**Campaña Caminando en Esperanza**

Goal ( <i>Meta</i> ).....	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged ( <i>Compromisos</i> ).....	\$3,162,151.00
Paid to date ( <i>Pagos</i> ).....	\$936,933.00
Number of Donors ( <i>No. de Donantes</i> ).....	1,425

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2012**  
**Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2012**

Goal ( <i>Meta</i> ).....	\$131,883.00
Pledged ( <i>Compromisos</i> ).....	\$41,401.00
Paid to date ( <i>Pagos</i> ).....	\$26,249.00
Number of Donors ( <i>No. de Donantes</i> ).....	127

**What our children at St. Thomas gave to God...**  
**El regalo de nuestros niños a Dios...**

♥ March 17-18, 2012♥  
 ♥ Treasure (Tesoro) \$341.97 ♥

**Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento) ♥** I help my sister (Ayudo a mi hermana) ♥ I was good (Fui bueno) ♥ I did my homework (Hice mi tarea) ♥ I help my Mom (Ayudo a mi Mamá) ♥ Being nice to God (Siendo bueno con Dios) ♥ Make the food (Preparar comida) ♥ I took turns sharing toys with my little brother. I love you Jesus! (Tomé turnos para compartir mis juguetes con mi hermanito. ¡Te amo Jesús!) ♥ I feed my dog (Alimento a mi perrito) ♥ I helped Daddy do yardwork (Ayudé a papá en el jardín) ♥ To please the Lord (Agradar al señor) ♥ I behave (Me porto bien) ♥ I cleaned my Dad room (Limpié el cuarto de Papá) ♥ I let my sister go first in the bike (Le di el primer turno en la bicicleta a mi hermana) ♥ I clean my room (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥ I let my sister read my book (Dejé que mi hermana leyera mi libro) ♥ God loves, thank you God (Dios nos ama, gracias Dios) ♥ Being kind to others (Ser amable con los demás) ♥

Children's Envelopes available in the Commons Area.  
 Children are invited to drop their good deeds from the week during the Offertory.

**IN OUR PRAYERS - EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES**

Please pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Call the Parish Office to place a name on the list. Then we ask that you contact us one time per month and tell us how they are doing. They are always in our prayers.

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|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Crista Acosta       | Teri Reese Hull   | Rodolfo Proaño      |
| Brandi Dabney       | Cordelia Kelly    | Arellys Ramirez     |
| Ricky Carreño       | Gloria Kincer     | Mary Ellen Rizzuto  |
| Bob Contino         | Alan Knieter      | Steve Scheneman     |
| Doris Cushing       | Linda Laurens     | Lenna Spencer       |
| Paula de Jesus      | Shirley Loggins   | Bess Sprinkle       |
| Celestine Ekokobe   | Frank Madden      | Kimberly Urióstegui |
| Andrea Galvan       | Kristina McGovern | Patricia VanBuren   |
| Paula Garcia Patiño | Dorothy Madson    | Becky Villon        |
| Lauren Garger       | Leona Morales     | Bonnie Wade         |
| Sandy Haynes        | Sean O'Brien      |                     |

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a **Prayer Line Ministry**.  
 The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors.

If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Valerie Panditaratne at 770-438-9078 or  
 Email: [vpandit@emory.edu](mailto:vpandit@emory.edu)

**Pray For Our Troops**

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially: *I Recordamos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que se encuentran sirviendo en el ejército, especialmente:*

- |                               |                                |                                   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA        | Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG | Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA |
| Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC | E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN       | Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA  |
| SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG     | PFC Brian Harris, USA          | Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA         |
| SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA | Maj. Marise James, USAF        | Specialist Brian Sanders, USA     |
| ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN       | HMC Damian J. Lovello          | CPT Anna Smith, ARNG              |
| Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrell, USA  | LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello      | MSG Donald Smith, USA             |
| Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA        | CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA      | S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA        |
| LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC      | CPT Michael McDonald, USMC     | CW4 Anthony Veney, USA            |
| SFC Charles Granke, USA       | HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN  | Sgt. Richard Whelan, USMC         |
| PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA  | 2LT Kyle Perneli, USA          |                                   |

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to add a family member who is serving in the military.



**Creating Your Catholic Legacy**

*Deo Gratias!* Thanks be to God for those who have remembered the parish in their will or estate plans. Are you someone who has made a plan to help the Catholics that come after us by leaving a legacy to the church?

The *Deo Gratias* Society is the planned giving legacy society of the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia for anyone who has included the parish, a Catholic school, or other Catholic entity in their will or estate plans.

The second annual *Deo Gratias* Society mass and luncheon with Archbishop Gregory will be held by the Catholic Foundation in September 2012.

If you have included our parish in your will or estate plans, you will become a member of the *Deo Gratias* Society and will be invited to attend the mass.

Please talk to Fr. Jim, our pastor, and call Diane Duquette, Director of Gift Planning for the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia: 404-497-9440

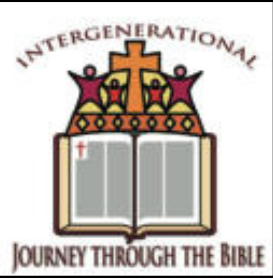
so we can make sure you receive an invitation.

To learn more about the Catholic Foundation visit: [www.cfngalegacy.org](http://www.cfngalegacy.org)



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION (Formación en la Fe para Adultos)

**CATHOLICISM: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith** is an engaging and interesting formational program which uses art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. The series continues on Thursdays, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Adult Faith Formation Building. This week's topic is *The Mystery of the Church's Sacraments and Worship*. Next session: April 19<sup>th</sup>. You may still register at: [www.stthomastheapostle.org/catholicism](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/catholicism) or call Michael Okuto at 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 for more information.



**Intergenerational Journey through the Bible:**  
Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Bring the WHOLE family and experience sharing:

- Why is Life a Journey?
- What is God's Salvation Plan?
- What books in the Bible show God's Salvation Plan?
- How Catholic Family Evangelization begins with Hearing the WORD and Sharing the GOOD NEWS!!!

Register in the Commons Area of the church, e-mail: [Imitblunt@aol.com](mailto:Imitblunt@aol.com) or call 770-432-8579 Ext. 122 for more information. Breakfast snack and Prizes Included. See you there!

**Book of the Month Club** will meet on **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Faith Formation Building. The feature book is *Superbug: The fatal Menace of MRSA* by Mary McKenna. Contact Barbara Nalbone via e-mail if you have any questions: [banalbone@comcast.net](mailto:banalbone@comcast.net)

**An Evening of Reflection and Healing Mass** by Fr. Mathew Linn, S.J.

Join us on **Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** for an evening of reflection by Fr. Matthew Linn, S.J., his talk will focus on integrating physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

**Una noche de Reflexión y Misa de Sanación** con el Padre Matthew Linn, S.J. Marca tu calendario y acompáñanos el jueves, 12 de abril a las 7:00 p.m., en una noche de reflexión. El Padre Matthew Linn, S.J., se enfocará en temas de integración física, emocional y sanación espiritual.

**Parish Mission 2012**  
April 30 – May 2  
7:00 p.m.  
Main Sanctuary  
Presented by  
Rev. William Jarema

*Jesus*  
**The Doorway**  
to Healing and Forgiveness

[www.stthomastheapostle.org/parish-mission-2012](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/parish-mission-2012)

**Monday, April 30**

- Letting Go of the Past
- The Power of Forgiveness

**Tuesday, May 1**

- Empowered to Surrender
- Veneration of the Cross

**Wednesday, May 2**

- Healing Mass (7:00 p.m.)
- Prayer for Departed Souls
- Healing the Loss of a Loved One



Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Get ready for the adventure of a Lifetime... The Sky's the Limit!**

- New friends \* Amazing Experiments \* Wild Games \* Lip smacking Snacks \* \* Surprising Adventures \* \* Incredible Music

**June 11-15**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Registration forms are available in the PSR office or online at: [www.stthomastheapostle.org/vbs2012](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/vbs2012)

For more information call the PSR Office at 770-432-5296

*Invitamos a todos los niños de Santo Tomás a participar en la Escuela Bíblica de Verano (VBS)*

*¡Una semana llena de diversión, juegos, experimentos, nuevos amigos, deliciosas meriendas y música increíble!*

**SKY (cielo)**

**11 al 15 de junio**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

*Hojas de registro disponibles en la oficina de catecismo o en la página web:*  
[www.stthomastheapostle.org/vbs2012](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/vbs2012)

Para más información llama a la Oficina de Catecismo al 770-432-5296

**June 11-15, 2012**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

## Holy Week 2012 Semana Santa

**April 2 – Monday**  
12:00 PM English Mass

**April 3 – Tuesday**  
12:00 PM Communion Service

**April 4 – Wednesday**  
6:30 AM & 7:00 PM English Masses

**April 5 – Holy Thursday**  
10:00 AM Travelers Together  
(Pilgrimage for Immigration)  
7:30 PM Bilingual Mass  
(Mass of the Lord's Supper)  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament until Midnight

**April 6 – Good Friday**  
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
6:30 PM Lord's Passion with  
Veneration of the Cross and Holy  
Communion

**April 7 – Easter Vigil**  
12:30 PM Blessing of  
Easter Food Baskets  
8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

**April 8 – Easter Sunday**  
English Masses:  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM

**5 de abril – Jueves Santo**  
10:00 AM Caminata por Inmigración  
7:30 PM Misa Bilingüe  
(La Última Cena del Señor)

**6 de abril – Viernes Santo**  
3:00 PM Vía Crucis en inglés  
8:30 PM La Pasión de Cristo

**7 de abril – Vigilia Pascual**  
12:30 PM Bendición de víveres  
8:30 PM Misa de Vigilia Pascual

**8 de abril – Domingo de  
Resurrección**  
Misas en español:  
6:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 7:30 PM

## HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES (Actividades de Semana Santa)



**Mass of the Holy Chrism:** On Tuesday, April 3rd at 5:00 p.m. the Cathedral of Christ the King will host the priests of the Archdiocese of Atlanta for the traditional Chrism Mass, when Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory blesses the chrism, the mixture of olive oil and balsam, to be used throughout the coming liturgical year for the sacraments of baptism, holy orders and/or confirmation in the archdiocese. The oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick are blessed at this Mass as well. All are welcome to attend.

**Misa del Santo Crisma:** Martes, 3 de abril a las 5:00 p.m. en la Catedral de Cristo Rey. Durante esta misa tradicional, el Arzobispo Gregory bendecirá el crisma, una mezcla de aceite de oliva y bálsamo, el cual se usa durante el año litúrgico para ungir a aquellos que recibirán el sacramento del bautismo, orden sacerdotal y/o confirmación en la arquidiócesis. El aceite de los catecúmenos y el de la unción de los enfermos también son bendecidos en esta Misa. Todos están invitados a asistir.

### Pilgrimage for Immigrants: April 5 (10:00 a.m.) - 8 miles to Marietta Square

The Holy Thursday Pilgrimage is an 8-miles segment of the Pilgrimage for Immigrants, an act of faith and solidarity through North Georgia and Metro Atlanta. All faiths, ethnicities, and ages are welcome. **See opposite page** for additional details, or learn more at: [www.stthomastheapostle.org/holy-thursday-pilgrimage](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/holy-thursday-pilgrimage)

### Peregrinaje por Inmigración: Abril 5 (10:00 a.m.) - 8 millas al centro de Marietta

El Peregrinaje de Jueves Santo es un segmento del Peregrinaje por Inmigración, un acto de fe y solidaridad en el Norte de Georgia y el Área Metropolitana. Personas de todos los credos, razas y edades son bienvenidas. La caminata sale a las 10:00 a.m. desde el estacionamiento de la iglesia (por favor llevar almuerzo ligero) y finaliza en el centro de Marietta. Se ofrecerá transporte de vuelta a la iglesia después del acto de clausura.

Si no puedes caminar, hay otras formas de participar:

- dar una donación para provisiones (comida, agua) y para reservar el autobús
- transportar provisiones y/o a participantes que solo caminarán parte del tramo
- hospedar y/o transportar a los participantes de otros sitios de la Peregrinación
- promover la caminata y reclutar a los caminantes
- rezar por la causa, aunque no estés presente en la caminata

Más información en: [www.stthomastheapostle.org/holy-thursday-pilgrimage](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/holy-thursday-pilgrimage)

### Urban Stations of the Cross

We invite you to participate in the annual **Good Friday Pilgrimage through downtown Atlanta on April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Participants in the Urban Stations of the Cross will walk to 14 sites in the city of Atlanta and reflect upon contemporary social issues (such as homelessness, pro-life issues, immigration, etc) as we remember the sufferings of Jesus on the way to Calvary personified in the marginalized of today's world. The ecumenical pilgrimage will begin at the state Capitol starting at 9:00 a.m. and will end at the MLK Jr. Memorial Crypt at 2:00 p.m.

**Transportation Available:** Gather at 7:30 a.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle parking lot

**Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m.—\$10 donation—Sign up in Commons Area.**

### Vía Crucis Urbano

Te invitamos a participar en el Peregrinaje Anual de Viernes Santo, este 6 de abril. Los participantes del Vía Crucis Urbano caminan por las calles del centro de Atlanta y reflexionan en temas de justicia social (indigencia, asuntos pro-vida, inmigración, etc.) recordando el sufrimiento de Jesús camino al Calvario, reflejado en aquellos que hoy son marginados. Este peregrinaje ecuménico inicia en el Capitolio, a las 9:00 a.m., y termina en la tumba de Martin Luther King Jr, a las 2:00 p.m.

**Se ofrecerá transporte:** Reunirse a las 7:30 a.m. en el estacionamiento de Santo Tomás

**Bus sale a las 8:00 a.m.—\$10 donación—Anótate en la lista del Área Común.**



## PARISH LIFE (Vida Parroquial)

The Parish Office will be closed on  
**Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Easter Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**  
The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

*La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el  
**Viernes Santo, 6 de abril, y lunes, 9 de abril.**  
La oficina reabrirá el martes, 10 de abril.*



**REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE** Military Ministry (RTS) serves the needs of the military families within our parish. We invite you to submit the names of family members who are serving in the military (See Page 2). Contact Roger Landry at 770-333-9904 for more information.

**EI MINISTERIO MILITAR (RTS)** invita a todas las familias que tengan seres queridos sirviendo en el ejército a que compartan con nosotros sus datos para ser incluidos en las oraciones del boletín (Ver Página 2). Para más información por favor contactar a Juan Morales al 770-434-1123.

### COOKING FOR OUR CLERGY:



Do you like to cook? Or do you have a family-favorite dinner recipe? Or have you been considering some simple way to give something back to the Lord for all that He has done for you? Why not sign up to bring a Sunday meal to our priests?

Imagine how busy our priests are on the weekend. There are 9 weekend liturgies here at St. Thomas. Our priests give so much in nourishing our souls, let's nourish their bodies.

### It's as easy as 1 – 2 – 3!

1. Sign up on the bulletin board in Commons
2. Prepare the meal on the date you chose
3. Deliver the meal to the rectory between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Get your whole family involved. Or invite another parishioner to join you in the planning, shopping and cooking. **Happy Cooking!**

A great big "Thank You" goes out to all the individuals and families who are already Cooking for the Clergy!

## PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP (Campamento de Verano)

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR: June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Looking for children ages 3 – 5 (ages as of 9/12/2012) to join the fun!

The campers will enjoy one or two weeks of fun activities, which will include: arts and crafts, music, dramatic play stories and plenty of outdoor active play.

Call 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 for more information. Registration forms available at:

[www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool-summer-camp-2012](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool-summer-camp-2012)

**Matrícula Abierta para el 18-21 de junio y 25-28 de junio.**

Campamento para niños de 3 a 5 años de edad.

Los niños disfrutarán de una o dos semanas de actividades tales como: manualidades, música, teatro, actividades al aire libre. Llama al 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 para más información. Hojas de registro disponibles en el Área Común o bien, en línea, en la página: [www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool-summer-camp-2012](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool-summer-camp-2012)



## Holy Week—2012 Pray with your Feet Reza con tus Pies

Join in a walking celebration of faith and solidarity that includes song, prayer, testimonials, and fellowship.  
All faiths, ethnicities, and ages are welcome.

### Holy Thursday—April 5<sup>th</sup> 8-mile Pilgrimage

from St. Thomas Church to Marietta Square

- 9:15 a.m. **Gather.** Meet at the parking lot of our church.
- 10:00 a.m. **Start.** Walk to Marietta Square, with rest breaks scheduled along the way. Please bring a sack lunch for yourself.
- 3:00 p.m. **Close.** After our 8-mile journey, special ceremony to close event.
- Bus will shuttle participants from Marietta Square to St. Thomas the Apostle.

### If you cannot do the walk, you can still participate!

- Make a **financial donation** for police support, supplies, and bus fees
- Donate drinks and water
- Drive your car carrying supplies and transporting walkers who tire
- Lodge and/or transport guests from other Pilgrimage sites
- Recruit and sign-in walkers
- Join us in spirit, by pledging to pray for the cause while we walk

[www.stthomastheapostle.org/holy-thursday-pilgrimage](http://www.stthomastheapostle.org/holy-thursday-pilgrimage)

### Abril 5—Caminata de Jueves Santo

- 9:15 a.m. **Reunirse.** En el estacionamiento de la iglesia
- 10:00 a.m. **Inicio.** Caminata al centro de Marietta con descansos en el camino. *Por favor traer almuerzo ligero.*
- 3:00 p.m. **Cierre.** Ceremonia de clausura después de 8 millas de caminata.
- Transporte disponible para regresar a la iglesia.*

Más detalles en Página 4.



## Today's Gospel Reflection

Read Sunday's gospel, John 12:20-33.

### Reflection for Families

It's human nature, even the nature of our own children, to cry out when an injustice has taken place. "I didn't do it," or "It's not my fault," are phrases that wear us thin dealing with infractions in our children's lives day after day. But don't we marvel at how much Jesus suffered without a word. He didn't argue with Pilate. He didn't even express sadness at the desertion of his disciples. In fact, he knew that Judas would betray him and Peter would deny him. Like Jesus, we hope for the best of strength and courage from our children, but things will happen in their lives where they fail. The most important lesson we can learn from Jesus is that of the unconditional love he had for his disciples. Even after they denied and deserted him, he still came to them in love and reconciliation.

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Throughout the Passion of Jesus, we see much suffering and disappointment. People accuse Jesus, desert him, betray him and in the end, execute him. There is very little joy in this long account of Jesus' final days on this earth. But as Jesus promised, there was joy and that is truly good news for us. Where are the places in this world, in our community, or even in your family where all you can see is unhappiness and gloom. Take another look at these situations and see where is the hand of God, the Good News, the hope. Look hard and help one another find the joy. Share what you see.

### Discussion Starters

- Sometimes it is difficult to admit I am a follower of Jesus, especially when...
- Like Simon helped carry the heavy cross for Jesus, I once helped someone carry a heavy burden when...
- It's easy to criticize Peter for denying Jesus, but one time when it was difficult for me to act like Jesus would want me to was when...

*Gospel Reflections courtesy of RCL Benziger*

## This week in our parish

### MONDAY, APRIL 2

12:00 PM **MASS**  
† Cora & Gary Salapare  
7:30 PM **MISA**  
† Esperanza Sosa  
7:30 PM PRAISE & PRAYER

### THURSDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 AM TRAVELERS TOGETHER  
(PILGRIMAGE FOR IMMIGRATION)  
7:30 PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
† Fernande Pierre  
† Andrelina Pierre  
† Agathe Thomas

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3

12:00 PM **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
5:30 PM INEA  
6:30 PM ENGLISH CLASS  
CENTERING PRAYER  
7:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOR  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
7:30 PM SVdP

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
6:30 PM LORD'S PASSION  
8:30 PM LA PASIÓN DE CRISTO

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 AM **MASS**  
**All Souls**  
7:00 AM ADORATION  
9:30 AM JUST FAITH  
12:00 PM OVER 50's  
6:45 PM BENEDICTION  
7:00 PM **MASS**  
**The Herrington Family**  
7:00 PM CRACK IT OPEN  
JUST FAITH  
7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND  
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA  
11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
12:00 PM CHILDREN'S GUITAR CLASSES  
12:30 PM BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD  
8:30 PM **EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
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### SUNDAY, APRIL 8 EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR B

6:00 AM **MISA**  
7:30 AM **MASS**  
† James & Irene Dejoy  
9:30 AM **MASS**  
† Rosemarie Cools-Lartigue  
9:30 AM **MASS**  
**Thanksgiving for all blessings**  
NURSERY AVAILABLE  
12:00 PM **MASS**  
**Marie Jarjue**  
12:00 PM **MASS**  
† Manuela Perez  
NURSERY AVAILABLE  
2:30 PM **Misa**  
Nursery Available  
7:30 PM **Misa**  
† Sarah Salgado



FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43  
SECOND READING: COL 3:1-4  
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9



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