

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**April 2 and 3, 2016**  
**2 y 3 de abril del 2016**

**Mass Intentions**



**Monday, April 4**

**No Mass**

Readings: 545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, April 5**

**2:00 p.m.** John Karl, Sr. (Park Village)

**6:00 p.m.** Lisa DeBois Fenton

Readings: 268: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93/Jn 3:7-15

**Wednesday, April 6**

**8:15 a.m.** Jim Zifer

**9:00 a.m. Rosary**

Readings: 269: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday, April 7**

**8:15 a.m.** William Hartke

**9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist**

Readings: 270: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday, April 8**

**8:15 a.m.** Jim and Lorraine Kneubuehl

Readings: 271: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday, April 9,**

**The Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 p.m.** Deceased Members of the Iannelli Family

**Sunday, April 10, The Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 a.m.** Norina Gold

**11:00 a.m.** Lawrence Harringer

**1:30 p.m.** The People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 48: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30/  
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

**Offertory for Sunday, March 26 and 27, 2016**

Loose	\$ 4,415.00
Adult (envelopes 157)	\$ 4,812.00
Online Giving	\$ 380.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,607.00</b>
Contributions needed each week	\$ 12,192.00
<b>Other Funds:</b>	
Capital Improvement	\$ 5.00
Poor Fund	\$ 661.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,101.00
Easter	\$ 7,556.00

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**Ministry Schedules**  
**April 2 and 3, 2016**

**4:00 p.m. Mass**

**Lector:** Bonnie Edwards - 1st Reading  
Tony Incarnato - 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Roberts,  
Denise Garcia Paez, Vicki Avon, Tim Avon,  
Amy Hosteter, Jeri Middaugh, Sub Needed

**Hospitality:** Pastoral Council Members

**Servers:** Joe Pruni, Nathaniel Rafter,  
Andrea Garcia Paez

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lector:** Jack Burnham - 1st Reading  
Keith Knestaut - 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio,  
Milt Hamilton, Marysu Sorohan, Jack Dooling,  
Jeannine Kennedy, Maggie Boring, Monica Boring,  
Teri Layton

**Hospitality:** Joan Wenzel and Pastoral Council

**Servers:** John Chaney, Max Burnham, Tyler Tarulli  
(Alt: Sydney Selinsky)

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

**Lector:** Jim Elco - 1st Reading  
Nancy Allen - 2nd Reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stacy Savage, Patti DeVault,  
Joe Sciarretti, Chris Helbling, Cathie Peters,  
Mary Elco, Jim Elco

**Hospitality:** Pastoral Council Members

**Servers:** Bridgett Deeds, Matthew Dummermuth,  
Elizabeth Baio (Alt: Michael Schilling)

**If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and give us the information. Someone will visit them as soon as possible.**

**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

## Spiritual Notes:

Luke frequently interrupts his narrative in Acts to provide a "summary statement." In today's text, he tells us that the apostles performed many signs and wonders, indicating the presence of the Spirit acting in and through them. As a result great numbers....were added to them.

The seer John writes in Revelation that he was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day, hearing a voice and seeing a vision. These introductory verses alert us to the fact that what is being described is a mystical experience. The revelation of John is a heavenly message perceived by human means, and so we must be careful not to read it too literally. His image of Jesus introduces us to a heavenly figure of great wisdom and power. The Gospels present the risen Christ as a mystery: He is the same but He is different. There is continuity with the man from Nazareth, but at the same time He has been transformed. In today's reading from John's Gospel, Jesus appears to them while they are locked in a room. In the face of their fear, He offers them peace, God's blessing of all good things. By showing them His hands and side, He is confirming that He is the one who had recently been crucified but is now alive. Thomas, frequently called the doubter, makes a statement of profound faith by declaring Jesus to be "my Lord and my God!" The word my indicates a personal relationship between him and Jesus, "Lord" is used to refer to Jesus's authority over them. And by calling Jesus "God," Thomas confirms Jesus's divine nature.

*For Reflection: How is the Spirit's presence evident in my life? Do I share in the disciples' fear? How can God ease my fear?*

## In Our Parish

Please keep in your prayers, Lucille Fete, age 100, who died on March 22, 2016. May her soul and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. Keep her family also in your prayers.

### Happy Birthday to Dorothy Marinelli!

Dorothy will turn 97 on April 3rd. If you see Dorothy at Mass, please take a moment to wish her a very Happy Birthday!

### Additional Easter Flower Memorials

Mr. and Mrs. James Mari Family by  
Gloria and Deb Donato.



## Upcoming Meetings in the Life of the Parish

**Secular Franciscans** invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer followed by coffee and donuts.

**Men's Bible Study Group:** Saturday Mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information, please contact John Kuczirka.

**Heart of Mary Bible Study:** Come and join us the first and third Fridays of every month, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Family Life Committee:** Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center - Meeting Room A.

**LCBA:** Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

## Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, Confession times are 3:15-3:45 p.m.; on Sunday mornings, from 7:45-8:15 a.m. and from 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass the first weekend of each month, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass the second weekend of each month, and following the 11:00 a.m. Mass the 3rd weekend of each month.

**Adoration of the Eucharist:** The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

**Rosary:** Each Wednesday Morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

**The Outreach Ministry quarterly meeting** for all volunteers will be held in the Family Life Center, Meeting Room A, on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. This ministry is also open to any parishioner who would like to learn more about the Outreach Ministry.



## The Jubilee Year of Mercy December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

*"It is a favorable time to heal wounds,  
a time to offer everyone the way of  
Forgiveness and Reconciliation."*  
~ Pope Francis

**Spiritual Works of Mercy:** Seventh spiritual work of mercy – praying for the living and the dead. (Part 1 – for the dead) It seems a popular view among many Catholics today that a “good” person when they die goes straight into heaven. This reflects a faulty understanding of who God is and who we really are. Almost everyone carries spiritual imperfections as a result of the sins they have committed, even though their sins may be forgiven. People with such imperfections cannot bear to be in the immediate presence of the infinitely pure and infinitely holy God. If they have not removed these imperfections in their earthly life, then God in His justice and mercy commits them, for their own good, to a period of purification and purging. Jesus alludes to this justice in Luke 12:57-59. There, He sternly says, “I warn you, you will not be released from there until you have paid the last penny.” (Lk 12:59) The Church calls this purification purgatory, where the imperfections are burned away and the person made pure, holy and perfect. Jesus again alludes to this when He says, “whoever says anything against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.” (Mt. 12:32) Saint Gregory the Great (Pope 590-604 AD) says that this verse means that certain sins are forgiven in the age to come (CCC 1031). Since those in purgatory cannot help themselves, God gives those on earth the ability to intercede for them. We can pray to Jesus and His Blessed Mother to console them in their suffering, to shorten their time of purification and ask for their release into the presence of God. Offering Masses, doing Eucharistic Adoration, saying the Rosary are especially effective means of helping the poor souls in purgatory. Souls undergoing this purification are called the church suffering and are aware of those interceding for them.

**Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.** Please include all those on our prayer lists who have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

**Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council** will take place at all Masses this weekend, April 2nd and 3rd. Candidates should be active members in the parish. Candidates should be prepared to serve on at least 1 council committee and be prepared to be an involved member of Lay Ministries, Pastoral Ministries or other Parish Organizations and attend a monthly Pastoral Council meeting. Please take time this week to prayerfully consider candidates for nomination to represent each of you as a member of St. Joseph Parish Community.

### Crafty Ladies

Crafty Ladies meet the first and third Tuesdays, from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Come share your talents with the group. Join us and have fun! For more information, call Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

### Notes from Kevin



**Attention all Teens! The next Mass for the Teen Choir will be on Sunday, April 10th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All students in the 7th thru 12th grades are invited to join in singing. Please be in the choir pews by 10:45 a.m. for a brief rehearsal... no need to bring anything, except for a friend to sing with you... all the music will be provided. Thanks to all of you who have been singing with the Choir!**

### Youth Ministry News



Jr.High Youth Group –  
Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

High School Youth Group –  
Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### High School Group

Sunday, April 3, 2016 – St. Joseph  
Sunday, April 10, 2016 – St. Joseph

#### Junior High Youth Group

Sunday, April 3, 2016 – St. Joseph  
Sunday, April 10, 2016 – St. Joseph

**Did you know....the Youth Group attends Mass together on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.?** After Mass there is food and fellowship. If you are able to join us, we would love to see you there!!

**Parents and Teens: if you would like more information about upcoming Youth Group events, please call Andy in the Parish Office.**

**Tuscarawas Central Catholic  
Elementary School**



**Tuscarawas Central Catholic  
Elementary School to offer  
full-day Pre-Kindergarten class**

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School is expanding the Pre-Kindergarten registration options available to families for the 2016-2017 school year. TCCES will offer both full-day and half day Pre-Kindergarten classes. Full-day and half-day morning and afternoon classes will be offered Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The Preschool classes will continue to be held each Thursday and Friday.

**Tuscarawas Central Catholic  
High School**



**TCC is accepting nominations for  
The Peter Clore Memorial Scholarship.**

Peter Clore attended Sacred Heart School and was a 2006 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic. He studied for a time at the Pontifical College Josephinum and later joined the Marines. Peter died in May 2011, while on active duty in Afghanistan. Peter was a Certified Explosives Detector Dog Handler, a position that put him ahead of his unit as they made their patrol. He was shot by small-arms fire.

In memory of Peter, this scholarship recognizes a student for outstanding contribution to the Catholic Identity of TCC. The ideal honoree is a gentle leader who is active in parish life, contributes to the religious dimension of the school, and participates willingly in service to others. Consideration will also be given to a student who is active in diocesan youth ministry activities.

Any staff member, parent, student, or friend of the school may submit nominations for this honor for students who will attend TCC as sophomores, juniors or seniors. The nomination should include the student's name and a brief narrative description of why the student is a worthy candidate for this honor. Nominations may be submitted online to Mr. Power at TCC ([spower@cdeducation.org](mailto:spower@cdeducation.org)) or mailed to Tuscarawas Central Catholic, 777 Third Street NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. Nominations must be received by April 15, 2015.

**St. Joseph Soup Kitchen**

**Everyone is welcome!!**

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Below you will find the upcoming schedule.

**Teams, if you need assistance please contact  
Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.**

April 6, 2016 - Team B (Capozella Family)

April 13, 2016 - Team A (Mike Com.)

April 20, 2016 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)

April 27, 2016 - Team D (Lisa Weigand)

**Thank you for your support!**

**St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery**

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Don in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

**Retreats for Woman**

**Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus  
700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio 43952**

**Upcoming events:**

**Women ages 17-25** are invited to benefit from monthly prayer to seek, know, love, and serve the Lord as a group. The next event will be held on April 17, 2016.

**Traveling Teens are girls ages 12-16** preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and those who have received it already and desire to grow in the Catholic Faith in union with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. The next event is on April 23, 2016.

**Eucharistic Girls ages 7-11** preparing for their First Holy Communion or have already received it and desire to grow in the relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The next event is April 23rd. For more information, please call 740-346-2625.



**Other Information To Note:**

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

**Can you help with transportation to Mass?**

We often get calls from parishioners in both Dover and New Philadelphia, who need help getting to Mass. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office.

**Low-Gluten Hosts:** If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

**Bulletin deadline:** The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**Please Note:** If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.



### Church of The Holy Trinity's 6th Annual Monte Carlo Night & Golf Outing

Monte Carlo at Holy Trinity  
1835 Dover-Zoar Road NE, Bolivar, OH 44612

#### Friday, April 22nd

Donation: \$25.00 per person, includes your choice:  
Steak, Chicken, or Fish dinner.

Dinner is served, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday Night Gaming and Reverse Raffle tickets:  
\$50.00 and \$25.00

Grand prize: \$2,500.00 & \$1,250.00, respectively

**Only 100 tickets available for each plus "Live & Silent Auctions," and 50/50 Drawing**

#### 4 Man Golf Scramble at Wilkshire Golf Course Saturday, April 23rd

Donation: \$300.00 per team, \$75.00 per individual  
Includes: 18 holes, golf & cart, hot dogs and choice  
of 2 beverages

Dinner included Friday night at Holy Trinity.

Prizes: 1st place, \$500.00; 2nd, \$200.00; 3rd, \$100.00

## Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

### Silent Retreat

April 22 to 24, 2016

St. Therese's Retreat Center,

5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus Ohio

Praying with an unresponsive God: Insights from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The cost is \$100.00, registration is due by April 11, 2016. The retreat leader is Father Anthony Davis. For questions or to register, please call 614-228-8601.

## Courage/Encourage:

Courage offers spiritual support for Catholic men and women with same sex attractions and is endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. Courage was founded in 1980 by Cardinal Cook to help Catholics with same sex attractions live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings. EnCourage is the affiliate support group for family members, spouses, and friends of men and women with same sex attractions. For confidential inquiries, please contact Father Pat Toner at 614-296-7404. For more information, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or by visiting [www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net).

## Retrouvaille

The Retrouvaille program offers tools needed to discover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for separation or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage difficulties by attending the program. Visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) for more information. Or contact the Diocese of Columbus Office of Family and Marriage at 614-241-2560.

**Marriage Encounter: 44 Hours that Last a Lifetime.** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is 44 hours away from work, kids, and chores, where couples learn and experience how to enhance the Sacrament of their marriage. The next two upcoming weekends are April 22-24 and August 5-7 both in Central Ohio. For more information or to register, please call 614-834-6880.



**The time has come for new messengers of Christ,  
ever more generous, more joyful and more  
holy." - POPE FRANCIS**

**Share how you are a messenger of Christ  
and get rewarded.**

**Win a \$500.00 Service Award from Face Forward.**  
8th-12th grade students in the Diocese of Columbus

**Criteria for Award Eligibility:** Parish Involvement and Service. A Short Essay of 300 words on the importance of service must be submitted by April 30, 2016. This award is available to all Catholic students in the Diocese of Columbus including those attending public, private, and Catholic schools as well as home-schooled students.



**Cleaning out your closets? Wondering what to do with CDs you purchased from our Book and CD Rack and already listened to?** Please consider sharing them...by donating them back to the Parish for someone else to listen to, who needs a boost. You may put them in the basket by the CD rack and there will be no charge for everyone interested to borrow them.



Please help us to update our records. More and more parishioners have begun to eliminate their landlines, and use only cell phones. If you fall into this category, please contact the Parish Office with your correct information. You may fill out this slip and drop it in the collection basket or email any changes to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com) Thank you!!

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact James Anzelmo at the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893 or [JAnzelmo@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:JAnzelmo@catholic-foundation.org)



**Online Giving.** If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. To get started, please visit [www.stjosephdover.org](http://www.stjosephdover.org). If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.



When traveling and you need to know where the closest Catholic Church is and the times for their Masses, please check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

**Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:** Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

**The Amazing Parish Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together as a parish to be Your visible life in our world. Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth to share Your love and make disciples. Lord, we take Your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on fire that we draw people to You. Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together - ordained, religious and laity. Please make our parish amazing, through Your power and Your grace. Amen.*

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

**April 2016**

**Universal Intention:** Small Farms.

That smaller farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

**Evangelization Intention:** African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political - religious conflicts.

For more information, the latest news, bulletins, ministry schedules, Father Jimmy's homilies, and more, please visit our website at [www.stjosephdover.org](http://www.stjosephdover.org).

other useful and educational websites  
[www.colsdioc.org](http://www.colsdioc.org), [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org), [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org),  
[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

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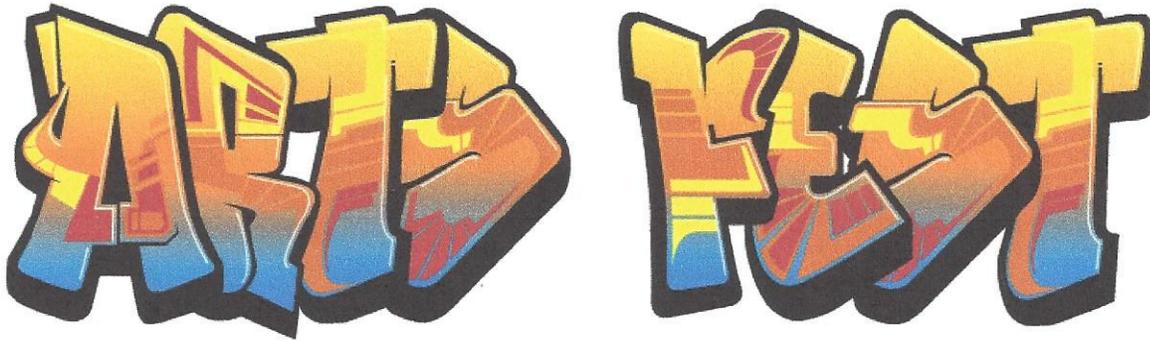


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# *The Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools Celebration of the Arts*

An invitation to the public ...



At TCC Jr/Sr High School  
777 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE, New Philadelphia  
Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

*Visual Art Displays*

*Musical Performances*

*Alumni Presentations*

*"Design Your Own Shirt" Activity for Elementary Grade Students*

*Guest Displays:*

*Starlight Enterprises*

*Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts*

*Community Photo Contest*

Any member of the community is invited to submit a photograph depicting SPRING.

- 4 Divisions: Youth (17 and under) Black and White, Youth (17 and under) Color, Adult (18 and over) Black and White, Adult (18 and over) Color
- Photos: 8 x 10" maximum, on photo paper, mounted, matted or framed
- Entries may be dropped off at the TCC office on school days, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, April 6 through 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 14.
- \$50 cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in all four divisions; certificates for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places
- Photos will be judged by local photographers.

The Tuscarawas County Catholic Schools  
Immaculate Conception School, Dennison  
Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School, Dover  
TCC Jr/Sr High School, New Philadelphia

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# Iglesia San José

## Ministerios Hispanos

### Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

### 2 y 3 de Abril del 2016

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#### Calendario Litúrgico:



#### Misas en Español

Domingo	abril 3	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	abril 10	1:30 p.m.
**Domingo	abril 17	1:00 p.m.**

#### Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

#### Confesiones

Antes d misa de español de 12:45 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.



#### Invitación al coro "Guadalupe"

Están cordialmente invitados a practicar en el coro, todos los jueves a las 2:00 p.m. Si tiene preguntas llame a Carmen al tel: 330-432-0811 ó a la oficina al 330-364-6661.

**Grupo "Corazón de María":** Todas las mujeres están invitadas a participar cada viernes, de 11:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., en este grupo para Oración, Evangelización, clases de Inglés, labores del hogar y consejos prácticos para la vida.

El "**Grupo de hombres**" se reúne todos los viernes en Family Life 7:30 p.m. (en el edificio nuevo en frente de la Iglesia San José).

**Clase de Bautismo:** La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330 364 6661 o a los Ministerios Hispanos al 330 432 0811.

**Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe.** Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$ 3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). **Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.**

#### Notas Espirituales:

El Evangelio de hoy es común en los tres ciclos. En las lecturas están presentados tres temas distintos, pero relacionados: la entrega del Espíritu Santo para perdonar los pecados, la experiencia de "Tomás el incrédulo", y el reto de creer en Jesús para alcanzar la vida eterna. Es apropiado en la primera sección el establecimiento del Sacramento de la Penitencia. En este Año de la Misericordia, el pastor puede lograr demostrar cómo la misericordia está vinculada a la paz. Jesús ofrece su paz para que podamos difundir su misericordia a los demás. Por otra parte, tenemos el encargo de salir a proclamar la Buena Nueva de la salvación. La segunda sección es la clásica historia que Tomás duda de la resurrección. En la descripción de Thomas, el predicador puede que quiera usar la palabra escéptico en lugar de la duda más peyorativa. Necesitamos escépticos en el mundo porque nos desafían a buscar soluciones. La mayoría de nuestras congregaciones son escépticos y investigadores. Ellos están buscando algo (Alguien) para ayudarles a dar sentido a sus vidas. Como predicadores y ministros, les ofrecemos a Jesucristo. Como evangelizadores, se nos invita a encender la chispa del espíritu que está dentro de cada persona. En lugar de poner a aquellos que son escépticos, ver su incredulidad como una oportunidad para predicar el Evangelio de una manera fresca.

La última línea del Evangelio (que, creyendo, tendrás vida eterna). El predicador podría centrarse en cómo el Señor le da vida a través de su amor misericordioso y el perdón. La segunda lectura es un recordatorio de que nuestro Dios imparte vida. El libro de Apocalipsis no es tanto una predicción de lo que va a venir, pero una reflexión sobre lo que ha sucedido y cómo podemos aprender de ella. De la misma manera, la primera lectura muestra cómo la misericordia de Dios crea la curación de la mente, cuerpo y espíritu. Una estrecha relación puede verse entre la primera línea de la primera lectura y las últimas líneas del pasaje del Evangelio. Signos y maravillas son una invitación a experimentar al Señor de una manera más profunda. Salmo 118, que fue cantada en la Vigilia de Pascua, el Domingo de Pascua, y viernes y sábado de la Octava se canta una vez más, que nos recuerda que hoy cae dentro de la octava de la Vigilia de Pascua, este salmo ha anunciado la buena nueva de la resurrección. Una semana más tarde, nos recuerda que siempre debemos dar gracias al Señor por su gran amor que es eterno.