

## III Sunday Of Easter April 18, 2010

### LORD ENLIGHTEN OUR UNDERSTANDING!

So that when:

- along with this chair at our family table that has been left empty forever.
- along with this child that... is not like the rest of the children.
- along with this business on whom we placed all our hopes, but now is failing.
- along with this harvest that failed because the rains never came.
- along with this young man that... left our home... that we don't know where he will end up.
- along with this long term and incurable illness of our loved one, that sometimes makes us doubt that you exist and are a good father.
- along with the difficulties of finding a job, in this society in which, supposedly, jobs are abundant.
  - along with the anguish and sacrifices that we encounter to get our children the necessities, which not often are appreciated.
- along with our son or daughters marriage that completely failed and is causing great suffering to the children.
- along with this terrible loneliness that with time is becoming more difficult to bear.
- along with the humiliations from my boss or co-workers that many times i have to bear to keep my job.

Along with all these difficult situations in life the gospel presents us the challenge of hope and faith. The messiah also suffered: "it was written that the messiah had to suffer and would resurrect among the dead" (Lk. 24, 25)

The passion of Christ helps us to carry our crosses but history does not end there. The resurrection of the messiah reinforces our hope. His resurrection should enkindle life, our hope and optimism. Let us never lose hope or faith.

On this path of life, even though in the most critical moments, Christ walks with us.

In the same way in today's scriptures: Christ each day tells us tenderly to our ear: (Lk 24:35-48)

"Peace be with you"

"Do not fear, it is I"

#### CONFIRMATION MASS

This year there will be a single Confirmation Mass, which will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.. The Mass will be celebrated in English, as delegated by his Excellency Bishop Gerald Kicanas, to be presided by the pastor of San Felipe de Jesus Parish and the parish vicariate.

#### ATTENTION CATECHISTS

Notice: There will be a required meeting for all catechists on Tuesday, April 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. with Ofelia Davila, Director of Religious Education. Please DO NOT MISS this meeting. Very important topics on parish catechism and First Communions will be covered.

#### UPDATED REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goal:	Number of Donors-	Promise Amount
\$27,800.00	326	\$28,040.00

Note: The largest promise was \$1,200.00 in a year and the minimum was for \$50.00 in a year's time. There were three promises for \$1000.00 and one for \$1,200.00. We thank everyone, considering the crisis, you continue to believe and support the works of the diocese. There were more donors this year.



#### BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, May 1st at 12:00 noon and Sunday May 16h at 3:00 p.m. To register stop by the parish office.



### COLLECTION

The amount collected last weekend was \$4,059.85. The parish goal is to collect \$5,000.00 a week to subsist, which equates to \$5.00 a week per family. Thank you for your generosity to the Church of Christ

### RESTROOM REMODELING STARTS

Very soon we will begin our restroom remodeling, and the sign at the entrance of the Church. This is part of the parish beautification project (which includes the church interior) and improvement of our facilities. After concluding these projects, we can focus our energy on other pressing needs: classrooms for catechesis, religious education office, and larger parish hall. Thank you for supporting your parish through the different fundraising events.

### CANDIDATES FOR QUEEN: SEASON STARTS

We are starting this year's Parish Queen Contest season. All apostolic groups are asked to support this fundraising project.

Attention coordinators: MFC, Divine Mercy, Altar Servers and Choirs, Arcoiris Group, Youth Group, Marriage Encounter Group of the West, Guadalupanas, and Prayer Group. Please introduce your candidates to the community on Sunday, May 2nd at the 1.00 p.m. Mass. Choose your candidates and support your parish. Basically, each group is responsible for doing three Sunday sales at the parish and a grand activity at another location. United in fraternity and renewed by a living Christ let us support our parish, and together build the civilization of love.

### PARISH LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS THAT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SERVE

Notice on the meeting held on the Protection of Minors: approximately forty persons attended. Our parish leaders and volunteers are more than 150. The number in attendance represents barely 30% of the total. As required by the Diocese of Tucson, we inform those who did NOT attend the required meeting, you may NOT serve in any ministry, until you comply with this requirement. This rule is in force at all churches in the Diocese of Tucson. Each year the parish needs to prove to the diocese that it is in compliance with these rules through and audit.

### SANCTUARY REMODELING PROJECT

We will soon begin the sanctuary remodeling project, the altar area. The main idea is to change the carpet throughout the Church and install ceramic tile. The first phase is the altar area, then the rest of the church. There is a parish Committee coordinating these jobs and is seeking donations from individuals and companies. If you wish to support this project materially, or think that your company could sponsor them, contact the parish priest. Within the following weeks, after each Mass, a sketch of this project and the estimated costs will be displayed. We ask for donations from those who are able to support this project to beautify our church.

### FIRST COMMUNIONS

Very soon our parish will be celebrating First Communion. This year there is over 170 children that prepared to receive the sacrament of First Communion. They will be celebrated on Saturdays, May 1st, 8th and 15th. Let us pray that these children can prepare themselves for this important moment in their lives.

### RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Marriage Encounter Group of the West will hold a marriage retreat. The retreat is for couples that want to live an experience of God and to improve their conjugal life. The retreat will take place on the weekend of May 14, 15 and 16. For more information please contact to San Felipe de Jesus parish office at 761-3100, or stop by to obtain an application. All married couples that want to deepen their relationship with Christ are welcomed.

### EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

**Day of Renewal for Women, Friday – May 7, 2010, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, at St. Frances de Sales Parish on 1375 South Camino Seco, Tucson.**

This day is designed to inspire and equip us to overcome fear, to experience the power of expectant prayer and will encourage us to develop an attitude of passion and purpose as we discover that "With God All Things are Possible"

Bring a sack lunch, bible and snack to share. A love offering will be requested! 8:00 a.m. Mass is optional with coffee & fellowship beginning at 8:30 am. Please register by calling Erin at 520.631.1408. Directed by Expectant Faith Ministry. [www.vineofgrace.org](http://www.vineofgrace.org)