

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

O, sing to the glory of his name!

## Masses For The Week

### Sun 14 Third Sunday of Easter

08:00 am +Alfredo L. Valles (Maria Valles)  
+Enedina Villarreal (Carlos & Teresa Cassiano)  
+Francisca Perales (Armando & Nena Colchado)

### Thr 18 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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The risen Christ stands in our midst and asks, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself." This is the Lord's commandment to us. "The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments." When we are in distress, we beg with the Psalmist, "Let the light of your countenance shine upon us!" God has answered that prayer, for "God raised the author of life from the dead." The Lord will hear and have pity. "Touch and see."

### The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for  
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

# Good News!

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Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 John 2:1-5a / Luke 24:35-48

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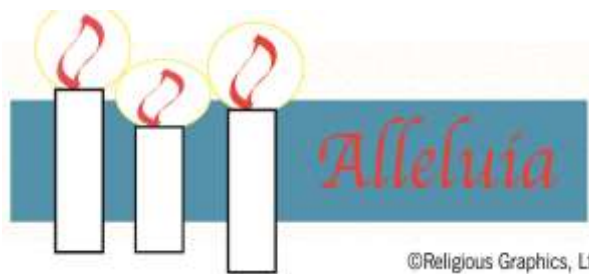
Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, "Peace be with you." that's the sort of peace he's talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply pops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God's love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it's genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that's God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it's not easy to know if that's God's peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you're at peace when everything else around you is not, that's when you know it's the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

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### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, and Rodrigo Medina.

## 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal Report as of March 2024 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH



\$ 4,550.00 - Our Gifts to Date  
\$ 14,075.00 - Our Pledges to Date  
\$ 2,996.00 - Our Parish Goal  
28 - Families Participating



### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope. Victims of crime, their family and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

### THEY KNEW HIM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,231.00

Loose: \$ 21.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 2.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,254.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,341.93

# Dear Padre

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What is a "covenant," and how are marriage and covenant related?

"Covenant" is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of "covenant" contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word "contract," as in the "marriage contract." However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of "contract" is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

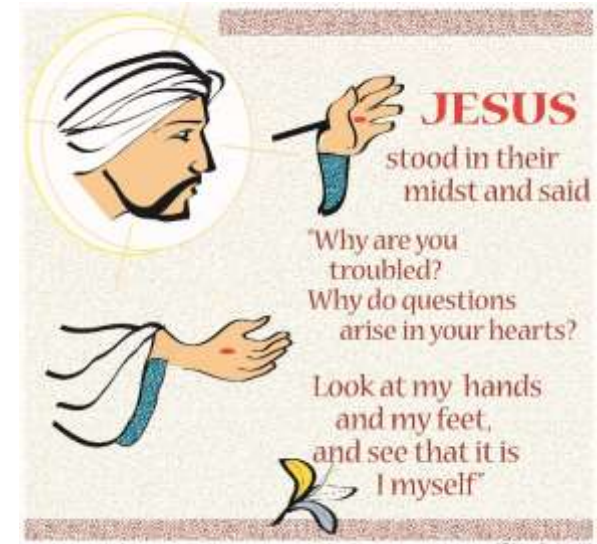
A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other's well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, "I will take you as my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of "covenant" to define Christian marriage. ●

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