

Rely On His Promises

Jesus said, "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Today our only hope is for Jesus to show up! At Easter we make bold promises: Entrust your life to Jesus Christ, and he will turn it around. Give your burdens to him, and he will bear them for you. Confess your sins to him and he will forgive you. Give him your sorrow, your fears, your broken dreams, your worries, and he will replace them with joy and peace and love and fulfillment.

We can make such bold promises because we know that we can rely on the word of Jesus, the one who died for us. Without him, we can do nothing. As we face uncertain times, we can no longer afford to put our trust in ourselves, our economy, our job, our country, or in anyone or anything else. Our only hope is to put our hope only in God.

Stations of the Cross-Reflection

We are amidst the Lenten journey. And the greatest Lenten devotion is the Stations of the Cross. In fact, every version of meditating on the walk to Calvary offers unique opportunities for connecting the Way of the Cross with our own walk through life. The reflections and meditations should always hold meaning and relevance for our lives today. The devotion is powerful because we all realize that we've been asked to "**take up our cross**" and follow Christ. The human struggle with hatred and accusations, with insensitivity and mockery certainly speak to us, including our own sinfulness. The Stations of the Cross can provide a sacred journey – a **pilgrimage** – so that we might empathize with the struggles of our brothers and sisters and see them in the Christ. We walk with Jesus, our brother, who is also the Lord of all Creation, who will lift us up because he conquered sin and death.

Announcements

No prayer meetings are scheduled for April because of Holy week celebrations.

The four wards:

- 1) Bl.Mariam Thresia-Gilbert.
- 2) Bl.Kunjachen - Mesa, Chandler, Tempe.
- 3)Bl.Chavara - Laveen, Downtown Phoenix.
- 4)St.Alphonsa – Peoria, Glendale, Happy Valley.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday: Holy Qurbana at 9:00 p.m. Traditional Appam Murikal after the mass.

Good Friday: Good Friday Service begins at 5:30 p.m

Easter Sunday: Holy Qurbana at 3:30 p.m followed by potluck dinner. There will be no catechism classes on Easter Sunday.



Wishes

Happy Birthday to all of you celebrating their birthdays this month

Religious Education

- 1. An **Annual Day** celebration for our catechism students is scheduled for the first week of May.
- 2. **Annual Exam** for our children attending catechism is scheduled for the last week of April.
- 3. We are also planning **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** this year. Preparation classes for First Holy Communion will also be conducted.

New Parish Members

Hearty Welcome to all the newcomers. Members who have not yet registered are requested to contact Fr.Mathew Munjanatt or Mr. Thomas Chacko to fill in the **registration forms**.

To this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Romans 14:9



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Liturgy

Every Sunday at 4:15 PM at:

Our Lady of Fatima church
1418 S 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Detailed Schedule

3:00 PM: Catechism for
Children
Rosary, Novena
Praise & worship

4:15 PM: Holy Mass

5:30 PM: Social Hour

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Significance of Easter in our daily lives

Easter comes every year and we celebrate it in a world that is much different than the one we used to live in. But even though the world has changed, Easter hasn't. We should celebrate this Easter by responding to the risen Lord Jesus in the same way his followers responded the first moment they saw him. When they saw him that first Easter morning, they fell at his feet to worship him, and he said, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me". In those first words the resurrected Christ spoke, we find three ways to live out the significance of Easter in our daily lives, despite the turmoil of our times.



Stand Up to Your Fears

After his resurrection, the very first statement Jesus made was "Greetings! Do not be afraid". Jesus is telling us, "Do not be anxious about anything, the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds. Today the world is struck by terror, crisis, war etc. But Jesus says no act of war or terror can separate us from his love. No problems can separate us from his presence. Because of the resurrection we don't have to live in fear. If Jesus Christ can conquer death, he can conquer anything. We can stand up to our fears by responding with faith and we can live by faith in the resurrection power of Christ.



Focus on Your Mission

Just as Jesus gave those faithful women a message for the disciples, he has given us a message for the entire world: "Tell them that I am alive!" In the resurrection stories in all four Gospels, Jesus emphasized the mission that he has given his followers. "Go and make disciples of all nations." "Go and tell others." In the present scenario, this message is more important than ever before. The world needs to hear that Jesus died for them and rose again so that they can have forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

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You were ransomed: not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1:18,19