

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 10, 2016

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”
— Revelation 5:12

REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John’s vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, “countless in number” from “heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe” (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalms — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,269.00	\$1,783.00
Number of Families contributing	89	71
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$46,450.00	\$50,812.00
Received to Date	\$37,695.80	\$33,689.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,754.20	\$17,122.20

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$218.00	\$2,741.00

Twenty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$1,171.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,159.00

Ten people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$320.00	\$3,250.00

Six people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$10.00.

POOR BOX \$112.00.

5 CHILDREN contributed \$31.00.

SHRINES IN THE HOLY LAND totaled \$149.00

The ATTENDANCE for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 385,
7:00 P.M. Mass was 80 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 115.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Some years ago on a hot summer day in South Florida, a little boy wanted to swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry he flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His mother, while looking through the window, saw the two. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling loudly to her son. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to drive by, heard her screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms were deep scratches where his mother’s fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hang on to the son she loved.

The newspaper reporter, who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pants legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, “But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my mom wouldn’t let go.”

You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, or anything quite so dramatic. But, the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He’s been there holding on to you.

So let us view our scars as growth as we move along our own path. And that we should be thankful for them as we they are helpful in our growth to achieve what we are here for in this world.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on the 9th Anniversary of his death;
2. the Wife and Family of Jack Suedle Carroll in loving memory of him on the 17th Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Blockey’s Shirley Carroll on the 15th Anniversary of her death;
3. Hughie, Melissa, Johnny Andrew and Radiance in thanks for Hudson Riley on his 11th Birthday;
4. The Family of Mary Girl Carroll in loving memory of her on the 5th Anniversary of her death and the family of Tommy Scotty Costello on his 70th Birthday;
5. the Family of Kate Hun in loving memory of her on the 7th Anniversary of her death;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jax Carroll, Nolan Carroll, Royal Riley and Wealth Sherlock for making the All-A Honor Roll and Monroe Carroll, Savannah Carroll, Barret Cash McNalley, Stetson McNally, Brazil O'Hara and Kenzie Sherlock for making the A-B Honor Roll.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous.

BLESSING FOR THE MEN The Blessing for the men who will be leaving for the Summer will be held this Sunday, April 10th at 8:30 P.M. in the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will resume this Monday, April 11th.

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, St. Philomena and the Little Flower; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Wife: You always carry my photo in your handbag to the office. Why?
Husband: When there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.

Wife: You see, how miraculous and powerful I am for you?
Husband: Yes, I see your picture and say to myself, "What other problem can there be greater than this one?"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In loving memory of Little Ollie Harrison on the 13th Anniversary of his death and Barney Turner Riley on the 27th Anniversary of his death.

Tuesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

Wednesday: In thanks for Jim Murphy Riley on his 7th Birthday.

Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

Friday: In loving memory of Winnie Carter Carroll on the 23rd Anniversary of her death.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Stanislaus

Wednesday: St. Martin I

Friday: Income Tax Day

THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY VINE

Love, joy, peace and patience,
Kindness, goodness and faith,
Along with humility and self-control,
I am blessed by God's love and grace.

Through my Savior and Redeemer's blessings
Come these fruits of the Holy Vine
From which God provides direction for my life,
Should I choose to make them mine.

Sharon Fuqua

READERS

Sat. Apr. 9th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Macy
Sat. Apr. 9th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. Apr. 10th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

Sat. Apr. 16th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Mary Theresa
Sat. Apr. 16th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa

Sun. Apr. 17th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Dominique

Tuesday Christina

Wednesday Grace

Thursday Rachel

Friday Rosie Cat

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **April 9th**
Front Bridget Ann
Front Left Mary Regina
Left Cup Catherine Ann
Front Right Rose Melissa
Right Cup Ann T.
Sick Rita Weaver

Saturday 7:00 P.M. **April 9th**
Front Sharon
Cup Jay

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

April 10th **April 17th**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Mary Cat
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Betty Jo
Friday Bridget Ann

LET IT GO

If you are holding on to past hurts and pains.... Let it go!!!
If you're feeling depressed and stressed... Let it go!!!
If you have a bad attitude.... Let it go!!!
If you are involved in a wrong relationship... Let it go!!!
If someone has angered you.... Let it go!!!
If you keep judging others to make yourself feel better.... Let it go!!!

PRAYER CORNER

Praised be You, O Christ, for Your kindness and fidelity and the humble acceptance of suffering for our salvation. Through the strength of Your loving Spirit, help me to shoulder any infirmities and be at peace in the knowledge that in union with Your death on the cross I may also participate in the glories of the Resurrection for all eternity. Amen. Alleluia!!!