



SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31). The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

We will lie down for such a long time after death that it is worthwhile to keep standing while we are alive. Let us work now; one day we shall rest. —St. Agostina Pietrantoni

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 4:30PM-6PM.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday

4:30pm: *Maria Spannuth+, Augusto Coutinho+*

6:30pm/Spanish: *All Souls+*

Sunday

8:00am: *Alicia Andes+, Janice White+, Manuel & Maria Cunha+*

10:00am/Tony Mello+, Mary Diaz+, Shirley Muck+

11:30am/Spanish: *All Souls+*

9:00am/(M): DAILY MASS+

9:00am/(T): DAILY MASS

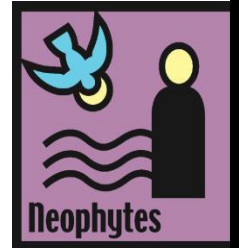
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NEOPHYTES

Perhaps you've noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren't they done? What's going on? During this Easter season the newly initiated are called "neophytes," and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name "mystagogy." They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community. As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.



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Dear Parishioners:
On behalf of myself, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation

during our Easter/Triduum. A total of \$19,709.11, was collected. Again, thank you for the constant reminder that God is alive in each one of us. **GOD IS RISEN!** -Father Miguel



Roof project completed! The total cost for this project was **\$134,000.00**. This project while necessary required a significant amount of money. After careful consideration and prayer, I am reaching out to our parish community for assistance. I have been extremely grateful to those who have already donated. **A total of \$40,010.63, has been received.** Any monetary assistance you can provide is much appreciated. Father Miguel and Parish Council.

St. Christopher Parish

Budgeted Offertory Collection

Week 2/24/2024

Budget \$ 6,719.17

Actual 6,910.00

Over/(Under) Weekly Goal 190.00

YTD Budget 199,733.51

YTD Actual 187,352.73

YTD Difference (12,380.78)

Daughters of Isabella: Scholarships of \$500.00 each will be awarded to two high school seniors for any continuing educational needs (College, Vocational School, etc.) please see the Parish Office for your application! Submission Deadline: **June 5, 2024 (12 noon)**



Knights of Columbus: Scholarship applications are currently being accepted from High School seniors. Two candidates will be chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship. Please see the Parish Office for your application! Submission Deadline: **June 5, 2024 (12 noon)**

IT'S TEA TIME LADIES! The Daughters of Isabella will hold its annual Spring Tea on Sunday, April 21, at the Littleton Center at 1:00 pm. Please contact Betty at (209) 745-4767 for tickets.



PARA QUE CREAS

No sucede demasiado a menudo que el autor de uno de los libros de la Biblia se dirija directamente a nosotros para explicarnos por qué está escribiendo lo que está escribiendo. En la lectura del Evangelio de este domingo, que pertenece a la conclusión del Evangelio según san Juan, el autor nos dice que ha elegido escribir estos acontecimientos para que “crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que, creyendo, tengan vida en su Nombre” (20:31).

La carta de san Juan retoma esta idea diciendo que: “todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo ha nacido de Dios” (5:1); lo que llamaríamos “nacer de nuevo”. Nuestra lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este Segundo Domingo de Pascua nos muestra exactamente qué sucede cuando los creyentes nacen de nuevo por medio de la fe.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).

Salmo — Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su misericordia (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura — Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Sal 40 (41):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38

Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Sábado: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Domingo: Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lc 24:35-48

Hijas de Isabel - Beca Anual

Con el objetivo de promover la excelencia académica y el bienestar espiritual, se otorgará una beca de \$500.00 a un estudiante de último año de secundaria.

¡Consulte la Oficina Parroquial para su solicitud!

Fecha límite de envío: 5 de junio de 2024(12:00 horas)