



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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All public services will be limited in number and continue to be livestreamed for the foreseeable future in accordance with government and diocesan directives



April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

Weekday Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am
Now in the main church
Weekend Eucharist Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 p.m. (en Español))
Sunday: 9:15 & 11:00 am
Reconciliation: Friday 7:30-8:30am & Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm
Holy Day Celebrations: 12:15pm and 7:15 pm
Misa en Español: Todos los Sabados a 7:00 PM

Baptism: This important sign of initiation is celebrated in the community at any one of the weekend Masses. Parents must complete the preparation program (offered every other month). Please contact the church office at least two months prior to your anticipated date for Baptism.

Marriage: This sacrament provides an opportunity for a couple to stand as a sign of God's love in the community. To this end, a period of preparation is important and necessary. Contact the church office at least six months prior to your proposed marriage date to begin this process.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are preparing for surgery or hospitalization, this sacrament can be celebrated with you on any weekend at the church. In an emergency, contact the church so we can pray with you at home or in the hospital.

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Mission Statement

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple of Jesus Christ, as our example and patron, the mission of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church is to live and proclaim the Gospel entrusted to us. We strive in our rich diversity to be a community of welcome and hospitality: one with the Risen Christ, each other, and the whole Church. Through the Word of God and the life of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are empowered to engage in a variety of ministries of service to the parish family and the communities where we live.

***St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel
Open Monday-Friday for Private Prayer
From 8:30am to 4:15pm
Daily Mass will now be said in Church.***



Collection 04-11-2021: \$16,518.50

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Masses This Week

Saturday, April 17, 2021

5:00pm Darrell Carpenter +

7:00pm Misa en espanol

LiveStream Encouraged

Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:15am For the People

LiveStream Encouraged

11:00am Jerry Shea-health

LiveStream Encouraged

Monday, April 19, 2021

9:00am Mary Alice Bruce +

7:00pm Rosary Recitation in English

LiveStream Only

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

9:00am Linn Brosnan—health

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

9:00am John Day + & Frank Eglivitch +

Thursday, April 22, 2021

No Service

Friday, April 23, 2021

9:00am Robert Blandford +

Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity in the offertory last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$825.00 to the CRO. This week our tithe goes to the BCO providing emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in the Belmont community.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY:

Mariano Campomanes & Isabel Rodriguez

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Alberto Rodriguez and Adelfa Figuero

Hospitality Ministers Needed

As we try to return to more normal celebrations, we need additional Hospitality Ministers for our weekend Masses. If you think you might be called to this ministry, please contact Chrissy Glisson at music@queenoftheapostles.org or 704-825-9600 ext 28.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, April 24, 2021—5:00pm

Reader: Sandra Conrad

EMC: Al Hess, Pat Perrigo

Cross Bearer:

Sanitizing Crew: John Gallegos, Stephani Morgan, Patty Topper, Kimber Walters

Sunday, April 25, 2021—9:15am Mass

Reader: Tom Katsuleris

EMC: Peggy & Steve Geiger

Cross Bearer:

Sanitizing Crew: John Fink, Kathy & Vin Lindgren, Laura Maldonado

Sunday, April 25, 2021—11:00am Mass

Reader: Terri Bolotin-Wilson

EMC: Therease Metivier, Bethsy San-Millan

Cross Bearer:

Weekend Mass Protocol

- **Limited capacity**
- **Facemasks are required**
- **2 Center Doors opened 10 minutes prior and are closed once Mass begins**
- **Sit only in a marked seat in an open pew**
- **Use hand sanitizer before Communion**
- **Offering envelopes placed in basket at door**
- **Exit through side doors**

Daily Mass Protocol

- **Limited capacity**
- **Facemasks are required**
- **Enter through front doors only**
- **Sit only in a marked seat in an open pew**
- **Use hand sanitizer before Communion**
- **Exit through side doors**

If you do not feel well, have a cough or slight temperature *please do NOT come to church.*

From the Pastor's Desk ...

In the two weeks since we celebrated the Sunday of the Resurrection, we have heard many stories of the apparitions of Jesus to the disciples.

We may have noticed that no one seemed to recognize Jesus when they saw him. We heard it from the first moments, when Mary Magdalene thought Jesus was the gardener. The apostles on the seashore failed to see him for who he was. The disciples going to Emmaus in today's Gospel didn't recognize him when they saw him.

What made them know that it was Jesus, that he was with them? The most important thing was that they heard his Word, which was often accompanied by a sign. Mary Magdalene recognized him when he spoke her name. The apostles recognized him today when he spoke to them and confirmed his word with the sign of showing his wounds. The disciples going to Emmaus recognized him when he spoke his Word to them and performed the sign of the breaking of the bread.

We often do not recognize the Lord with us either. He tells us in the Scriptures that he is with us in two important ways.

The first and most excellent way that Christ is present, of course, is in the Holy Eucharist. He remains with us until the end of the age, in the Tabernacle, hidden under the form of bread and wine. We know that his word: "this is my Body, this is my Blood" is confirmed by the sign of the breaking of the bread, as it was for the disciples in Emmaus. For when he broke the bread, he disappeared bodily from their sight: for us, the presence of the Lord continues under the form of bread.

Queen of the Apostles Faith Community Rejoices with our newly Confirmed:

<i>Violet Bui</i>	<i>Brianna Krent</i>
<i>Ava Bumgardner</i>	<i>Mary Ava McGrath</i>
<i>Lucy Calabro</i>	<i>Peter McGrath</i>
<i>Alexander Ciccarelli</i>	<i>Leslie Morales Uruga</i>
<i>Nicholas D'Avria</i>	<i>Samantha Narciso</i>
<i>Huston Dobies</i>	<i>Ryan O'Donnell</i>
<i>Domenic Feduniec</i>	<i>Kailey O'Donoghue</i>
<i>Alexander Guntharp</i>	<i>Ellia Parker</i>
<i>Amelia Hill-Pfeffer</i>	<i>Connor Rogers</i>
<i>Elijah Hill-Pfeffer</i>	<i>Luke Saylors</i>
<i>Isaac Hill-Pfeffer</i>	<i>Michael Sparks</i>
<i>Samantha Hosmer</i>	<i>Harrison Truong</i>
<i>Leslie Howell</i>	<i>Lucas Ulli</i>
<i>Grant Hunnicutt</i>	<i>Nia Ulli</i>
<i>Benjamin Kollstedt</i>	<i>Thien Vu</i>
<i>Lilly Kollstedt</i>	

LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! Please go to our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org and click on the LiveStreaming tab to be connected to the site.



But the Lord gives us another way in the Scriptures where he says that we come into contact with him: when he tells us that whatever we do to one of the least of his brothers, we do to him. That is, to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick or imprisoned. These works of mercy, when we do them for the sake of Christ, are done to Christ himself, as his word tells us.

In times of difficulty, it's all the more important to recognize Christ who is still among us. And we must let him change us, as hearing his Word and seeing his signs changed the first disciples... so that our hearts burn within us, aflame with desire for God. We are called to learn to say "We have seen the Lord!" when we encounter Christ both in service to our brothers and sisters, and in the Blessed Sacrament, and give him the love and honor he deserves when we find him.

Fr Paul

A Home for All:

History of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church By Jack H. Morris

A hardbound edition of parishioner Jack Morris's history of our parish and the area Catholic community is available for purchase through the church office. The office is open Mondays-Fridays from 8:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30. The cost for this beautiful edition is \$30. (Please add \$12 for shipping if your book needs to be mailed.) Please provide exact cash amount, a check or money order for in person purchases. Electronic payments may be made through online giving at www.queenoftheapostles.org. *Prepaid sales only may be picked at weekend Masses. No sales will take place at church.*



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15;

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab;
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8;

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40;

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2;

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42;

Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12;

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Sick and Homebound

Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered:

Patrick Bragg (Ivy Nursing Center,
Gastonia), Ducky Huffstetler,
Jay Petruska

April Food Collection

Our April food collection will go to the Diocese of Charlotte. The pantry is in need of mac and cheese, tuna, cooking oil, sugar, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, green beans, corn, snacks, juice, canned fruit, flour, rice and cereal. Bring your donations to the parking lot the weekend of **April 24-25**. The Knights of Columbus volunteers will be there to accept your food items. Thank you for helping us to continue feeding those in need in our community.

Rosary for Priests

On Tuesday mornings following daily Mass, the Rosary for Priests is recited in the Drexel Chapel. Please join us!

Online Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be sent to prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org or phoned in to the church office at 704-825-9600. If you would like to join the prayer ministry and do not have access to a computer but have VOICE MAIL, please contact the church office. You will be called with the daily prayer requests.

Online Centering Prayer

The Belmont Centering Prayer group meets online on Mondays at noon for approximately 30 minutes. Centering Prayer is a form of Christian meditation that emphasizes interior silence. For more information or to join the online meetings, please contact Peggy Geiger at dokgee16@gmail.com or 704-517-0192.

Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will be sent to Serving Our Community with Kindness in Springfield (SOCKS) which provides emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in eastern Gaston County. Material support can be in the form of food, clothing and/or household goods. Financial support can consist of help with utility and rent bills. Donations of canned/boxed food, home cleaning products, personal hygiene products and gently used clothing are appreciated and can be dropped off Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm. Volunteers help with sorting and storing donations and assisting clients receiving goods. If you can drive a small truck, help is also needed picking up food from the UDSA and Second Harvest.

Stewardship

God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. Love is not a feeling. It calls for action, which includes giving of our time, talent and treasure.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. Anselm;

Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS MAY BE FOUND
IN THE BASKET IN THE CHURCH
GATHERING SPACE**



Help Pay Down the Mortgage

Please consider helping to pay down the mortgage with either a one-time or recurring donation. You can do this either online (select "Building Fund") or by writing a check (write "Building Fund" in the memo line).

Graduating Seniors

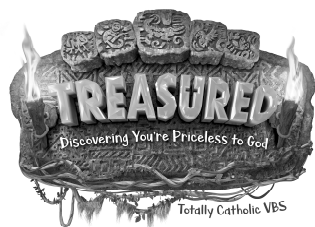
We would love to honor our high school seniors on Friday, **May 14** at 7:00pm. Please wear your cap and gown! Please email formation@queenoftheapostles.org to reserve your place or call the church office at 704-825-9600.





First Eucharist

Please keep our children preparing for First Eucharist in your prayers. They will receive at special Masses on Saturday, May 1.



REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE SUNDAY, APRIL 18!

Vacation Bible School will run the week of **Sunday, June 27—Thursday, July 1**. This program will be virtual with take-home VBS fun packs to go along with the videos. Online registration will be available online April 18!

Summer Faith Formation (Grades, Rising 1-5) will run the weeks of **Sunday, July 11—Thursday, July 15** and **Sunday, July 18—Thursday, July 22**. This will be an in-person program on campus following government and diocesan safety directives. Class sizes will be limited. Online registration will open online **April 18!**

Adult Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping out with the children's summer programs? Catechists and volunteers are needed for the in-person summer faith formation program and virtual VBS program. For more information on volunteering, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.



Children's Faith Formation Program

Our Children's Faith Formation Virtual Program is now in the last session. Completed folders for this session are due back on **May 16**. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

LifeTeen Moving to In-Person



Starting on Sunday, **April 11** LifeTeen **resumed in-person meets**, using Sign-Up Genius along with other safety measures. Please contact Jayme at youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org with any questions.

MOMS Group Meeting on Campus - Group Size Limit



Our Ministry of Mother's Sharing resumed meeting here at church on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Their next meet is on Tuesday, **April 20** from 6:00pm- 7:15pm! Meetings will take place in the Gathering Space (entry to church) and have a limit to **20** in the group. We will be exploring our parish's new subscription to FORMED - *Motherhood Matters*. Please join us for this time of fellowship to share a time focused on Motherhood. Due to our current restrictions, refreshments and childcare will not be available. For more information, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.



Just for Ladies

Just for Ladies will skip Holy Week and continue on Thursday, **April 22** at 6:30pm virtually with Zoom! This will be a Walking with Purpose study *'Opening Your Heart, The Starting Point.'* If you've never participated in a Bible study before, now is the time! Please join us for our study, by contacting Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

Just for Men

Our Just for Men Bible study will resume meeting in person beginning on Monday, **May 3** in the MAK Family Life Center following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00pm. Contact Roger Duncan at freedomrld05@yahoo.com or (412) 289-9147 if you are interested in joining the group or need more information.

Weekly Rosary Recitation

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly rotating through in different languages.

Recitation will be LiveStream only! You can connect by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org and clicking on the icon. The rosary will be recited on **April 19** in English, **April 26** in Creole, **May 3** in English and **May 10** in Tagalog.

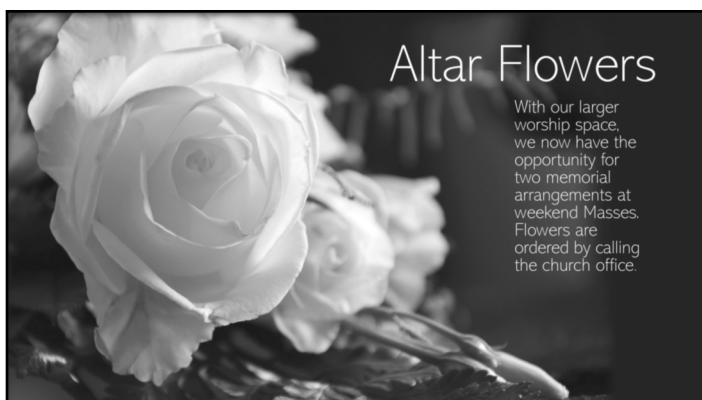
House of Mercy 30th Anniversary

House of Mercy is celebrating its 30th Anniversary and is seeking volunteers to help with planning events, marketing, and fundraising. Please contact Tanya Sastoque, Director of Development and Communications at development@thehouseofmercy.org and 704-800-5966.



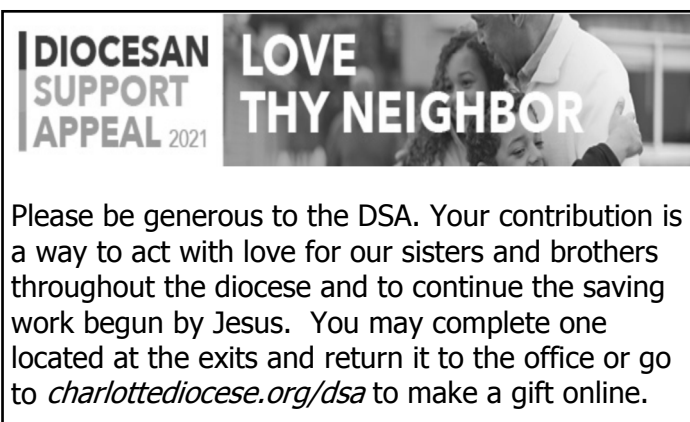
Looking for Volunteers to Help Sanitize the Church

Following every Mass, our church needs to be sanitized by wiping down the pews and anything else that may have been touched during services. If you're interested in helping, please contact Chrissy at music@queenoftheapostles.org or call 704-825-9600, ext. 28.



Altar Flowers

With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two memorial arrangements at weekend Masses. Flowers are ordered by calling the church office.



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2021

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Please be generous to the DSA. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. You may complete one located at the exits and return it to the office or go to charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

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WATCH

ECHO WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING

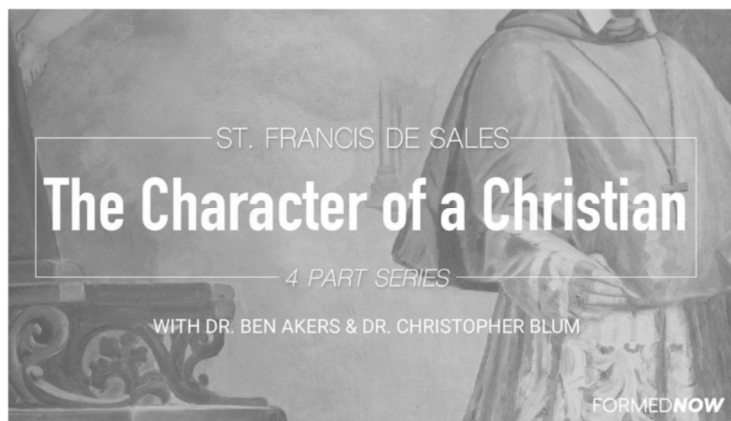
ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.



LEARN

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN

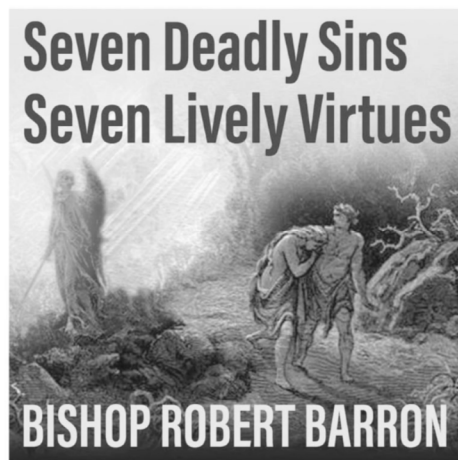
In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.



LISTEN

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES BY BISHOP ROBERT

In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness, and holiness.



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To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

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Dear Thea...

Do you recall a time in your life where you had to adapt to a new environment? Where that adaptation was critical toward achieving a particular goal?

For Thea Bowman, that moment was in her late teens in 1953, when she entered St. Rose of Viterbo Convent in Wisconsin--the first step in her journey toward religious formation. As expected, Sister Thea had to adapt to being the only minority aspirant at the convent, and not all were as accepting of her presence in that community. In addition to living with people of different racial and geographic backgrounds, Sister Thea had to adjust to many different cultural traditions, such as traditional German meals, and much colder northern Midwestern winters--conditions unlike anything that she was accustomed to in the South! During her years of religious formation from aspirant to postulant, Sister Thea settled into a regular routine. During her postulancy, however, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis and spent nearly 10 months in a sanatorium recovering from this illness. Despite this, Sister Thea persevered in her studies and communicated regularly with her classmates. During the next stage of her formation, the novitiate, she was given her religious name: Sister Mary Thea (Thea meaning "of God"). Sister Thea had never been fond of her birth name, Bertha, and was happy to receive her new religious name. At the end of the novitiate in 1958, Sister Thea made her first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience with nineteen other sisters in her formation class. Have you had to adapt or adjust to a new environment in your life? How have those adjustments helped you to grow?

Have you played a role in helping someone else adapt or adjust, such as a new neighbor, a new coworker or a new parishioner? Please take some time this week to consider how you can possibly help someone else adjust or feel welcome in a new environment.

Resource: *Sister Thea Bowman Do You Hear Me Church?* By Peggy Sklar

Racial Justice Committee

Our Catholic faith teaches us that racism and the prejudices that lead to racist attitudes are sins and we must do our part to root racism out of our communities.

A Racial Justice Committee has been created under the leadership of Deacon Zeke Panzica and Dr. Jerome Butler to take action against racism and social injustice in our community.

In the coming weeks, the committee will provide information on how you can take action and be a voice of justice.

#RacismIsaSin

Questions? email Deacon Zeke at deaconzeke@queenoftheapostles.org

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana



Formación de nuestra fe en español

Recuerden nuestra invitación para seguir creciendo y aprendiendo juntos. Todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm, debido a lo ocurrido con la pandemia nos estamos reuniendo vía zoom. Así que con gusto los esperamos para aprender más de nuestra fe católica.

Colecta de Comida

Nuestra colección de alimentos de abril irá a la Diócesis de Charlotte. Los alimentos que están necesitando son, macarrones con queso, atún, aceite de cocina, azúcar, espaguetis y salsa de espagueti, judías verdes, maíz, bocadillos, jugo, conservas de frutas, harina, arroz y cereales. Trae tus donaciones al estacionamiento el fin de semana del 24 al 25 de abril. Los Caballeros de Colón y voluntarios estarán allí para aceptar sus alimentos. Gracias por seguir colaborando en la colecta de alimentos para los más necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

Reflexion

EN TÍ SEÑOR, CONFÍO,
ALELUYA.

Dios lo resucitó de entre los muertos y de ello nosotros somos testigos. Después de la resurrección Jesús permaneció un periodo ideal de cuarenta días, en los cuales se hizo repetidamente presente a los Apóstoles y a los discípulos. Este tiempo fue muy especial ya que Jesús fue instruyéndoles sobre el Reino de Dios. Les abrió el entendimiento para que comprendieran las escrituras. En este tiempo de cuarenta días después de haber resucitado, el Señor completa su misión de revelador del Padre y lleva también a cumplimiento su acción de educador de la fe de los apóstoles. Por lo tanto, en este tiempo Jesús otorga plena luz y comprensión sobre el sentido de su pasión y muerte, de su vida terrena y de las escrituras; al mismo tiempo prepara a los Apóstoles para recibir el don del Espíritu Santo. Aquí vemos cómo Jesús realiza una hermosa tarea con los Apóstoles y sus discípulos, haciéndoles entender el significado grande de la Resurrección. También para nosotros, este tiempo de Pascua no puede pasar desapercibido, como algo que ya paso, o como una fecha más del año, sino que debe ser una oportunidad para reflexionar, para pensar y para entender con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, el significado profundo de lo que significa la Resurrección del Señor para cada uno de nosotros. No podemos cruzarnos de brazos y dejarlo todo como algo que ya paso; ahora nos toca comenzar la misión de llevar el mensaje de la Resurrección a aquellos que todavía no han entendido el gran misterio del cual nosotros estamos celebrando. Por eso es necesario esforzarnos por aprender más de nuestra fe, leer la Palabra de Dios, estudiar el catecismo, darlo a conocer a nuestra familia y amigos y sobre todo ser testigos de Jesús resucitado. Les invito a cada uno de ustedes a hacer un plan de trabajo personal y familiar para reflexionar, evaluar y ver cómo podemos ser portadores de la Resurrección de Jesús. Reflexionemos. P. José Antonio Juya V.

Protocolo para la misa de fin de semana

- Limitado personas.
 - Se requieren mascarillas
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 - Use desinfectante para manos antes de la comunión
 - Depositar su ofrenda en las cestas que se encuentran colocadas las
- Puertas laterales**
- Salir todos por las puertas laterales.

Protocolo para la misa entre semana

- Limitado a 34 personas.
 - Se requieren mascarillas
 - Ingrese solo a través de Narthex
 - Siéntese solo en un asiento marcado en un banco abierto
 - Use desinfectante para manos antes de la comunión
 - Salga por las puertas de Narthex.
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