

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.
— Acts 2:28

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE:

Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Margaret Mary Mulé, Larry Kass Sr., Al Satches, Paul Loubre, David Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer, Pat Taylor, Gloria Fabre, Carol Pieri, Anne Montgomery, Dot Heidingsfelder, Joseph Legnon, Arthur Bartel, Yvonne Morel, Randy Cooper, Ann Babe and for the living: Louise Cashmere (L), Shirley Caminita (L) and Parishioners

All Mass intentions that were previously scheduled are transferred to 4:30 p.m. until we're back to the regular Mass schedule.

We encourage you to visit St. John's website at stjohnbaptistfolsom.org. It is updated daily with information on St. John's parish.

Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for private prayer.

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole, Dot Willie, Scott St. Romaine, Freddie Addotto, Fred Kopfler, Louise Cashmere, Florence Hoffman, Nita Addotto, Joseph Hadad, Richard Atkins , Roy M. Piazza, Ruthi Olson, Pam Addotto, Cindy Hebert

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Envelopes	\$ 1,544.00
Loose	\$ 1,455.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 165.00
E-giving (two weeks)	\$ 1,069.00

Thank you to all who continue to send in their contributions at this trying time. This is most needed as we continue to maintain the workings of our Church parish. If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>. [You can download the FAQs and instruction sheet here](#), or can [watch a demo short video here](#).

CANDLES WILL BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Beth Zaida Alvarez (L)
St. Joseph	Johnny Collura
Mary	Kara White
Saint Ann	Margie Maloney

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call [796-3806](tel:796-3806).

Fr. Vincent will celebrate Sunday Mass at 4:30 p.m. Mass will be pre-reordered and uploaded as soon as possible. View it on St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Facebook, or YouTube channel at [stjohnbaptistfolsom](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe4axaxnnr1YAh91aqlliag). YouTube link is: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCe4axaxnnr1YAh91aqlliag>. It is also on the St. John's facebook from our website: stjohnbaptistfolsom.org

The office is open for normal business, on Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – noon, closed on Friday. Please do not hesitate to call [796-3806](tel:796-3806) if Joy can be of any assistance to you. Even though the office is open part time, she is still checking messages. Fr. Vincent continues to be available if needed for anointing and confessions. His emergency contact number is [985-474-9898](tel:985-474-9898).

THE CLARION HERALD NOW HAS AN ON-LINE EDITION. Especially, during the stay-at-home mandate, it is important for parishioners to remain informed of Catholic News. It is available each week at <http://clarionheraldla.newsmemory.com>.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380) April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.