

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

1 Peter 1:20b-25

John 10:1-10

**"I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine
know me."**



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Parish Inspired by
Dominican Spirituality
Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**

Mass Intentions

Sun	05/03	7:30 am	(D) Edmundo de Joya
		9:00 am	(D) Burt Strickley
		10:45 am	(T) Head Family
		12:30 pm	(T) SDS Teachers & Staff
		5:00 pm	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	05/04	6:45 am	(D) Orland Birdsong
		8:15 am	(D) Stephen Ngo
Tues	05/05	6:45 am	(H) Ryan Remo
		8:15 am	(D) Joe Thornton
Wed	05/06	6:45 am	(T) The Roman Pontiff
		8:15 am	(B) Lloyd George Morr
Thurs	05/07	6:45 am	(H) Joanne Flanagan
		8:15 am	(A) Joe & Frances Taglang
Fri	05/08	6:45 am	(D) Millard V. Oracoy
		8:15 am	(B) Elias Morr
Sat	05/09	8:15 am	(D) George Farrell
		5:00 pm	(T) People of the Parish
Sun	05/10		Happy Mother's Day

Legend: (D) Deceased (H) Health
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

For Mass & Flower Intentions
Contact Alisa Aquino
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**Flowers for the Anniversary
of Clint & Joji Holzwarth**



Roses are in full bloom!



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Br. Athanasius Report

This past Saturday, May 2nd, we celebrated the feast of St. Athanasius (or St. Athanasius the Great, as I like to call him). Now, many of you may have heard the story of St. Athanasius from me once or twice, but I never get tired of telling it, so you all get to hear it again!

St. Athanasius was a bishop in the early church, in a great city in Egypt called Alexandria. At that time, the Greek-speaking peoples of the eastern Roman Empire loved philosophical debates, and this ultimately led to a serious theological division in the Church. A priest in Egypt by the name of Arius started teaching that Jesus is not truly God in the way that God the Father is God. A bitter debate arose about this in Alexandria, which then boiled over and spread through the entire Roman Empire.

Eventually, the disagreement became so intense that the emperor, Constantine I, who had just converted to Christianity, asked all the bishops of the world to get together and clarify what exactly they believed about Jesus of Nazareth. This gathering was the great Council of Nicea. With almost perfect unanimity, the bishops proclaimed that the ancient faith of the Catholic Church was that Jesus Christ is "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God." To this day, we repeat their statement of faith when we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass on Sundays.

Now, despite the powerful testimony of the bishops at the Council of Nicea, after the Council the teachings of Arius spread like wildfire. Even the Roman emperors, and thus the entire government, ended up taking sides with Arius and his followers. There was an enormous pressure to conform. St. Athanasius, however, refused to accept a watered-down version of Jesus Christ. He had become the bishop of Alexandria, and as bishop remained absolutely committed to publicly proclaiming the Church's faith in Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Needless to say, this tenacity of his made him many enemies. The Roman emperor accused St. Athanasius of conspiring against the government and forced him into exile. St. Athanasius patiently waited for his chance to return to Alexandria, only to be exiled again by the next emperor. St. Athanasius ended up being sent into exile 5 different times under 4 different Roman emperors! Nevertheless, not once did he waver in his commitment to bearing witness to the Truth.

I always admired St. Athanasius for his strength in remaining true to his convictions in the face of adversity.

His example can teach us that nothing in the world has the power to separate us from Christ, neither Roman emperors nor novel corona viruses. As St. Paul says so eloquently in Romans 8:38-39: "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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All Public Events Paused

St. Dominic School

Distance Learning
Remainder of the academic year.

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Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am
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Wednesdays at
7:30 pm

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

Each week join Deacon Shawn in praying the Rosary for the Sick, via live stream from the church on our YouTube channel.

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As a Community of Faith, we are being tested by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite these challenges, **we remain committed to serving the poor** and needy neighbors in our Community. We want you to know that our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will never waiver in our common fellowship with you, and with our neighbors in the Benicia community.

Please **help us stock our pantry**. We are in need of mayo, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups, beef stew, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, fruit cups, etc. Please check for expiration dates on donated food, we are not able to share anything expired with our community. Donations may be dropped off in the vestibule of the church in the St. Vincent de Paul bin. Thank you for your generosity.

Until Masses Resume:

Please **Donate Online** at stdombenicia.org to SVdP Fund.

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If you or anyone you know who could use St. Vincent de Paul's help, please call 707-746-1773.



**The Dominican Friars
of the
Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus**

*joyfully announce the
Solemn Profession of their Brothers*

**Joshua Gatus, O.P.
Joseph Selinger, O.P.
Matthew Heynen, O.P.**

into the hands of
The Very Reverend Christopher Fadok, O.P.
Prior Provincial

*Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Priory of Saint Albert the Great
5890 Birch Court - Oakland, California 94618*

Due to quarantine, we cannot invite you to join us in person, but please join us online at livestream.com/opwest. For more information, visit opwest.org/solemnvows.

**Please pray for the recovery of
the sick listed in our Book of
Intentions and the following:**







Stan Gabel	Joe Bosso
Joanne Flanagan	Lydia Leveriza
Sister Mary Angela, OP	Gladys Haddad
Margaret McClune	Alice Louie
Alma Johnson	Albert Horvath
Jean Greer	Bessie Sharp
Sara Smith	Jane Gasper

Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:

JoAnn McMillan, Louise Thibeaux,
Lorenzo Quizon, Flordeliza Escalada,
Joe Thornton, Isaura Cabral, Harland Hall,
Jacob Uy, Anthony Sylvester, Robin Quandt,
Judy Ann Hall, Joseph Hurst,
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