

***He opened their minds. (Luke 24:45)***

What a traumatic three days the disciples had just been through from the Last Supper through Gethsemane, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' arrest, and Peter's denial, all the way up to Jesus' crucifixion! Everything they had staked their lives on had fallen to pieces and they themselves had failed Jesus completely.

So it's no wonder that Jesus' first words when he appeared to the disciples were "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36). How they needed that peace! Then, just as he had done for the disciples on the road to Emmaus, he "opened their minds" to help them make sense of all they had just been through (24:45). Walking them through the Scriptures, he showed them how his death had been part of God's plan all along. He helped them see that it was not a tragedy but a triumph. It was not the end of all their hopes but the beginning of a glorious new future.

Have you ever felt the way the disciples did? Maybe you're in the midst of a painful situation right now that has you feeling confused, betrayed, or lost. Maybe a traumatic experience in the past still haunts you. Or maybe the guilt of some past sin continues to weigh you down.

Whatever your situation, Jesus longs to do for you what he did for his disciples. He longs to open your mind to his mercy so that you can be set free from guilt or shame. He longs to reveal his love so that you can see your past especially the painful parts through his eyes of love and compassion. He longs to give you new insight into his wisdom so that you can look to your future with hope and trust.

Quiet your heart today so that you can hear Jesus speak to you. Let him "open your mind" and show you how he looks at you. Let him give you his peace.

***"Jesus, help me to see with your eyes, to hear with your ears, and to love with your heart." Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 John 2:1-5 ~ The Word Among Us.***

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The Sanctuary Candle in St. John's Church is offered as a special Intention for the loving memory of † Anna Maria Bruni. Requested by the Bruni family.



You are cordially invited to attend our 20th Red Shoes Fiesta event benefitting St. PJ's Children's Home at the San Antonio Botanical Garden.

Red Shoes Fiesta  
Thursday, May 9, 2024  
San Antonio Botanical Garden  
555 Funston Pl, San Antonio, TX 78209.  
6:00 PM

Guests are encouraged to wear red shoes and fiesta attire!

**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish**

Jenny Cosby & Family, Josefina Gomez, Teresa Brezenski, Laura Pena, Elisa Casanova, Maria Villarreal, Rudy Reyes, Jessica Lozano, Socorro Pastrano, Laura Moreno, George Menjares, Agnes Kubesch, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Susana Ruiz Gonzalez, Rome Escobedo, Maria del Carmen Morales, Richard Gonzales, Tanya Marie Pavaglio, Graciela Bernal, Sr. Cecilia Rodriguez, Julio Villarreal, Roselie Marquez Gonzales, Brenda Kaye Cosby, Oralia Ortiz, Mayra Maricela Martinez, Amalia Villarreal, Juliana Villarreal, Paula Montalbo, Sue Lira, Christian Vasquez, George Garcia, Tony Garza III, Carmen Flores, Viola Sanchez, Melissa Sanchez Lara, Ruben Sanchez, Dalia Morales, Michael Morales, Rene Hernandez, Pablo Flores, Luciano Soto, Hector C. Alvarez, Kathleen May, Esiquio Perez, Gene Flores, Jean Vargo, Bobby Garcia, Noelia Pantoja, Sandra Ornelas, Greg Wood, Art Martinez, Margaret Burke, Deziree Vanessa Ibarra, Belle Bird, Richard Jr. & Rachel De La O, Janie Frausto, Patricia Sanchez, Annalisa Rodriguez, Leti McNerney, Ricardo "Richie" Mejia, Rosa Maria Villarreal, Maria Martinez, Jerelynn Meek, Guadalupe R. Duenas, Fiorenza Bruni, Gloria Moreno, Noe Roberts Lopez, Theresa McHugh, Norma Mendez, Cecilia Morales, Carmen Messer, Mary Ann Valdez, Debra Martinez, Sam Solano Armando & Martha Davila, Antonio Briones Ortega, Ofelia Anzaldua, Jerry & Lydia Slaughter, Yvonne Garcia, Emilio & Carmen Rodriguez, Nephthali Luna, Teresa Elshire, Matthew Gonzales and family, Joann Hamm, Elizabeth Benavides, Zackry Hernandez, Jennifer Nicole, Mario Guerrero, Keith Daily, Joel Gonzales, Sr. Luz Moreno, Evelyn Medina, Norma Navaira, Maryann Droitcourt, Antonio Bruni, Guadalupe Pacheco, Carlos Flores Jr., Servando Perales, Libby Roussin, Eva Flores and Gilbert Vasquez.

**To Add or Remove names, call the Parish office at 738-2201**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, April 15th ~ 11:30am**

† Jose Gloria  
Josette Lowe (Happy Birthday)

**Tuesday, April 16th ~ 11:30am**

† Maria Estella Guajardo  
Tammy Moreno (Health)

**Wednesday, April 17th ~ 11:30am**

Aaron Gonzalez (Special Intention)  
Wesley Tolson (Special Intention)

**Thursday, April 18th ~ 11:30am**

† Gregorio & Tomas Guillen  
† Rosa & Michael Sanchez

**Friday, April 19th ~ 11:30am**

† Isabel Guillen  
† Julca Mujerli

**Saturday, April 20th ~ 5:00pm**

† Olga Strgar

**Sunday, April 21st**

8:00am † Mona Lowe  
† Alice Little

9:30am † Ciriaco Obregon  
San Juanita Martinez (Special Intention)

12:00pm Altar Society Living & Deceased Members

7:30pm Nadine Jungman (Health)  
People of the Parish

Parish Support: April 6th and 7th, 2024

Church Support:.....	\$4,366.40
Online Giving:.....	\$130.00
Maintenance Fund Donation:.....	\$184.00
<b>TOTAL:.....</b>	<b>\$4,680.40</b>

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On Friday, April 26th, In observance of the Battle of Flowers Parade, St. John's Parish Office will be closed. We will reopen on Monday, April 29th at 8am.

El viernes 26 de abril, Celebración del Battle of Flowers, la oficina de la parroquial estará cerrada. Volveremos a abrir el lunes 29 de abril a las 8am.

**WEEKLY MEETINGS:**

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Casa de Juan.

**That Man is You:** Saturday's in Casa de Juan 7:00am-9:00am. Contact Kevin Collins 210-685-2735 or Rafael Martinez 210-782-6313

**Guadalupanos:** Recites the Rosary every Wednesday at 7pm in the Church.

**Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions:** Every Thursday 12pm to 6pm.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

**Guadalupanos:** Recites the Rosary on the 12th day of each month. Contact Maria Gomez at 210-268-7760.

**Knights of Columbus:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Contact Ricardo Valdez 210-842-1551.

**Altar Society:** 3rd Sunday of the month after the 12:00pm Mass. Contact Parish Office 210-738-2201.

**Youth Group:** Contact Marisol Ramirez at 210-723-1355.

**ACTS:** Contact Julie Constantino at 210-288-1405.

**Adult Religious Education (RCIA) & Faith Formation:** Contact the Parish office at 210-738-2201 ext. 105

**Young Adults Ministry:** 2nd Thursday of each month 7pm to 9pm at Casa de Juan. Contact Anna Gomez at 210-331-3044.