



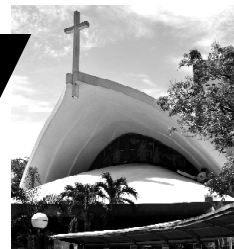
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Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

*...“Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.”
-- Mark 16: 6*

Easter Sunday, also known as the “Great Sunday,” is the greatest of all feasts. Easter is the principal feast of every ecclesiastical year. Pope Leo I calls Easter “festum festorum” (the greatest feast) and says that Christmas is only a preparation for Easter.

Christmas is when we recall the glorious birth of the Lord Jesus. This signifies the beginning of his mission to save us from our sins.

Easter, on the other hand, is a celebration of the triumph of the Lord Jesus over sin and death. He conquered death that we may enter into eternal life with God.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus took place on a Sunday and thus, all Sundays are “little Easters” and are holy. We are all thus enjoined to come and celebrate Mass every Sunday.

Easter signifies “newness of life.” Our old way of life was marked by sin, hatred, jealousy, selfishness, greed, lust, and every kind of evil.

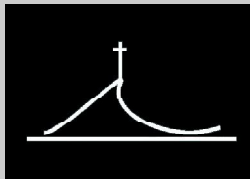
By the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus, we are made new. We are cleansed from our sins. We are forgiven and reconciled to God. It is now up to us to respond to the great sacrifice that the Lord Jesus has made.

Will we persist in our sinfulness? Will we continue our old, sinful way of life? Or will we now start anew and live as people redeemed by God, people who love and serve God and one another?

When the Lord Jesus ascended into Heaven, He left behind a mission for every person: **“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents (with their hands), and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”**
(Mark 16: 15-18)

Let us respond to God who loves us so much. Let us start living as redeemed people, holy and pleasing to Him.

Resurrected Christ Statue
Saint John Bosco Parish Compound
(Creekside)
Photo by Riz Pulumbarit



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Message from our Parish Priest

Death and Resurrection

I am an avid fan of history. Ask Fr. Dennis and he will tell you without hesitation that my favorite channel on TV, besides basketball, is the History Channel! The history of races, countries, even our beloved earth and the surrounding universe just fascinates me. In one episode I watched, scientists theorize that the extinction of the dinosaurs was caused by the impact of a huge meteor on our planet and by its devastating consequences, one of which was global warming! The entire planet became one huge barren landscape with scarcely anything existing after the meteor explosion. And yet, after hundreds of years from that blast, the earth began to thrive again with its plants and animals, until we humans also came into the scene.

What has dinosaurs got to do with Easter, you may want to ask? Well, part of the conclusion of the episode I just recounted was this, "we humans exist now because the dinosaurs no longer exist; we are alive now because they are dead"! The disappearance of one form of life brought about the existence of another. The death of one creature produces the life of another creature. This might be a fundamental law in biology but I'm pretty sure that there was 'somebody' who conceived this law way ahead of time, and He is God. In theology, we call this the paschal cycle, or the paschal event and apropos to what we celebrate these days, we call this the **Paschal Mystery**.

The *Paschal Mystery* centers on the person of Jesus Christ, God who became man and suffered and died to save us from our sins. The death of Jesus was the result of the people's refusal to listen to his words and be moved by his merciful works that reveal the love of the Father. The whole purpose of the coming of Christ among us is to introduce the Kingdom of God and show us the way to become children of the Father. To accomplish this, He had to obey the will of His Father, part of which is to accept great humiliation and suffering and finally, death on the cross. It might have seemed to his enemies and persecutors that Jesus lived a futile

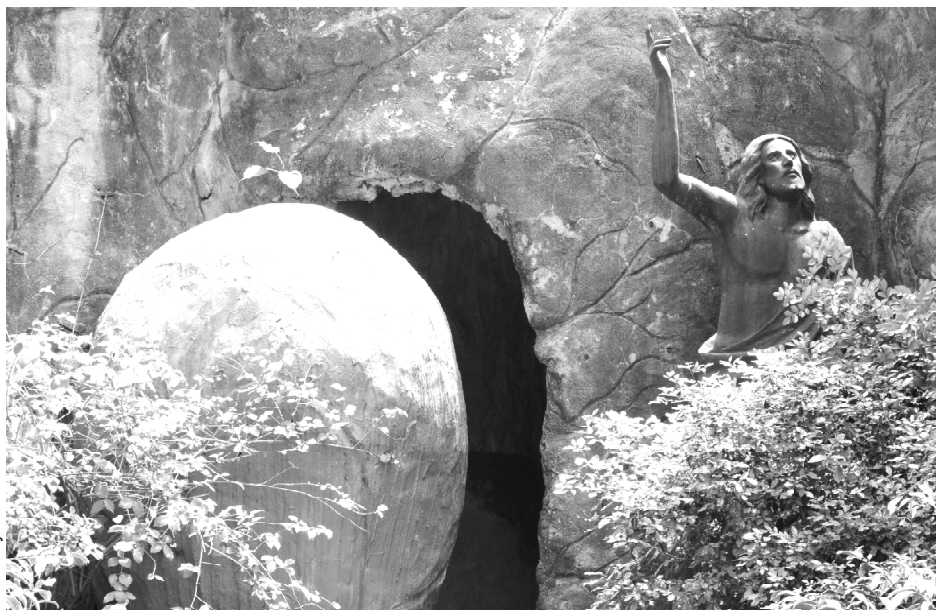
life by the manner of his death and he did not accomplish his mission! How wrong they were! After three days from his death, He rose again and revealed his glory to his delighted apostles. His death was not the end of his mission; it was but a prelude to the new kind of life that He had promised before. The death of Christ brought about his resurrection and new life for all his followers. This is the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

What is the relevance of the Paschal Mystery of Christ, and in particular his resurrection to our present life? Everything! For one thing, since the paschal mystery is designed by God to be the fundamental law of our existence, it is bound to affect every aspect of our life. There can never be life without any form of suffering and death! The birth of a child happens after the labor of the mother. The euphoria of passing the board exam will entail sleepless nights of review and sacrifice. Getting rid of an addiction requires intense determination and sometimes cruel discipline. And all these simply follow the paschal mystery of Christ – death and resurrection. Secondly, *in the paschal mystery, death is not the end and conclusion, resurrection is!* Christ's resurrection defeated man's greatest enemies, sin and death and anybody who shares in Christ's death and resurrection will be assured of a similar victory. Our baptism, which we gloriously renewed on Easter night, incorporates us into the death and resurrection of Jesus. This means that we are programmed to triumph over sin and death, and the intervening suffering and pains of life. Because of Christ's resurrection, we have a ready answer to life's challenges and suffering, we will triumph over them because of the power of Christ's resurrection. Need we be afraid?

A most blessed and happy Easter to one and all. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Your humble servant,

Fr. Romeo Agustin Miciano, SDB
Pastor



Resurrected Christ Statue, Saint John Bosco Parish Compound (Creekside)

Easter Customs Around the World

Easter eggs

Because eggs were forbidden during Lent, they are brought to the table on Easter Sunday, usually red in color, to symbolize the Easter joy.

Blessing of Food

In both Oriental and Latin Churches, it is customary for priests to bless the food provisions prohibited during Lent, such as meat, eggs, and butter, before eating them on Easter Day.

House blessings

On the eve of Easter, priests bless the homes in their parishes in memory of an important biblical event: the passing of the angel in Egypt and the signing of the doorposts with the blood of the paschal lamb.

Sports and celebrations

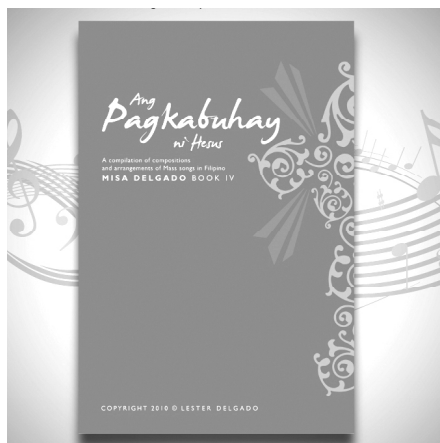
After a long and severe period of Lent, the Greeks and Russians indulge in a day of sports on Easter day. In certain places in Greece, there are music, dancing, and other celebrations.

Easter Rabbit

The rabbit has become a common symbol of Easter. However, this is of pagan origin, along with many other Easter customs. For some reason, the rabbit is considered as the one that lays the Easter eggs. The rabbit is typically hidden in a nest or garden. Because of the pagan origins of many Easter customs, and also the "commercialization" of Easter, many Christian churches have begun to refer to Easter Sunday as Resurrection Day to give it the respect it deserves.

"Ang Pagkabuhay ni Hesus" --A Collection of Mass Songs

■ Vissia Hernandez



A concert featuring different parish choir members was held at the SJB Church on March 3 to mark the launching of "Ang Pagkabuhay ni Hesus," a book and CD compilation of original Mass songs for the Easter Season.

The songs were composed by Lester Delgado, a musical director who was also a former in-house composer and conductor for SJB Church.

Fr. Ting Miciano, Parish Priest, praised Delgado "for his prodigious talent of composing sacred songs which basically aid the people of God to experience an authentic and deep celebration of the liturgy." Delgado's books and CDs are available at the SJB Parish Bookstore.

St. John Bosco Parish

Makati City, Philippines

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday

6:30 and 7:30 a.m.;

12:15 and 6:00 p.m.

Holy Hour and benediction every Thursday after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. On First Fridays, the Holy Hour and Vigil are held after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Saturday

6:30 and 7:30 a.m.;

6:00 p.m. (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday

6:00, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00
and 11:15 a.m.

12:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00
and 8:30 p.m.

Confessions are held during
all the Masses.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open daily from 7:00 a.m.
to 8:00 p.m.

PARISH RELIGIOUS STORE

Monday to Friday
(except Thursday)
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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***"All for God and for His Glory.
In whatever you do, think of the
Glory of God as your main goal."***

-- Saint John Bosco

Easter Triduum

The Paschal Triduum, often called the Easter Triduum or simply Triduum, begins during Holy Week, and consists of Good Friday (which includes the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday), Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. The word Triduum comes from a Latin word meaning "three days."

The Triduum celebrates the heart of the Catholic faith-- salvation and redemption through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings

APRIL 1, 2010
HOLY THURSDAY
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

First Reading: **Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14**
Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18**
Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 11: 23-26**
Gospel : **John 13: 1-15**

APRIL 2, 2010
GOOD FRIDAY
OF THE
LORD'S PASSION

First Reading: **Isaiah 52:13—53:12**
Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25**
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Second Reading: **Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**
Gospel : **John 18: 1—19:42**

APRIL 3, 2010
HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
First Reading: **Genesis 1:1—2:2**
Responsorial Psalm 1: **Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,12, 13-14, 24, 35**
Second Reading: **Genesis 22:1-18**
Responsorial Psalm 2: **Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11**
Third Reading: **Exodus 14:15—15:1**
Responsorial Psalm 3: **Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18**
Fourth Reading: **Isaiah 54:5-14**
Responsorial Psalm 4: **Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13**
Fifth Reading: **Isaiah 55:1-11**
Responsorial Psalm 5: **Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6**
Sixth Reading: **Baruch 3:9-15, 32C4:4**
Responsorial Psalm 6: **Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11**
Seventh Reading: **Ezra 36:16-17a, 18-28**
Responsorial Psalm 7: **Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4**
Epistle: **Romans 6:3-11**
Responsorial Psalm 8: **Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23**
Gospel: **Luke 24: 1-12**

APRIL 4, 2010
EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: **Acts 10: 34a, 37-43**
Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23**
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8**
Gospel : **Luke 24: 13-35**
That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in

deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said



the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Points to Ponder On

The Gospel is for all of us who have not seen and yet have believed. We are blessed. The Lord Jesus Himself said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20: 29) Unlike the Twelve Apostles, we have not seen the Lord Jesus, and neither have we heard His voice. Yet, our faith in Him is strong. We firmly believe in the Lord Jesus.

It is very important for us to believe because God is truthful. He will never lie to us or deceive us. God said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9: 7), and thus, we believe.

Prayer

LORD JESUS, we believe in You. We believe that You love us and that You came to save us from our sins. Please help us to grow more and more each day in our faith in You. We ask these in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Mass Readings

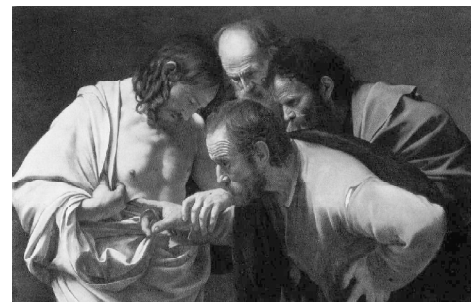
APRIL 11, 2010

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading: **Acts 5: 12-16**Responsorial Psalm : **Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24*****Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.***Second Reading: **Revelations 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**Gospel : **John 20: 19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my



finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written 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.

Points to Ponder On

The Lord Jesus gave a very important mission to Saint Peter: to fish and to shepherd.

"To fish" means to evangelize, to draw people to God. "To shepherd" means to extend pastoral care, to show our Christian concern for others.

These two very important tasks go hand in hand. We cannot evangelize without showing genuine concern for others.

All of us are called to do these: to evangelize and share the Good News and at the same time, to show our love and concern for every person.

Prayer

LORD JESUS, we love You and we want to follow You. Please help us fulfill our mission: to evangelize and to show our love and concern for others. We ask these in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

APRIL 18, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERFirst Reading: **Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41**Responsorial Psalm : **Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13**Second Reading: **Revelations 5: 11-14**Gospel : **John 21: 1-19**

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out

on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Points to Ponder On

If we remain faithful to God, we will see how He can turn our misfortunes into blessings. God is so good and powerful. He can turn a misfortune or tragedy into a moment of grace.

As we go through life, we will always face countless challenges, tragedies, and trials. The important thing is to remain faithful to God, to continue trusting in Him, especially in times of great trials.

The Lord Jesus is a Good Shepherd, the Best Shepherd. He will never abandon us. In fact, He has laid down His life for us. There is absolutely no reason for us to doubt Him.

Prayer

LORD JESUS, our Good Shepherd, we entrust ourselves to Your loving care. We know that we are special in Your eyes. Please continue to guide and protect us. We ask these in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

APRIL 25, 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

First Reading: **Acts 13: 14, 43-52**

Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 100: 1-2, 3, 5**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: **Revelations 7: 9, 14b-17**

Gospel : **Jn 10:27-30**

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

"I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."



Prayer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Lord Jesus, thank You for being our Good Shepherd, who loves us, leads us, protects us, and provides for us. Please help us to stay close to You and follow You always. We ask these in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Bosco Parish

Financial Report
For February 2010

Mass Collection
₱ 1,001,326.65

Other Income
₱ 205,028.60

Gross Income
₱ 1,206,355.25

Less:
Total Expenses
₱ 1,586,913.36*

Deficit
₱ 380,558.11**

* Total expenses include operating expenses, Rectory expenses, and maintenance of facilities

** Financial deficit and ongoing projects of the parish are covered financially by the Salesian society of St. John Bosco

Report Prepared by:
Mrs. Ma. Maida Olarte

Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations



The late Pope Paul VI instituted the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. In April 1964, he declared the 4th Sunday of Easter of every year, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, as a day of praying for vocations.

He prayed: "**O Jesus, divine Shepherd of the spirit, you have called the Apostles in order to make them fishermen of men, you still attract to you burning spirits and generous young people, in order to render them your followers and ministers to us.**" (Pope Paul VI, 1964; 1st World Day of Prayer for Vocations)



Pope Paul VI was born Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini (26 September 1897 to 6 August 1978). He reigned as Pope from 1963 to 1978.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, Jesus Christ, You are the Saviour of the world.

Please manifest in Your church, the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles.

Call many to the priesthood and religious life.

May zeal for Your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen.

May they be saints in Your likeness.

May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them.

May they be priests and religious according to Your own Heart. Amen.

St. John Bosco Parish

April 2010 ACTIVITIES

- 1 **HOLY THURSDAY**
Chrism Mass at the Manila Cathedral 7:00 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper, SJB Church, 6:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Vigil and Adoration will start right after the Mass and end at midnight
- 2 **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
Morning Praise, SJB Church, 7:30 a.m., Fr. Ting (Presider)
Live Way of the Cross, SLV, 9:00 a.m., c/o Youth Ministry
Kumpisalang Bayan at St. Andrew Apostle Parish, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Seven Last Words, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Fr. Bernard Nolasco, SDB; Fr. Paul Ines, SDB; Fr. Armand Robleza, SDB; Fr. Alexander Garces, SDB; Fr. Crisostomo Magbitang, SDB; Fr. Noel Osial, SDB; Fr. Rene Lagaya, SDB (Speakers)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m. followed by the procession of Santo Entierro and Mater Dolorosa
- 3 **HOLY SATURDAY**
Morning Praise 7:30 a.m.; Church
Easter Vigil Mass 10:00 p.m.; Salubong procession follows
- 4 **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION**
Same Sunday Mass schedule except that there will be no 6:00 a.m. Mass
- 8 to 10 PPC Strategic Planning Seminar
- 9 to 11 Marriage Encounter (EMHC)
- 10 Ongoing Formation (EMHC; Megamall 10 am to 3 pm)
PPCRV Voter's Education
- 11 Second Sunday of Easter
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
PPCRV Voter's Education
- 12 Start of Summer Workshop (4 weeks)
Start of Summer Basketball League
- 15 Submission of Final List of PPCRV volunteers
- 17 Youth Ministry Workshop
Voter's Education Seminar (c/o Salesian Parishes)
- 25 4th Sunday of Easter
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Mass Wedding, 2:00 p.m.
Poll Watcher's Orientation Seminar
- 28 St. Louis Mary de Monfort
- 29 St. Catherine of Sienna
- 30 St. Pius V, Pope
Poll Watcher's Orientation Seminar
Mock Election

Pondo ng Pinoy Sunday

At the Saint John Bosco Parish, every last Sunday of the month is PONDO NG PINOY SUNDAY. Kindly bring your Pondo ng Pinoy bottles and offer them during the Mass. Thank you.



"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are."
(Saint John Bosco)

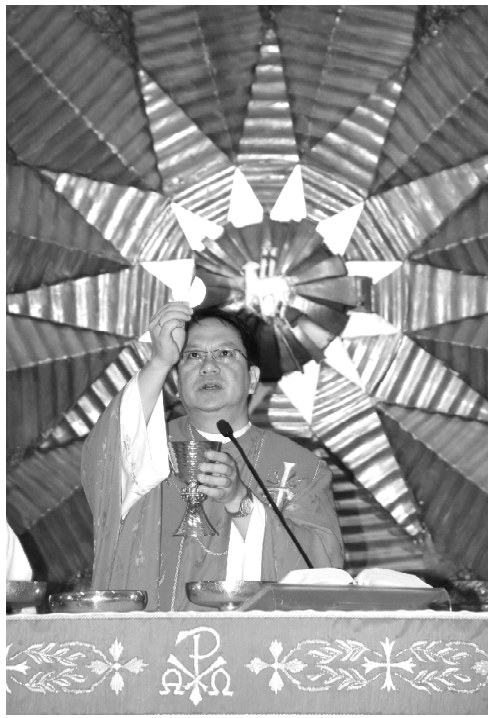
SJB Benefactor's Night

The Saint John Bosco Parish would like to thank everyone who attended the SJB Benefactor's Night at the Roozen Hall on March 6, 2010.

We hope for your continued support for all our parish projects. Thank you and may God bless and reward you.



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The Holy Eucharist

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we are commemorating the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. The Lord Jesus Himself instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before He died.

The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." The Holy Eucharist, also called Holy Communion, is both a sacrament and a sacrifice.

In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ Himself is contained, offered, and received. The Lord Jesus is "really, truly, and substantially present" in Holy Communion. Holy Communion is NOT merely a symbol of Jesus. Holy Communion contains the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus, all made possible through a mystery known as "transubstantiation."

Transubstantiation happens at the moment of consecration during the Holy Mass. Bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of the Lord Jesus through the ministry of the priests.

The Holy Eucharist is a source of abundant grace. Whenever we receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion worthily (after having confessed our grave and mortal sins), God blesses us with abundant grace.

"Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. He who eats this Bread will live forever"

(John 6:54,58).

"For My Flesh is food indeed and My Blood is drink indeed As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me"

(John 6:55,57)

First Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

Every first Sunday of Easter is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. The devotion to the Lord Jesus as the DIVINE MERCY is based on the writings of an uneducated saint: Saint Faustina Kowalska.

The great message of the Divine Mercy is this: GOD LOVES US ALL, no matter how great our sins may be.

God's love, mercy, and forgiveness are available to all, especially the greatest sinners. The Lord Jesus wants each one of us to remember that no matter how many times we fall into sin, we can always quickly go back to Him. He will always be ready to forgive us and guide us to a joyful and peaceful life.



Please support our parish projects...

Garden beside the chapel: future site of the new STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Father Richard Varela, SDB, Saint John Bosco Parish Rector and Economist, invites everyone to support the latest church projects:

- (1) Remodeling of the Covered Court
- (2) Installation of video equipment and LCD screens inside the church
- (3) Installation of new Stations of the Cross
- (4) Improvement of ventilation and installation of new fans

Thank you very much in advance for all your support. God bless you.

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You can also see the featured items of the parish bookstore.

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