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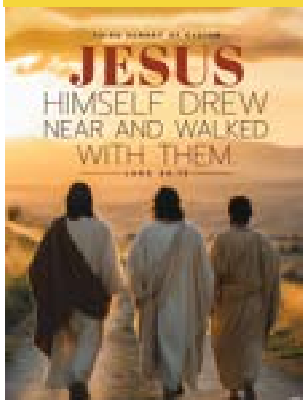
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Third Sunday of Easter

We are all on a Journey



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Grace and peace to you in this joyful season of Easter! This weekend, I write to you from a place of deep prayer and grace here in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Marian pilgrimage, which began in Medjugorje, continues to unfold as a profound journey of faith, conversion, and encounter with God. Please be assured that I carry each one of you, your families, your intentions, your struggles, and your hopes—in my prayers, especially here at the grotto where Our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Bernadette Soubirous.

There is something powerful about kneeling at this sacred place, where heaven seemed to touch earth. The silence, the candles, the prayers of pilgrims from around the world all remind us that God is near, that Mary intercedes for us, and that faith continues to move hearts today. From here, we will continue our journey to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, where Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children, calling the world to prayer, repentance, and conversion. Along the way, we will pass through Spain, visiting Loyola, the birthplace of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. His life reminds us that even in brokenness, God can raise up saints and missionaries.

We will also visit Santiago de Compostela, one of the most famous pilgrimage sites in the world. Why is it so significant? Because it is believed to house the remains of Saint James the Greater, one of the Twelve Apostles. For centuries, pilgrims have walked the Camino de Santiago, sometimes for hundreds of miles, seeking spiritual renewal, healing, and a deeper relationship with God. The pilgrimage itself becomes a symbol of our life—a journey of faith, filled with challenges, but guided by grace.

My dear friends, in many ways, this pilgrimage reflects the Gospel we hear this Sunday, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (cf. Luke 24:13–35). Two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem, discouraged and confused. Their hopes had been shattered by the Passion and Death of Jesus. Even though they had heard reports of the Resurrection, they could not yet fully believe. And then, Jesus walks with them. They do not recognize Him at first. He listens to their fears, their disappointments, their confusion. Then He speaks. He explains the Scriptures. He breaks open the meaning of what had happened. And slowly, their hearts begin to burn within them.

Finally, as evening approaches, they say those beautiful words: “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” And in the breaking of the bread, they recognize Him. What is the significance of this Gospel for us?

First, it reminds us that life itself is a journey. Like those disciples, we walk through moments of joy and sorrow, clarity and confusion. There are times when we feel close to God, and times when He seems distant. But the truth is this: Jesus is always walking with us, even when we do not recognize Him.

Second, this Gospel teaches us where we encounter the risen Christ: in the Word of God, when the Scriptures are explained and come alive in our hearts; in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread; and in the community, as we walk together in faith. How many times have we come to Mass burdened or distracted, only to leave with peace, clarity, or renewed strength? That is the Emmaus experience.

Third, the disciples did not keep the experience to themselves. After recognizing Jesus, they immediately returned to Jerusalem to share the Good News. An encounter with Christ always leads to mission.

My dear brothers and sisters, whether we are on a pilgrimage in Lourdes, walking the Camino in Spain, or simply living our daily lives here at Saint Elizabeth, we are all on a journey toward God. Let us ask ourselves: Do I recognize Jesus walking with me in my daily life? Do I invite Him to “stay with me,” especially in moments of darkness? Do I allow His Word and the Eucharist to transform my heart?

As I continue this pilgrimage, please know that I pray for you that your hearts may burn with love for Christ, that your faith may be strengthened, and that your lives may become a joyful witness to the Resurrection. And may we all one day reach our true destination, not just Santiago, not just Lourdes, but the eternal home that God has prepared for us.

With my prayers and blessings from Lourdes, to God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

✠ Bishop Andy Ligot, *Pastor*

ABOUT OUR KNEELERS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
I have recently become aware of some comments circulating on social media regarding the installation of kneelers in our church. I would like to address these concerns directly, with clarity and charity.

First, let me say this clearly: our parish is, and will always be, a home for everyone: the young and the elderly, the able-bodied and those with physical limitations, the poor and the well-to-do. No one is excluded. No one is being “pushed aside.” This is simply not true.

The installation of kneelers and the modesty island was done to enhance our worship and provide an option for those who wish to kneel in prayer, especially during the most sacred moments of the Mass. At the same time, no one is required to kneel, and we remain fully attentive to the needs of our seniors and those who require seating accommodations.

In fact, we are intentionally designating accessible seating in the front area for those who use canes, walkers, or wheelchairs, so they may participate more fully and comfortably in the liturgy. Our desire is not to separate, but to include and care for all.

We deeply honor and are grateful for the generations before us, especially our seniors, whose sacrifices, hard work, and generosity built this parish. We stand on their shoulders, and we remain committed to caring for them with love, respect, and dignity.

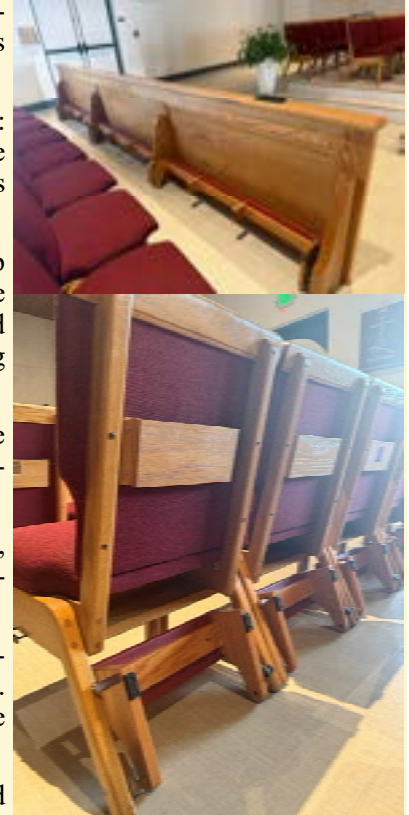
At the same time, we must remember that the Church is not only a building, but a living community of faith, called to grow, adapt, and serve the needs of all generations. Our decisions are always guided by prayer, pastoral care, and the good of the whole community.

I humbly ask that if anyone has concerns, questions, or suggestions, please come and speak with me directly. I am always willing to listen. Let us avoid making nasty comments, assumptions or hurtful remarks online or verbally for others to hear, and instead choose the path of understanding, dialogue, and unity.

Let us be mindful of our words, especially in public forums. As followers of Christ, we are called to build one another up, not tear one another down.

May we continue to grow together as one parish family, united in faith, hope, and love.
In Christ,

✠ Bishop Andy Ligot, Pastor



Marian Pilgrimage 2026



Last Monday, April 13, a group of our parishioners embarked on a 13-day Marian Pilgrimage, a truly grace-filled spiritual journey to some of the most beloved shrines of our Blessed Mother in Europe. Led by our Pastor, Bishop Andy Ligot, the pilgrimage invites participants to deepen their faith through prayer, reflection, and encounter with God.

The journey begins in Medjugorje, a place of profound prayer and conversion, where many pilgrims experience a renewed call to peace, reconciliation, and devotion to Our Lady. From there, the group flies to France to visit Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette. Lourdes is known for its healing waters and powerful moments of prayer, especially the candlelight procession.

The pilgrimage continues into Spain, stopping in Loyola, the birthplace of Saint Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits; Cantabria, known for its natural beauty and deep Catholic heritage; and Santiago de Compostela, the final destination of the Camino, where the remains of

Saint James the Apostle are venerated.

Finally, the group will visit Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, where Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children, calling the world to prayer, repentance, and peace.

Throughout the pilgrimage, daily Mass, the Rosary, and moments of meditation and reflection will nourish the spiritual lives of our pilgrims. Let us keep them in our prayers as they journey closer to Christ through the loving guidance of our Blessed Mother.

MASS INTENTIONS



Sat - April 18
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. JE

Healing: Felicidad Diaz
Deceased: Pope Francis, Teresita Algonos, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Giuse Vu Minh Tran

Sat - April 18
4:00 PM_EN
Fr. TH

Healing: Felicidad Diaz
Deceased: Lucy Tam Nguyen, Maria Asuncion Cruz

Sat - April 18
6:00 PM_VN
Fr. TH

Vietnamese Mass Intentions

Sun - April 19
8:00 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Bday: Carmelita Villanueva **Thx:** Thelma Gonzales
Healing: Katharina Kang, Thomas Kang, Anna Hue Nguyen, Felicidad Diaz
Deceased: Pope Francis, Pacita Sison, Giuse Vu Minh Tran, Maria Nguyen Thi Hong Nhung, Marisol Elliott, Divina Ordiales, Pope Francis, Rowena Tobias, Celia Nguyen Thi Hoa Hong

Sun - April 19
9:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Bday: Jessie Martinez, Samantha Bringas, Zenaída Garcia **Healing:** Felicidad Diaz
Deceased: Pope Francis, Joehl Garlit, Teresita Algonos, Maria Pham Thi Man, Maria Thi Thanh Huong, Giuse Mai Ty, Giuse Mai Tuyen, John Fernando Gomez, Susie Contreras, Christina & Filimon Villero, Maria Kim Anh Tran, Rudy & Eerita Estacion, Cesario Simon

Sun - April 19
11:00 AM_EN
Fr. JE

Healing: Monica Bugaoan-Abakan, Felicidad Diaz
Deceased: Pope Francis, Teresa Vương Trần, Joseph Cù Ngọc Nguyễn, Peter Chin Ngọc Nguyễn, Mary Rung Thi Trinh, Peter Hiệp Ngọc Nguyễn, Martin Duy Khiem Ngọc Nguyen, Veronica Resendez, Crisanto Legaspi, Jesus Felave Subingsubing

Sun - April 19
12:30 PM_SP
Fr. RV

Deceased: Pope Francis, Sr., Eliud Burgos Hermsillo

Sun - April 19
3:30 PM_VN
Fr. TH

Vietnamese Mass Intentions

Sun - April 19
5:30 PM_EN
Fr. JE

Healing: Felicidad Diaz
Deceased: Jesus Felave Subingsubing

Mon - April 20
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. JE

Bday: Jaeden Velasco
Thx: Andrew Boydon, Bryce Boydon, Dylan Boydon
Deceased: Pope Francis, Teresita Algonos, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Ponciano Reyes, Sr., Giuse Vu Minh Tran, Maria Nguyen Thi Hong Nhung

Tue - April 21
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Deceased: Pope Francis, Teresita Algonos, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Jesus De Arellano, Giuse Vu Minh Tran, Maria Nguyen Thi Hong Nhung, Giuse Trinh Kim Long

Wed - April 22
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Deceased: Teresita Algonos, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, John Fernando Gomez, Susie Contreras, Giuse Vu Minh Tran, Maria Nguyen Thi Hong Nhung, Giuse Trinh Kim Long

Thu - April 23
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. TH

Bday: Imelda Ladines **Thx:** Natalie Marie Boydon
Deceased: Teresita Algonos, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Giuse Vu Minh Tran, Giuse Trinh Kim Long

Fri - April 24
8:30 AM_EN
Fr. EP

Thx: Mason Boydon
Deceased: Teresita Algonos, Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Bernardo Nguyen Nhu Hung, Giuse Vu Minh Tran, Giuse Trinh Kim Long

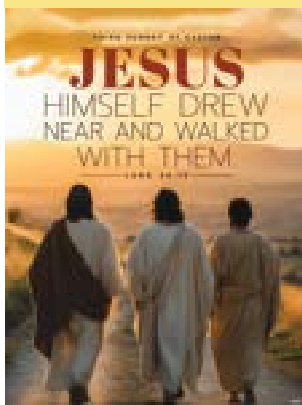


April 11th & 12th

Divine Sunday

Sunday Offering	\$11,018.63
Online Giving	\$1,121.00
Donation Thru VENMO	\$1,318.00
Total Donation	\$13,457.63
Church Maintenance Fund (04/12)	\$2,983.08

Tất cả chúng ta đang hành hương



Kính thưa quý ông bà anh chị em trong Đức Kytô, Nguyên xin ân sủng và bình an đến với quý vị trong mùa Phục Sinh hân hoan này! Cuối tuần này, tôi viết thư cho quý vị từ tâm trạng ngập tràn cầu nguyện và ân sủng, ngay tại Đền Thánh Đức Mẹ Lộ Đức. Chuyến hành hương kính Đức Mẹ của chúng tôi—đã khởi đầu tại Medjugorje—vẫn đang tiếp tục như cuộc hành trình của đức tin sâu sa, sự thông hỏi và cuộc gặp gỡ với Thiên Chúa. Xin quý vị tin chắc rằng tôi luôn luôn nhớ đến từng người trong quý vị, cùng gia đình, những ý nguyện, những gian nan và những niềm hy vọng của quý vị vào trong lời cầu nguyện của mình; đặc biệt là ngay tại hang đá linh thiêng này—nơi Đức Mẹ đã hiện ra cùng Thánh nữ Bernadette Soubirous.

Có một điều gì đó thôi thúc thật mạnh mẽ khi quý vị gọi tại hang đá linh thiêng này—nơi dường như đất trời giao hoà. Sự tĩnh lặng, những ngọn nến lung linh cùng lời cầu nguyện của các tín hữu hành hương từ khắp nơi trên thế giới, tất cả đều nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng Thiên Chúa luôn hiện diện gần bên, rằng Mẹ Maria đang chuyển cầu cho chúng ta, và rằng đức tin vẫn tiếp tục lay động lòng người ngay cả trong thời đại hôm nay. Từ nơi đây, chúng tôi sẽ tiếp tục cuộc hành hương đến Đền Thánh Đức Mẹ Fatima—nơi Đức Mẹ đã hiện ra với ba em nhỏ chăn cừu, kêu gọi thế giới hãy cầu nguyện, sám hối và cải thiện đời sống.

Trên suốt chặng đường, chúng tôi sẽ đi qua đất nước Tây Ban Nha và ghé thăm Loyola—nơi chôn nhau cắt rốn của Thánh Inhaxiô Loyola, Đấng sáng lập Dòng Tên. Cuộc đời của Ngài nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng: ngay cả giữa những đổ vỡ và yêu đuối của phận người, Thiên Chúa vẫn có thể nâng dậy những vị thánh và những nhà truyền giáo.

Chúng tôi cũng sẽ ghé thăm Santiago de Compostela, một trong những địa điểm hành hương nổi tiếng nhất thế giới. Tại sao nơi này lại mang ý nghĩa to lớn đến vậy? Bởi lẽ, nơi đây được tin là nơi lưu giữ hài cốt của Thánh Giacôbê Cả—một trong Mười hai Tông đồ. Trong suốt nhiều thế kỷ qua, các tín hữu hành hương đã men theo con đường Camino de Santiago—đôi khi phải đi bộ hàng trăm dặm—để tìm kiếm sự hoán cải tâm hồn, sự chữa lành và mối gắn bó mật thiết hơn với Thiên Chúa. Chính cuộc hành hương này đã trở thành một biểu tượng cho cuộc đời chúng ta—hành trình đức tin, dấu chất chòng những thử thách, nhưng luôn được dẫn dắt bởi ân sủng.

Quý vị thân mến, xét trên nhiều phương diện, chuyến hành hương này phản chiếu Tin Mừng mà chúng ta lắng nghe trong Chúa Nhật hôm nay—câu chuyện về hai môn đệ trên đường về Emmaus (*x. Luca 24:13-35*). Hai môn đệ ấy đang rời xa Giêrusalem, lòng đầy chán nản và hoang mang. Những niềm hy vọng của họ đã tan vỡ trước cuộc Thương Khó và cái Chết của Chúa Giêsu. Dù cho họ đã nghe được những tin tức về sự Phục Sinh, họ vẫn chưa thể tin tưởng trọn vẹn. Và rồi, Chúa Giêsu cùng bước đi với họ. Thoạt đầu, họ không nhận ra Người. Người lắng nghe những nỗi sợ hãi, những nỗi thất vọng và sự hoang mang của họ. Sau đó, Người cất tiếng. Người giải thích Kinh Thánh. Người mở ra ý nghĩa sâu xa của những biến cố vừa xảy ra. Và dần dần, lòng họ bắt đầu bùng cháy lên.

Cuối cùng, khi màn đêm buông xuống, họ thốt lên những lời tuyệt đẹp ấy: “Xin Thầy ở lại với chúng con, vì trời đã xế chiều và ngày sắp tàn.” Và chính trong lúc bẻ bánh, họ đã nhận ra Người. Ý nghĩa của đoạn Tin Mừng này đối với chúng ta là gì? Trước hết, điều này nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng chính cuộc đời là một hành trình. Giống như những môn đệ xưa, chúng ta bước qua những khoảnh khắc vui buồn, khi sáng suốt lúc lại hoang mang. Có những lúc ta cảm thấy gần gũi với Thiên Chúa, và cũng có những lúc Ngài dường như thật xa vời. Nhưng đây là sự thật: Chúa Giê-su luôn đồng hành cùng chúng ta, ngay cả khi ta không nhận ra Ngài.

Thứ hai, bài Tin Mừng này dạy chúng ta nơi mà ta gặp gỡ Đức Kitô Phục Sinh: nơi Lời Chúa, khi Kinh Thánh được giải thích và trở nên sống động trong lòng chúng ta; nơi Bí tích Thánh Thể, qua cử chỉ bẻ bánh; và nơi cộng đoàn, khi chúng ta cùng nhau bước đi trong đức tin. Đã biết bao lần chúng ta đến tham dự Thánh Lễ với lòng nặng trĩu ưu tư hay tâm trí xao lãng, để rồi khi ra về lại cảm thấy tràn ngập bình an, sự sáng suốt hay nguồn sức mạnh mới? Đó chính là trải nghiệm Emmaus.

Thứ ba, các môn đệ đã không giữ riêng trải nghiệm ấy cho bản thân mình. Sau khi nhận ra Chúa Giê-su, họ lập tức trở về Giêrusalem để chia sẻ Tin Mừng. Cuộc gặp gỡ với Đức Ki-tô luôn dẫn đến sứ vụ.

Quý ông bà anh chị em thân mến, cho dù chúng tôi đang đi hành hương tại Lourdes, đang bước đi trên con đường Camino tại Tây Ban Nha, hay chỉ đơn thuần sống cuộc sống thường nhật ngay tại giáo xứ Thánh Elizabeth này, thì tất cả chúng ta đều đang trên đường hành hương hướng về Thiên Chúa. Chúng ta hãy tự hỏi lòng mình: Liệu tôi có nhận ra Chúa Giêsu đang bước đi cùng tôi trong cuộc sống mỗi ngày chẳng? Liệu tôi có mời Ngài “ở lại cùng tôi,” nhất là trong những khoảnh khắc tăm tối cuộc đời? Liệu tôi có đề cho Lời Chúa và Bí tích Thánh Thể biến đổi tâm hồn tôi chẳng?

Khi tiếp tục cuộc hành hương này, xin quý vị hãy biết rằng tôi luôn cầu nguyện cho quý vị: nguyện xin cho trái tim quý vị bùng cháy tình yêu dành cho Đức Kitô, cho đức tin của quý vị được củng cố vững bền, và cho cuộc đời quý vị trở thành một chứng tá hân hoan về sự Phục sinh. Và nguyện xin tất cả chúng ta, một ngày nào đó, sẽ đạt tới đích đến đích thực của mình—không chỉ là Santiago, không chỉ là Lourdes, mà chính là ngôi nhà vĩnh cửu mà Thiên Chúa đã chuẩn bị sẵn cho chúng ta.

Cùng với những lời cầu nguyện và phép lành từ Lourdes, xin dâng lên Thiên Chúa mọi vinh quang, từ nay cho đến muôn đời. Amen.

✠ Giám mục Andy Ligot, Cha sở



TNTT Youth Spiritual Retreat



This past weekend, from April 10 to April 13, our Vietnamese Youth Group, Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể (TNTT), participated in a beautiful and grace-filled Spiritual Retreat. It was a truly meaningful time for our youth and young adults to step away from their daily routines and enter into a deeper encounter with God.

Centered on the Holy Eucharist, the retreat provided opportunities for prayer, reflection, community building, and joyful fellowship. Through moments of silence, sharing, and Eucharistic devotion, our young people were invited to grow in their love for Jesus and in their commitment to live out their faith more fully.

We give thanks to God for the many graces received during these days. It was inspiring to witness our youth open their hearts to the Lord and to one another, strengthening bonds of friendship rooted in Christ.

Our Parish extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who made this retreat possible. We thank our generous benefactors and supporters whose contributions helped make this experience truly meaningful and memorable. We are especially grateful to those who lovingly prepared meals, to the volunteer drivers who ensured safe transportation to and from the campsite, and to all the leaders and advisers who dedicated their time, energy, and care in guiding our youth.

May the fruits of this retreat continue to grow in the hearts of our young people, drawing them ever closer to the Eucharistic Lord and to active participation in the life of the Church.

WYD SEUL 2027
Take courage!
I have overcome the world.
(1st 16:33)

April 18th & 19th
Gây quỹ giúp TNTT
tham dự
Đại Hội Giới Trẻ Thế Giới

Fundraise for TNTT to WYD

Todos estamos en un Viaje

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, ¡Gracia y paz para ustedes en este gozoso tiempo de Pascua! Este fin de semana les escribo desde un lugar lleno de gracia y profunda oración: el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes en Francia. Nuestra peregrinación mariana, que comenzó en Medjugorje, continúa siendo una experiencia espiritual muy especial, un camino de conversión, esperanza y encuentro con Dios. Tengan la seguridad de que llevo en mi corazón a cada uno de ustedes, sus familias, sus intenciones, sus alegrías y sus sufrimientos, especialmente aquí, junto a la gruta donde la Virgen María se apareció a Santa Bernadette Soubirous.

Hay algo profundamente conmovedor al arrodillarse en este lugar sagrado. El silencio, las velas, y las oraciones de peregrinos de todo el mundo nos recuerdan que Dios está cerca, que María intercede por nosotros, y que la fe sigue viva en el corazón de la Iglesia. Desde aquí continuaremos hacia el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Fatima en Portugal, donde Nuestra Señora llamó al mundo a la oración, la penitencia y la conversión. En el camino pasaremos por España, visitando Loyola, lugar de nacimiento de San Ignacio de Loyola, fundador de los Jesuitas. Su vida nos recuerda que Dios puede transformar nuestras heridas en misión.

También visitaremos Santiago de Compostela, uno de los destinos de peregrinación más importantes del mundo. ¿Por qué es tan significativo? Porque allí se veneran los restos del apóstol Santo Santiago, el Mayor. Durante siglos, miles de peregrinos han recorrido el Camino de Santiago buscando renovación espiritual, sanación y una relación más profunda con Dios.

Queridos hermanos, esta experiencia de peregrinación refleja profundamente el Evangelio de este domingo: el camino de los discípulos de Emaús (cf. Lucas 24:13-35). Dos discípulos caminaban tristes y desanimados. Sus esperanzas parecían destruidas por la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús. Habían escuchado sobre la Resurrección, pero todavía no podían comprender. Y entonces, Jesús camina con ellos. No lo reconocen al principio. Él escucha sus preocupaciones, sus dudas, sus miedos. Luego les explica las Escrituras, y poco a poco, sus corazones comienzan a arder.

Finalmente, al caer la tarde, le dicen: “Quédate con nosotros, porque ya es tarde y el día se acaba.” Y en la fracción del pan, lo reconocen. ¿Cuál es el significado de este Evangelio para nosotros?

Primero, nos recuerda que la vida es un camino. Como los discípulos, nosotros también pasamos por momentos de alegría y tristeza, de fe y de duda. A veces sentimos la cercanía de Dios, y otras veces parece distante. Pero la verdad es esta: Jesús siempre camina con nosotros, incluso cuando no lo reconocemos.

Segundo, este Evangelio nos enseña dónde encontramos al Señor resucitado: En la Palabra de Dios, que ilumina nuestro corazón. En la Eucaristía, en la fracción del pan. En la comunidad, caminando juntos en la fe. ¿Cuántas veces llegamos a Misa con preocupaciones y salimos con paz? Esa es la experiencia de Emaús. Tercero, los discípulos no se quedaron con esa experiencia. Regresaron inmediatamente a Jerusalén para anunciar la Buena Nueva. El encuentro con Cristo siempre nos impulsa a la misión.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ya sea que estemos en una peregrinación en Lourdes, caminando el Camino de Santiago, o viviendo nuestra vida diaria en Santa Elizabeth, todos estamos en camino hacia Dios. Preguntémosnos: ¿Reconozco a Jesús caminando conmigo cada día? ¿Le invito a quedarse conmigo, especialmente en los momentos difíciles? ¿Dejo que su Palabra y la Eucaristía transformen mi vida?

Mientras continúo esta peregrinación, les aseguro mis oraciones. Que sus corazones ardan con el amor de Cristo, que su fe se fortalezca, y que sus vidas sean un testimonio vivo de la Resurrección. Y que todos nosotros lleguemos un día a nuestro verdadero destino: no solo Lourdes o Santiago, sino el cielo que Dios ha preparado para nosotros.

Con mis oraciones y bendiciones desde Lourdes, a Dios sea la gloria por siempre. Amén.

✠ Monseñor Andy Ligot, Párroco



On April 1st, our church was deeply moved by a powerful and heart-wrenching Passion Play presented by the Hispanic Community of Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish in Santa Clara.

Through their beautiful and prayerful portrayal, we were reminded in a profound way of how much Jesus Christ suffered for us. His Passion and Death reveal the immense love of God, a love that paid the price of our redemption at so high a cost.

It was not simply a performance; it was an experience of prayer, reflection, and encounter. Many hearts were touched as we walked with the Lord in His suffering, betrayal, and ultimate sacrifice on the Cross.

Thank you to all who participated, organized, and gave their time and talent to make this presentation so meaningful. Your dedication has truly helped prepare our hearts.

What a grace-filled way to enter more deeply into this sacred time. This Passion Play served as a beautiful “retreat of the heart” as we now prepare to enter the Paschal Triduum beginning tomorrow evening on Holy Thursday.

Let us carry this spirit of reverence and gratitude with us as we journey with the Lord through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

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CON EL SEÑOR

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WILL YOU SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS?

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA
POR LAS VOCACIONES
PASARÍAS UNA HORA CON JESÚS?

OPENING MASS

English | Spanish | Vietnamese

with Fr. Eric Piczon

Friday, Apr 24, 7:00 PM

followed by a Procession with
the Blessed Sacrament

MISA DE APERTURA

Spanish

Celebrea Por Padre Eric Piczon

VIERNES 24 DE Abril, 7:00 PM

seguido de una Procesión con
el Santísimo Sacramento

CLOSING MASS

Spanish

with Bishop Oscar Cantú

Sunday, Apr 26, 10:00 AM

MISA DE CLAUSURA

Espanol

Celebrea Por El Excelentísimo

Obishop Oscar Cantú

Domingo, 26 DE Abril, 10:00 AM

-- SIGN UP FOR HOLY HOUR --

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 SCHEDULE

- 6:00AM ST. MARIA GORETTI | HOLY KOREAN MARTYRS | CHRIST THE KING
- 7:00AM ST. JOHN VIANNEY | ST. CYPRIAN | FIVE WOUNDS
- 9:00AM SANTA TERESA | OUR LADY OF REFUGE | HOLY FAMILY
- 10:00AM ST. FRANCIS CABRINI | SAN JOSE CHINESE CATHOLIC MISSION | QUEEN OF APOSTLES
- 11:00AM ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO | OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE | HOLY SPIRIT
- 12:00PM BROTHER ALBERT POLISH MISSION | OUR LADY OF LAVANG | ST TOMAS CANTERBURY
- 1:00PM ST. MARTIN OF TOURS | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | ST. ANTHONY
- 2:00PM ST. CHRISTOPHER | ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION | ST. JOSEPH MOUNTAIN VIEW
- 3:00PM ST. JULIE BILLIART | ST. MARY, LOS GATOS | ST. VICTOR
- 4:00PM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI | MOST HOLY TRINITY | CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
- 5:00PM SACRED HEART OF JESUS | ST. MARTIN SUNNYVALE | ST. SIMON
- 6:00PM CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION | HOLY CROSS | TAMIL COMMUNITY
- 7:00PM ST. ELIZABETH | OUR LADY OF PEACE | CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
- 8:00PM OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA | ST. ATANASIUS | ST JUSTIN
- 9:00PM CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOSEPH | ST. LEO | ST. LUCY



SUNDAY, APRIL 26 SCHEDULE

- 6:00AM ST. CLARE | ST. VICTOR
- 7:00AM ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, OUR LADY OF ROSARY & ST. ALBERT THE GREAT | ST. NICHOLAS & ST. WILLIAM
- 8:00AM ST. MARY, GILROY | ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
- 9:00AM ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR | IMACULATE HEART OF MARY ORATORY



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Statement On President Trump’s Social Media Remarks Regarding Pope Leo XIV

Apr 13, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the weekend, President Trump publicly attacked Pope Leo XIV on social media, calling the Holy Father “WEAK on Crime, and terrible for Foreign Policy.” Later, he posted an image of himself in a biblical robe, rays of light emanating from his hands, in what can only be described as a messianic self-portrait, which was deleted this morning. These actions are deeply disrespectful and offensive, not because they wound the Church’s pride, but because a sitting U.S. President is publicly mocking the Successor of Peter while apparently casting himself in divine terms. Pope Leo XIV is not a politician. He is the Vicar of Christ.

His voice does not rise from the chambers of government or the calculations of diplomacy. It rises from the Gospel, from the Beatitudes, where Christ himself declares: “*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God*” (Mt. 5:9). When the Holy Father speaks against war, when he calls for dialogue over destruction, when he pleads for the protection of civilians and the dignity of every human life, he is not entering a political debate. He is fulfilling his sacred duty as the Successor of Peter.

This is not new. This witness has been the voice of the papacy for generations.

Pope John XXIII, in his landmark encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, written at the height of the Cold War, called on all peoples and all nations to build a world order rooted in truth, justice, love, and freedom rather than military dominance. **Pope Paul VI** stood before the United Nations in 1965, as American combat forces were escalating in Vietnam, and declared with unmistakable urgency: “*No more war, war never again.*” **Pope John Paul II**, who knew firsthand the brutality of totalitarianism, traveled the world as a tireless apostle of peace, challenging every ideology that placed power above the dignity of the human person — including opposing the Gulf War and the invasion of Iraq. **Pope Benedict XVI** and **Pope Francis** continued in this same tradition without wavering.

From the very beginning of his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV has called for disarmament, dialogue, and the conversion of hearts as necessary conditions for a lasting peace. His voice has been consistent across every conflict, not merely this one. Last November, he called out by name the countries where Christians face discrimination and persecution — Nigeria, Bangladesh, Mozambique, Sudan — decrying frequent attacks on communities and places of worship and asking that “all violence may cease.” In January, as anti-government protesters were being killed in the streets of Tehran, Pope Leo lamented that “ongoing tensions continue to claim many lives” and prayed that “dialogue and peace may be patiently nurtured in pursuit of the common good of the whole of society.”

To call that weakness is to misunderstand or to deliberately distort what Jesus taught us.

I join my brother bishops in expressing my concern at the President’s words. Disagreement between the Church and any government is not new; such tensions have existed throughout history. But there is a way to engage those differences with respect for the office of the papacy and the dignity of dialogue. The remarks made this weekend fell far short of that standard.

Continue to pray, dear brothers and sisters, for our Holy Father, for our nation’s leaders, and for all those suffering in wars and conflicts across this wounded world. This is how we answer disrespect: not with anger, but with intercession. Not with contempt, but with the love that casts out fear.

Let us continue to join Pope Leo in praying for peace across the globe, our common home.

May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in all hearts.

Most Rev. Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San José

