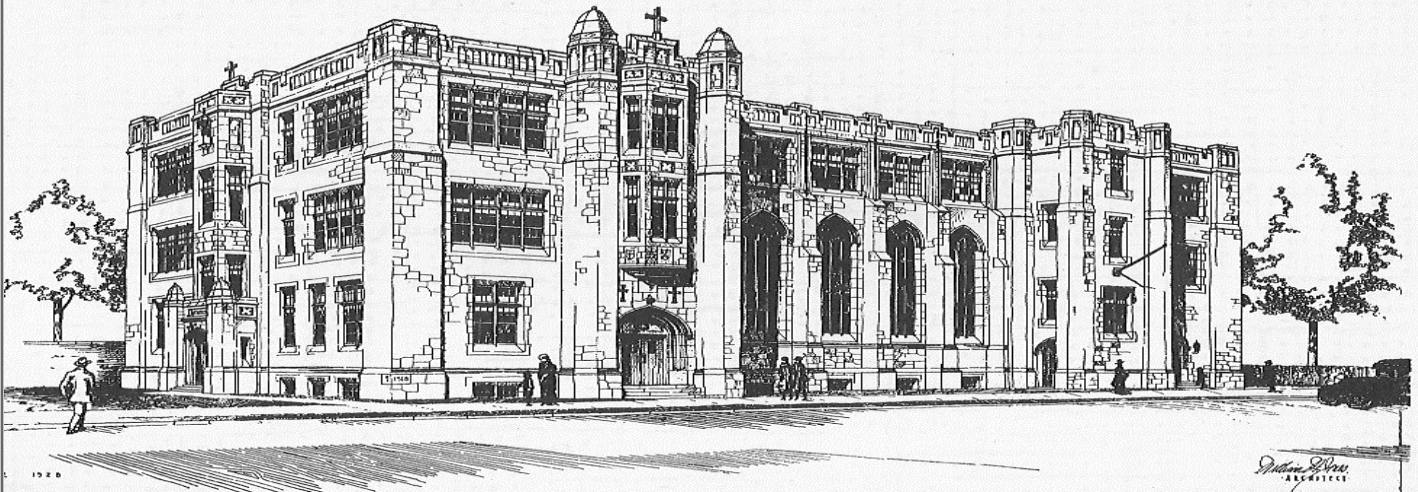


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2015

MASSES

Saturday—9:00 AM, 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday—8:00 AM (Spanish), 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM (Spanish) & 12:30 PM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM (Spanish), 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays - 4:00-4:30 PM,
during Office hours, or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Parents must be registered parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish and must attend a Baptism Preparation Conference before the child is baptized. Arrangements must be made two months in advance of the baptism date by speaking with the Priest or Deacon at the Church Rectory. Baptisms are held once a month in English and in Spanish following the 12:30 PM Mass.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements for the Sacrament of Matrimony must be made at least six months in advance of the date desired. At least one of the parties must be officially registered as a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Parish. All engaged couples must attend marriage preparation sessions. Please make an appointment with the Priest or the Deacon in the Church Rectory Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: All children who attend public school must be enrolled in the parish religious education program in order to receive the sacraments. Classes are held on Saturday mornings and each child must be registered. You may call the Religious Education Office for further information.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
First Fridays, 12:00 PM

ADULT SACRAMENTAL

PREPARATION: Classes are held for adults who wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Classes are held each week in English as well as in Spanish. Please call the Church Office or the Religious Education Office for further information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Every family in the parish should be properly registered. New Parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory as soon as possible. If you are moving, please notify the Rectory.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Tuesdays after the 8:00 AM Mass (Spanish) and after the 9:00 AM Mass (English)

PARISH WEB SITE: visit our web page @
www.blessedsacramentbx.org

PLEASE REMEMBER BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, BRONX, NY IN YOUR WILL

CHURCH OFFERING: We greatly appreciate your weekly donations to the parish. The collections for the weeks of April 12, 2015 amounted to \$3,436.00 Thank you for your generosity.

INCREASED GIVING CAMPAIGN: As we continue to SHARE OUR GIFTS through participating in the increased giving campaign of the parish, we are building a much better future for the parish. The success of our campaign to increase the weekly income of the parish continues to show success. So far the contributions continue to be consistent with the amounts that the parishioners have pledged. During these very difficult economic times, it is understandable that all cannot participate. Please be assured that whatever amount you are able to contribute is of help to the parish. **All who have made a pledge to increase their weekly contributions are encouraged to continue to do so. There is much that is yet to be accomplished in the parish and your increased financial contributions will make this a reality.**

UPCOMING EVENTS - PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS
 April 19, 2015 - Venta Cenáculo (Bake Sale)
 May 16, 2015 - Confirmation Mass 5:00pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: The Easter season is a time of mystagogy. Mystagogy is an ancient word that simply means "unfolding the mysteries." During the Easter season, the Church unfolds the mysteries of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection so that the newly baptized, along with the entire community of believers, can grasp more fully the meaning of the paschal mystery. Today's scriptures offer a lesson in mystagogy for us all. Jesus' place in salvation history is recounted by Saint Peter in the first reading and interpreted by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage. Like students who sit at the feet of their master, let us gather around the table of God's word, asking God to open our hearts and minds to a renewed sense of the meaning of the paschal mystery in our lives.



*Everything written
 about me
 must be fulfilled*



SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE: One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third

Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.

SUNDAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 The crowds who listened to Saint Peter could very well take offense: "You put to death the Author of life." It could be very easy for these people to protest that Peter was dealing in sweeping generalizations. But Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, takes care to emphasize that he is speaking of what he has heard and seen. His witness changes hearts.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a We look for consistency between what a person says and what she does. The First Letter of John likewise stresses that a profession of faith in Jesus must be accompanied by a fashioning of one's life which makes it plains where one's heart is settled.

Gospel Introduction: Luke 24:35-48 The presence of God in our life is not meant to leave us trembling with fright. Quite the opposite: God comes to give us peace, assuring us of his love for us as we are. We hear now how the risen Jesus, human just as his friends are human, has calmed the insecure.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: With the Easter season well under way, we now resume our survey of the sacrament of the sick. The pastoral care of the sick will be misunderstood if we start from the vantage point of the sickroom. Begin with the Sunday assembly, from which the sick person has been separated by the crisis of illness, and whose absence is given expression in prayer and service. The goal is to extend the consolation of the Lord's presence at the table to those who are apart from it, and for the assembly to enfold them in prayer. Secondly, the goal is to teach people what the Church desires for all those who are sick. Seeing ministers dispatched to the sick from Mass every Sunday might help a caregiver realize that their dear one can also receive Communion. Witnessing the anointing of a woman facing surgery might help another person to overcome hesitation and ask for the sacrament's healing and strength. Society's impulse may be to marginalize the sick, but the tradition of our community is to see them at the center of our life. When Roman persecutors ordered St. Lawrence the Deacon to hand over the jewels of the church, he assembled a motley crew of the sick and the infirm and announced with all humility, "Behold, my lord, the treasures of the church of Christ."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- TUESDAY:** Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- WEDNESDAY:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- THURSDAY:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- FRIDAY:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- SATURDAY:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- SUNDAY:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

FEAST OF SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST (4/25/2015): Saturday

is the feast of St. Mark the evangelist, Martyr. This gospel writer is believed to have been a disciple of St. Peter, the apostle. According to some patristic traditions, he is believed to have been the rich young man mentioned in the Gospel as well as the young man that ran away naked during Jesus' arrest. St. Mark the Evangelist is represented with a symbol of a Lion, among the four Gospel writers.



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Gene Lacorbiniere
Helen Anthony
Juan & Melissa Valdez
Gladys & Fernando Stgo
María Cristina León
Michelle Reyes
Isabel Soza e Isabel Elter
Lisa Rivera
Jacob Thompson
Dolores Dávila

Domenica Liggio
Andrea Ortiz
Cleofe Morales
Marcos Cuevas
Florene Scott
Audrey Ávila
Encarnación Lugo
Johnny López
Nicolasa Fernández
Ofelia Álvarez
Raúl Rivera

Trinidad Vargas
Edward Victoria
Stephanie Merenda
Christian Tobar
Antonia Pérez
Altagracia Vázquez
Ángel Luis Rodríguez
Marisol Singer
Bernice Jones
Juan Torres
Bernie Hamilton



MONDAY:

8:00AM +SARA RAQUEL PÉREZ
9:00AM +JESUS ROMAN

TUESDAY:

8:00AM +RAFAEL VARGAS
9:00AM +OLGA OJEDA ST. CLAIRE

WEDNESDAY:

8:00AM +ANGELA SOTO
9:00AM PRO POPULO

THURSDAY:

8:00AM
9:00AM +IRMA TORRES COLON

FRIDAY:

8:00AM +MARÍA GUILLEN FADUL
9:00AM

SATURDAY:

9:00AM +MARÍA IRMA TORRES
5:00PM +MARTA ROSARIO

SUNDAY:

8:00AM THANKSGIVING (KATHERINE'S 7TH BIRTHDAY)
9:30AM +EUGENIO, JUSTINA Y VICTOR TORRES
11:00AM +PEDRO BERRIOS & MIEMBROS DIFUNTOS
12:30PM +AIDA RODRIGUEZ, BERNARDO GARCIA, ELBA GUTIERREZ

CONTRIBUCIÓN A LA IGLESIA: Estamos muy agradecidos por su generosa contribución que hacen a nuestra parroquia semanalmente. Las colectas total de la semana del 12 de abril de 2015 fue de \$3,436.00 Gracias por su generosidad.

CARTA DEL PASTOR: El tiempo de Pascua es un tiempo de mistagogia. Mistagogia es una palabra antigua, que simplemente significa "iniciar o introducir en los misterios". Durante el tiempo de Pascua la Iglesia despliega los misterios de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo a fin de que los recién bautizados, así como toda la comunidad de creyentes, puedan entender más de lleno el significado del misterio pascual.

Las Escrituras de hoy nos ofrecen a todos nosotros una lección de mistagogia. El lugar de Jesús en la historia de la salvación lo recuenta san Pedro en la primera lectura y lo interpreta el mismo Jesús en el pasaje del Evangelio. Como los estudiantes que se sientan a los pies de su maestro, reunámonos alrededor de la mesa de la Palabra de Dios y pidámosle que abra nuestro corazón y nuestra mente para tener un sentido renovado del significado del misterio pascual en nuestra vida.



Todo lo escrito acerca de mi debe cumplirse

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LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA DOMINICAL: Hechos 3:13-15; 17

-19; Salmo 4; 1 Juan 2:1-5a; Lucas 24: 35-48 La historia del Evangelio de hoy nos habla sobre otra aparición de Jesús resucitado; esta vez Lucas nos da su perspectiva. Jesús cree que es importante explicarles las Escrituras a sus discípulos una vez mas, para que ellos puedan comprender y aceptar lo que a el le ha sucedido. Dejemos nosotros también que nuestra mente se abre a las Escrituras cuando escuchemos hoy la sagrada palabra de Dios.

SABOREA LA EXPERIENCIA:

Una de las cosas maravillosas sobre las vacaciones es que después de nuestro regreso nos pasamos dos o tres semanas saboreando la experiencia, compartiendo las fotos y recuerdos con nuestra familia y amistades. Esta clase de reflexión nos vincula nuevamente a la experiencia original y nos hacer volver a vivir el descanso y las maravillas que la vacación nos proporcionó. Hoy, el Tercer Domingo de Pascua, la Iglesia nos da la bendición de unos recordatorios de lo que celebramos hace dos domingos. Las tres lecturas son reflexiones del significado de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Uno de los hilos que unen a estas reflexiones es que el propósito del sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección del Señor fue para salvarnos y perdonar nuestros pecados. Tenemos cincuenta días para contemplar esta realidad –cincuenta días para saborear la experiencia de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo por nosotros.



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE:

Los cristianos somos ¡testigos de Cristo resucitado! Testimoniamos todo lo relacionado con Jesús de Nazaret quien murió en una cruz, fue sepultado y resucitó al tercer día. Debemos ser personas que cantan y gritan ¡Resucitó, Aleluya! Tan importante es la resurrección de Cristo que, mientras tenemos cuarenta días de Cuaresma hay cincuenta días de Pascua en el calendario cristiano. Durante esta época, domingo tras domingo mediante la proclamación del Evangelio se nos transmiten escenas de Cristo, quien cada ocho días se aparecía a sus discípulos confirmando cada Domingo que en verdad había resucitado, instruyéndolos para que pudieran ser verdaderos testigos de su resurrección. Y ¿tú? ¿Cuán buen testigo eres? Un buen testigo da testimonio de lo que ha visto, escuchado y experimentado. Para ser testigo de Cristo hay que verlo, escucharlo y experimentarlo. La Iglesia nos da la oportunidad de verlo, escucharlo y experimentarlo diariamente, en especial durante el domingo. Esto es posible sólo si durante la semana vives con el corazón abierto. Abierto para ver, escuchar y experimentar a Jesús en tu hogar, en tu trabajo, entre tus parientes y amistades.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

LUNES: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118):23-24, 26-30; Jn 6:22-29
MARTES: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
MIÉRCOLES: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
JUEVES: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
VIERNES: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
SÁBADO: 1 Pe 5:5b-14; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mc 16:15-20
DOMINGO: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18