

Weekend Announcements

Pre-Appeal Weekend of April 14/15

General Intercessions

Celebrant: Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the Church and the world.

Deacon/Lector: For all in the Church to recognize Christ in everyone they meet, we pray to the Lord.

- For a growing appreciation for the dignity and worth of every person and an end to human trafficking and slavery, we pray to the Lord.
- For those who dedicate their lives to spreading the Good News of the risen Lord in missions throughout the world, we pray to the Lord
- For all who were baptized during our Easter celebrations and all infants and children who will be baptized this Easter season, as they grow in faith and are nurtured in the love of their families, we pray to the Lord.
- For our Church family, for an openness to respond to the call to be Witnesses of God's Love by sharing the abundance we've received from our generous Father, especially in support to the Diocesan Catholic Appeal, we pray to the Lord.
- For eternal life and shared resurrection for all our beloved dead, we pray to the Lord.

Bulletin Announcements

In today's Gospel the disciples witnessed the Resurrected Christ. Like them, we are called to be Witnesses of God's Love, acknowledging God's love and sharing it with others. This year, Bishop Robert Coerver asks us to be Witnesses of God's Love by joining all the parishes of the diocese in making a commitment to support the work of our diocese through the annual Diocesan Catholic Appeal (DCA). Next weekend we will ask you to financially support programs and ministries such as medical and retirement expenses for the 18 retired priests of the diocese and ongoing Catechetical training for Religious Education teachers. Before you make a gift, reflect on God's Love in your life. When you make a pledge or a gift next week towards the DCA, have it be in gratitude for God's unwavering love.

Pulpit Announcements

Next week we are invited to be Witnesses of God's Love by making a commitment to the Diocesan Catholic Appeal. The DCA supports the work of the Catholic Church in the 62 parishes throughout West Texas. By joining the faithful of the Diocese of Lubbock in being **Witnesses of God's Love**, we further the mission and ministry of the Universal Church. Please take a copy of the DCA brochure home with you today, read it, and prayerfully reflect on how you have witnessed God's love and how you are called to be examples of God's love through generosity to our diocesan Church. We pray you have experienced God's love in a way that deserves abundant thanksgiving. Please bring that act of thanksgiving with you next Sunday when you come to Mass and commit to the DCA. Thank you.

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Appeal Sunday

Weekend of April 21/22

General Intercessions

Celebrant: We place our needs and the needs of the world at the feet of our Good Shepherd.

Deacon/Lector: May the shepherds of the Church listen with compassion and charity to those in their flock and guide with humility and grace, we pray to the Lord.

- May government leaders recognize their responsibilities in caring for the people entrusted to their care, especially the most vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.
- May the faith of all the newly baptized lead them to do the works that Jesus did, we pray to the Lord.
- May men and women of all ages heed the Good Shepherd's call to ordained or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.
- May all of us as members of the the Diocese of Lubbock family recognize and share our Witness of God's Love, in offering a gift to the Diocesan Catholic Appeal, we pray to the Lord.
- May all of our departed brothers and sisters be returned to the eternal fold of the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord.

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Today our annual commitments to the Diocesan Catholic Appeal are being offered throughout the Diocese of Lubbock. The DCA gives us the opportunity to be Witnesses of God's Love, as we act together as a diocesan family by supporting programs and services no parish alone can offer on its own, such as formation for our deacons, continuing education for our clergy and education of our seminarians. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Diocesan Catholic Appeal. Our goal this year is to have 100 percent participation. In order to achieve this, each of you is asked to give in an act of love for all that God has done for you.

Pulpit Announcements

If you did not return your Diocesan Catholic Appeal commitment in the offertory today, please take the form home and prayerfully consider what you can commit to support the educational, spiritual, and outreach services offered by our diocese, as well as provide for the education and formation of our priests, deacons and seminarians. These programs and ministries serve people in ways that we as an individual parish could never do alone. Our parish goal is 100 percent participation. Thank you.

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Follow Up Sunday

Weekend of April 28/29

General Intercessions

Celebrant: Jesus is the Way to the Father, because He is Truth and Life. Let us then bring our needs to God through him.

Deacon/Lector: That those who have never heard the Gospel may hear it and put their faith in the word of the Lord, we pray to the Lord...

- For all who serve as deacons and those preparing to be deacons, that they may grow in the spirit of service, we pray to the Lord...

- That we, the People God claims as His own, may bear witness that He alone has the authority to give and take human life, we pray to the Lord...

- That we may answer the call to be Witnesses of God's Love by making stewardship a way of life in our parish and the diocese through the Diocesan Catholic Appeal, we pray to the Lord...

- For our brothers and sisters in hospitals and nursing homes, and for the people who care for them, we pray to the Lord...

- That all those whom God has called from this world may enjoy the peace and life of the world to come, we pray to the Lord...

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A blessed thank you to everyone who returned a commitment form this past weekend in support of the Diocesan Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is 100 percent participation. Each and every person's gift is important. For those who have not made a commitment, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Lubbock, such as seminarian education and Marriage, Family and Youth Ministry. Your gift to the Diocesan Catholic Appeal supports the ministries and services in this diocese from which you and this parish benefit. Simply fill out a commitment envelope and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Diocesan Catholic Appeal.

Pulpit Announcements

Thank you to the N. families who made a commitment to the Witnesses of God's Love Diocesan Catholic Appeal last weekend. If you have not yet completed a commitment form, please prayerfully consider doing so. It is not too late. Your gift can make a real difference in the lives of so many who are supported by our diocesan programs in education, spirituality and outreach. Commitment forms and envelopes are available (state location). They may be placed in the offertory, brought to the parish office or mailed directly to the diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

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