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Greetings,

What beautiful Holy Week and Easter celebrations we had last weekend! The music was great, the church wonderfully decorated, and your participation was incredible. Great Triduum liturgies are the result of months of planning and practicing and rely on the commitment of many who share not only their faith, but their time and talents to make these three great days so powerful and prayerful. The hours involved as well as the total number of individuals needed to minister during these three sacred days are incredible. We are grateful to all the priests, deacons, RCIA team members, liturgical ministers and musicians who made our celebrations so rich.

Thank you to our talented Art & Environment Committee led by parishioner Heidi Drescher who decorated for all the different liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday in both the Church and the school. They spent many hours planning, executing, and helping out behind the scenes so the liturgies went as well as they did. Thank you for creating such wonderful spaces to help us prayerfully reflect on the mysteries we celebrated.

To the over 200 lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion, ushers, sacristans and altar servers a big THANK YOU! Your assistance and help was invaluable. A special thank you to John Kravcik who coordinates the ushers.

To Jessica Koch, our Director of Music, our musicians, choirs, and cantors: a huge thank-you for the uplifting and inspiring music which set just the right tone for each of our liturgies. Thank you for helping us to "pray twice" by leading us in singing.

Many thanks to our Plant Manager, Frank DiPompeo, and our dedicated maintenance staff who helped with setup in the church and school. A special thank you goes out to Andy Mola who assisted Heidi and her team.

Our appreciation is also extended to the Altar Committee. This busy group washes and irons the liturgical linens used at Mass as well as helps with dusting and cleaning in church year round.

As always, we are looking to constantly improve your liturgical experiences, so we welcome any feedback you have about Lent and the Triduum at St. John of the Cross Parish. Please take a few moments to complete a short survey on our website.

I hope I haven't overlooked anyone in expressing our appreciation. If you were one of the silent helpers who assisted in any way that may have gone unnoticed--please accept our deepest thanks. It is only through everyone doing their part and helping out in whatever way they can that St. John of the Cross is the great parish that it is.

God Bless
Jim Clauer
Director of Worship
You say you “believe” every Sunday as you recite the Creed. But do you know what you’re saying you “believe” in? Do the truths of the faith—listed in the Creed—really permeate your life? Learn how these ancient truths contain the promise of peace, joy and happiness for our lives.

Anyone wishing to join this 12-week study on the first of the four Pillars of the Catechism: The Creed please call the Parish Center. This program began last week but you can still join the group without a problem.

**Thursdays**

1:30pm or 7pm in the Parish Center

Call the Parish Center to register.
The next session will be on Thursday, April 18.

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**Seasons of Hope**

**Bereavement Prayer Group**

6 Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
April 11 through May 16th
Parish Center
Facilitators: Andrea Gagliani and Kathleen Broderick

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed, and they shall be comforted. **Seasons of Hope** offers the bereaved an opportunity to share in God’s love. Sessions will explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. If you’re in need of consolation after losing a loved one, join us. **Come and be comforted. All are welcome.**

For more information pick up a **Seasons of Hope** pamphlet at the exits or the kiosk in church. Call Andrea at 708-246-1520 to register or you have any questions.

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**Adult Formation Program**

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**Young Adults**

How can our Church be more effective in reaching out to young adults and in integrating your presence, talent and faith into the local parishes? What are some of your key issues and concerns when it comes to Faith and Religion?

“**Encountering Christ**” is a gathering for all young adults with Cardinal George. It will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Church Hall at Old St. Mary’s Church, 1500 S. Michigan Ave. on the near south side of Chicago. It is easily accessible and offers free parking.

“Encountering Christ” will be a great opportunity for young adults to share with the Cardinal some of the needs and concerns that young adults have in the Catholic Church. The Cardinal will be with us from 1-3 p.m.

Let’s meet, pray, brainstorm, and let our voice be heard. All young adults welcome.
Living the Gospel

What did the disciples see that brought them to rejoice? His wounds assured them that this was the Jesus they had seen die, the Jesus with whom they had walked the roads of Galilee, the Jesus with whom they had eaten, the Jesus who taught and encouraged them. His wounds established his identity. His tangible presence in their midst assured them that the Jesus they see now is the familiar Jesus they know; he has come back from death to new life. Yet this Jesus is also different; his presence to the disciples established his risen identity.

Today the church brings the presence of the risen Jesus to others, and we are the church. Perhaps not in stupendous ways, but in our own simple, everyday acts we, too, do what Jesus did. Faithful disciples are Jesus’ persistent presence in today’s world. We do as Jesus did. We forgive when we see and treat someone who has hurt us as the risen Christ. We preach when we share with our young ones the gospels and the Christian way to live a Gospel life. We teach when we live in ways which clearly put the other ahead of ourselves, ways which speak of self-sacrificing for the good of others. We heal when we touch others physically or emotionally or psychologically, helping them realize that they are not alone but have a community to support and encourage them. It’s in the moment-by-moment everyday things—even changing a diaper with a caress or being more patient with the inevitable endless bother of everyday nitty-gritty living—that we witness that we have seen the Lord. God doesn’t ask us to be heroes in our witnessing to resurrection faith and bringing Jesus’ presence to others. God only asks that we be as alive to new, Easter life as was the Jesus who showed the disciples his hands and side.

Closing Prayers:

May we grow into the fullness of life promised to those who believe.

May we witness to risen life through the good works we do.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection:

· I see the risen Christ in these persons . . . I show the risen presence of Christ to others when I . . .

· For me, new and risen life is . . .

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Year of Sunday Mass:

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we hear, as we do every Sunday, the words “This is the chalice of my blood...which will be poured out for you...for the forgiveness of sins...”

Do I truly hear and really heed the words of God’s mercy that are spoken to me?

Do these words make a difference?

Living Liturgy

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

Witness

When we celebrate Sunday Mass together, we fulfill a weighty responsibility that we have for the whole world. Saint Paul told the Corinthians, and this applies to us as well: “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Corinthians 11:26). We proclaim and we give witness to the Lord’s death. But to whom do we proclaim and to whom do we give witness?

No matter the size of the congregation or the grandeur (or simplicity) of the ritual, when we believers gather on Sunday to celebrate Mass, we offer the world witness to something that the world desperately needs. We speak to a world broken and divided by sin and death. We proclaim the power of the Lord’s death to heal our wounds and to forgive our sins. We witness hope.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. Psalm 118

Readings for the Week

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**Meditation by Richard Rohr**

**Jesus and “the Christ” Are Not Exactly the Same**

Jesus is the microcosm; Christ is the macrocosm. There is a movement from Jesus to the Christ that you and I have to imitate and walk, as well. A lot of us have so fallen in love with the historical Jesus that we worship him as such and stop right there. We never really follow the same full journey that he made, which is the death and resurrection journey—Jesus died and Christ rose.

Unless we make the same movement that Jesus did—from his one single life to his risen and transformed state (John 12:24)—we probably don’t really understand, experientially, what we mean by the Christ—and how we are part of that deal! This is why he said, “Follow me.” The Jesus that you and I participate in and are graced by and redeemed by is the risen Jesus who has become the Christ (Acts 2:36), which is an inclusive statement about all of us and all of creation too. Stay with this startling truth in the days ahead, and it will rearrange your mind and heart, and change the way you read the entire New Testament. Paul understood this to an amazing degree, which is why he almost always talks about “Christ” and hardly ever directly quotes “Jesus.” It is rather shocking once you realize it.

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**Hear God’s Call to the Priesthood**

Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Is God calling you to “see” what is in your heart? Is He calling you to discern a vocation? For more info about priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. For info on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or eramirez@archchicago.org. and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4562 or bpuhala@usml.edu.

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**Ongoing Scripture Study**

All are invited.

- Spiritual Journaling Group
  - Mondays, 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center
- Sunday Scripture Study with Sr. Josephine
  - Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- Focus on the Sunday Scriptures
  - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.
- Study of The Creed
  - Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.
- Little Rock Scripture Study
  - Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

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**SJC Meditation Times**

11th Step Meditation, Mondays 10:30am
Wednesdays 2pm
Wednesdays 7:30pm
Saturdays 7am
In Parish Center

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mondays 2:30-9pm in church

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**The Rosary**

Pray the Rosary daily before and after 7:45 a.m. Mass and Saturday, before and after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Mary Chapel. A rosary group, “Tuesdays with Mary,” meets each Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the church or the Mary Garden during warmer weather months.

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**Save the Date**

Join us for a Beloved Retreat at the Carmelite Center in Darien
October 11-13, 2013
Pictured on the right is Ed Usonis, parishioner of SJC, at our sharing parish, St. Mark. Once again Ed donated hams to be given to people in need at our sharing parishes. (Ed has provided hams, turkeys and the trimmings to our sharing parishes and others for the last five years at Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays.) Thank you Ed for all you do on our behalf.

Thank You from our Sharing Parish
St. Barbara…

Dear Parishioners,
The St. Barbara Pastoral Care extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone for remembering our Pantry with your generous donation of food.
The families using our food pantry continue to seek our help. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to care for our neighbors and respond to their requests for assistance.
Thank you again for your generosity. Wishing you all a lovely Spring filled with hope.

Sincerely,
Sister Margaret Halligan
Director
St. Barbara Pastoral Care

Interfaith Career Network
Job Support Workshop
Tuesday, April 16, 7-9 p.m.
FPCLG, La Grange, IL

Learn How to Leverage
The Power of LinkedIn
Thursday, April 18, 7-9 p.m.
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
Meetings are open to all and there is no cost to attend.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org
CALLERD EVENTS:
April 14 Home Group Mtgs
April 28 Spring Mass 5pm & activities after
May 5 final Home Group Meetings
May 19 Leaders Meeting 6-8pm
June 6 6:30-8:30pm Work Tour Mtg

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Jesus met the disciples in the locked room and said to them, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”
Because the disciples took this mission and went out giving of themselves and serving, we know Jesus today.
Consider how YOU are being sent to serve others, share God’s Word and help others know Jesus!
Who better to share your faith with than our impressionable, engaging, joyful, open teenagers?
Here are summer opportunities for adults to share their faith, serve alongside teens and be sent out:
* Two adults for OLC local trip June 10-14 (daily commute to Cicero, no overnight)
* One adult needed for OLPF trip Aug 8-13 (be a part of their 50th anniversary)
If this is not for you, but you believe you have a gift to share please contact Katie to get information regarding opportunities in the fall!
708-246-4404
khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

CONFERENCE & WORK TOUR
spots are available for teens!
pick-up an application form in the Parish Center office or download from our website
www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/service
REGISTER ASAP as final deadlines for conferences are at the end of April!
Openings on trips:
OLC trip June 10-14, ND Vision June 17-21
YLC June 28-30, Habitat July 7-13
OLPH Aug. 8-13
You never know who or WHAT you’ll meet while taking a summer adventure!

Ev & Al found a life-sized donkey in storage at OLC!

Calling All Parents, Teens, and Young Adults! Today
Please join us for an opportunity to understand the emotional well-being of your adolescents/young adults!
Dr. Patricia Seghers, PhD, LCSW will be raising awareness
St. Cletus Parish’s Morrissey Hall, 700 W. 56th St. LaGrange, IL
SUNDAY April 7th from 3:00 – 5:00pm

Please contact Kristen Maxwell, youth minister, with any questions
708) 215-5419 or kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com.
Youth Catechesis

Registration Fair

Remember!! Register your children for 2013-2014

Stop by the School Multi-Purpose Room and Register in 3 easy steps on

Sunday, April 14th from 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Monday, April 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

1. Check and update pre-printed family registration form
2. Choose session and volunteer on back of form and sign
3. Pay tuition (partial or full) by credit card*, check or cash

*Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted. Convenience fee will be added to cover cost of credit card use.

1 - 2 - 3 It’s that easy!!

If you are adding new children to your form, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate, if they were not baptized at SJC.

Save $10 on YC fees by registering at the Registration Fair April 14-15

Sunday, April 14
8:30-Noon

and

Monday, April 15
5:30-7:30 pm

Save $10

SIGN UP for YC

and see the growth

VBS!
JULY
8-12

Register for VBS at the Fair!

YC Schedule

Classes K-6
10:15-11:30am Sunday, April 7, 14, 21, 28,
6:15-7:30pm Monday, April 8, 15, 22, 29
Home Groups and Special Needs Sunday, April 7, 21
Family Faith Connections Sunday, April 7 ~ Noon-1:30

Join us for our final YC Mass, Sunday April 28th at 9:00 am

Call the YC office at 708-246-6760

www.stjohnofthecross.org

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The SJC Men’s Club
invites all men of the parish to a morning with
Attorney and Catholic Church Historian Dan Cheely
“Five Crises in the Catholic Church—When It Almost Did Not Survive”
Saturday, April 13, 9:00am-10:30am
Light morning refreshments will be served

Dan Cheely is a Chicago based attorney and father of 9 brought up in an Italian-American family in Melrose Park. He hosts a monthly roundtable on Church History (for over 25 years). Dan has been active in public, charitable, political and cultural affairs, and has often been requested to provide a historical perspective on matters of social and cultural interest. In this capacity, he has been interviewed by The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, Newsweek, Chicago Magazine, Relevant Radio, other local radio, and on public television for "Chicago Tonight."

Women's Club Spring Fellowship and Fundraiser!
April 24th from 7:30-9:30
Hillgrove Wine Cellar
$35 per person includes a wine tasting, cheese and light appetizers
10% of wine bottle sales and 15% wine case sales will go to SJC Women's Club
A Taste of Western Springs Raffle will include items from area merchants.
Drop your reservation off at the Parish Center (include your name and email address on check or envelope) or deliver to Denise Schullo at 4709 Wolf Rd (246-0254)

Help Us Raise Some Dough!
Women's Club HomeMade Pizza Company Fundraiser
Tuesday, April 30th
Hinsdale HomeMade Pizza Company
More details can be found on the Women's Club page of the SJC Website

Book Drive for Our Lady of Charity School
The Women's Club will be holding a book drive to benefit our newest sharing parish, Our Lady of Charity School (OLC) in Cicero. This school continues to grow and prosper in enrollment as well as spirit, despite declining funding. We will be asking parishioners to stop in the narthex of church the weekends of April 13, 14, 20, 21 and 27 & 28. The drive will work similar to Share Christmas, where you stop in the narthex, receive a specific title to purchase/donate off of the OLC teachers wish lists, and return it to the parish center on or before May 8th. Don't have time to shop? Be an Our Lady of Charity Book Angel and send in a donation! Envelopes will be available in the parish center and back of church to send in donations. Come and help a young catholic child READ! Questions? Want to receive a title to donate now? Contact Colleen Pabst at 708-246 4014 or mahoney5674@yahoo.com.

18th Annual Flower Sale
See Back two pages of the bulletin.

Mom’s Club
Please join us for a Mom’s Only discussion on April 12th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Babysitting will be provided while we meet with Kirk Kriekemeier, CPF,CFA,FSA to talk about financial planning. All mothers of young children are welcome to attend.

Keep us in mind as you clear out your attic, garage and basement this spring.

40th Annual Garage Sale
Saturday, June 22nd

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Fr. William Mannion, a former associate pastor of St. John of the Cross Parish, is recovering from a serious surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his left cheek. He will begin a round of radiation therapy in mid-April. He has asked for our prayers. He is currently living at Our Lady of Hope rectory and will remain there during his treatment. If you would like to send cards or notes the address is:

Fr. William Mannion
Our Lady of Hope Church
9711 Devon Avenue
Rosemont, IL  60018

Have your Petitions taken to the Lourdes Shrine
Next month some of our parishioners who are members of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a Catholic lay religious order, will be making their annual pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine at Lourdes, France where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Bernadette.

You may participate in this prayerful experience by having your petitions placed at the Shrine by this group. Drop off or send your typed petitions or intentions in a sealed envelope to the Parish Center before April 25th. Mark the outside of the envelope: Lourdes Petitions. Envelopes will not be opened. To receive an acknowledgement of when your petition was presented (usually as part of a Mass celebrated before the Grotto) please include your name, address and zip code on the envelope.

Reflections on my 2012 Lourdes Pilgrimage
Last May, my sister and I attended a week long pilgrimage to Lourdes, France offered by the Order of Malta. The closest comparison I can make to the joy I experienced is that of the childlike wonder of a perpetual Christmas morning. We traced the steps to the Grotto where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. I, like others with mobility issues, was transported via a rickshaw like cart, which was pulled by an Order of Malta volunteer. I remember watching the legs of my “puller,” a prostate cancer survivor, step in march-like fashion to move me up steep inclines in the hilly town. So maybe when I face some steeper “hills,” I need to lift my legs a little higher and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. I am grateful to have received so much goodness, grace and caring both in France and at home where a team of friends kept things going in my absence. Lastly, I remember my sister’s response to me when I cited all of the things that could prevent us from taking the trip: “If Our Lady wants us to go, we will go.” Her trust in the Blessed Mother and her sharing this pilgrimage with me serve as a constant inspiration to “Let go and let God.”

Peace, Ann Marie Calistro

First Communion Children’s Choir
All children of the parish from 1st – 8th grade, are invited to sing at any one of the 1st Communions. The Communions are on May 4th and May 11th at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested is asked to come to a rehearsal on either Wednesday, April 24th or Thursday, April 25th, from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. in the church.

Questions?  Contact Ann Bourjaily-Maney at (708)246-4171 or bourjman@sbcglobal.net

This Week at SJC

Monday, April 8  School Resumes
9:00 a.m.  Bridges Group Continues!
10:30 a.m.  Step 11 Christian Meditation
12:00 p.m.  Washington Trip Meeting
1:00 p.m.  Little Rock
2:30 p.m.  Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m.  Spiritual Journaling

Tuesday, April 9
9:30 a.m.  Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
1:30 p.m.  Sr. Josephine’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m.  RCIA
7:00 p.m.  SJC Teacher Recognition Trust
7:30 p.m.  Boy Scouts Troop 117

Wednesday, April 10
9:30 a.m.  Bible Study
1:00 p.m.  Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:00 p.m.  Christian Meditation
6:45 p.m.  Tiger Scouts
7:30 p.m.  Christian Meditation

Thursday, April 11
6:30 p.m.  Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Friday, April 12
9:00 a.m.  Mom’s Club
1:00 p.m.  8th Grade Retreat

Saturday, April 13
7:00 a.m.  Christian Meditation
9:00 a.m.  Men’s Club Speaker

Sunday, April 14
4:00 p.m.  Cooking for BEDS
From the Bible to casinos, seven is often considered to be a magical, perfect, and lucky number. Jesus told us to forgive those who hurt us seventy times seven times. Clearly he meant that to mean infinity. Genesis speaks of the seven days of creation, scripture speaks of seven archangels, and the Book of Revelation speaks of the Seven Seals of Revelation. The Bible is saturated with the number seven. It would take several pages just to list the references.

What is true for the Christian Bible is paralleled elsewhere: There are seven lucky gods of good fortune in Japanese mythology, and the Buddhists believe that Buddha walked seven steps at his birth. In Judaism, there are seven days of mourning, the weekly Torah is divided into seven special sections, there are seven blessings recited at a Jewish wedding, the Jewish bride and groom are feasted for seven days, and there are seven primary emotions attributed to God. In the Islamic tradition, there are seven heavens and seven earths, seven fires in hell, seven doors to heaven, and seven doors to hell.

And then there are these facts connected to the number seven: There are seven continents in the world, seven colors to the rainbow, seven days in a week, seven basic musical notes, seven stars in the Big Dipper, and seven celestial bodies visible to the naked eye. Seven is the calling code for telephones in Russia. In North America, major-leagues baseball, basketball, and hockey all decide their final championships through a seven-game series, and seven is the jersey number chosen by many elite athletes, including Mickey Mantle. Casinos too like the number seven. Lining up a row of sevens is the route to many a jackpot.

Jesus, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, nature, the measurement of our weeks, Russian telephone codes, major league sports, Mickey Mantle, and casinos - now that's an audience! It's no accident that there are lots of lists of "sevens":

For example: we have all kinds of theological and church-lists of seven:

Christian theology speaks of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Council, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Of Seven Deadly Sins: Pride, Envy, Wrath, Sloth (Acedia), Greed, Gluttony, and Lust; and of Seven Corresponding Heavenly Virtues: Humility, Kindness, Patience, Diligence, Charity, Temperance, and Chastity. It also speaks of the Seven Last Words of Jesus: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"; "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"; "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit"; "Woman, this is your son ... This is your mother"; "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"; "I thirst"; "It is finished".

Mohandas Gandhi spoke of Seven Social Sins: Politics without principle, wealth without work, commerce without morality, pleasure without conscience, education without character, science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice. To this, Roman Catholics have added Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching: The life and dignity of the human person; the call to family, community, and participation; rights and responsibilities; the option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and care for God's creation.

Roman Catholics have Seven Sacraments: baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, reconciliation, healing of the sick, holy orders, and marriage. Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead. Moreover, Roman Catholics venerate the Seven Sorrows of Mary: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus on the way of Calvary, Jesus dying on the cross, receiving the body of Jesus in her arms, placing the body of Jesus into the tomb.

And of course, not least, we have the famous Seven Wonders of the World, though now there are arguments as to what precisely constitutes that list: Some argue for the original list, The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, others propose The Seven Wonders of the Modern World, some speak of The Seven Wonders of the Contemporary World, and still others affirm that the real wonders of this world are constructed by nature and they list instead The Seven Natural Wonders of this World.

So what's the true list? What, in fact, constitutes the Seven Wonders of the World?

Recently this story appeared on the internet: A teacher asked her students to name The Seven Wonders of the World. A number of students, with the help no doubt of electronic gadgets, quickly produced the various lists. One young girl, however, without any electronic research, produced her own list. The Seven Wonders of the World, she submitted, are: seeing, feeling, tasting, smelling, touching, breathing, and loving. That list, I believe, trumps all other lists and includes all the sacraments.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.
Lord Hear Our Prayer

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Marie Conners  Joe & Rosie King
Ashley Davis  Fr. William Mannion
Mikel Dodd  Martha Matrisciano
Eileen Hans  Gloria Spanza Meyers
Karen Hult  Rick Reimer
Allison Kazragis  Social Steffen
Shirley Kazragis  Anne Zwarycz

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Patricia Conners
Marie Heraty, mother of Jeanne Cunningham and grandmother of Ryan, Sean & Brennan
Margo Hermes, mother of Fran Mahoney and grandmother of Colleen Pabst, Kate & TJ great grandmother of Maggie, Will & Elizabeth
Rose King, mother of Dan & James and grandmother of Colleen, Katie, Meghan, Abby, Maggie and James
Mary Lucille Landbeck, mother of Kathleen
Sylvester Ptak, husband of Lorraine and father of Kim and Connie
Norma Sumpay, wife of Graciano
Oliver Yuen, husband of Jill

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8, The Annunciation of the Lord
6:30 Joe Levato
7:45 Lawrence Hickey; Doddie Sellinger

Tuesday, April 9
6:30 Mary Boeve
7:45 Muriel Albertson; Estella Cronk

Wednesday, April 10
6:30 Our Beloved Dead; Loretta Babka
7:45 Christopher Delia; Susan McGuire
Jack & Jacque Walsh

Thursday, April 11, St. Stanislaus
7:45 Amedeo & Adina Misantoni;
Francesco Brotto

Friday, April 12
7:45 Ellen McGowan; James Hannigan

Saturday, April 13, St. Martin
8:00 Leino Lupetini; Eleanor & Victor Godlewski
5:00 Richard Sprague; Judy Grzelak

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter
7:30 Stephen Siedlaczek; Floyd Placzek
9:00 SJC & St. Mark’s Parishioners
10:45 Paul Adducci; Anthony Jacyno
12:15 Eleanor Lauterbach; Karly Little
5:00 Maurice McGrath; Carole Delaney

Italics—Living

Wedding Banns
Peter Kraus & Jennifer Shader

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# 2013 Flower Sale

## 18th Annual Flower Sale

**Landscape Quality Flowers & Baskets at a Great Price!**

Color photos, plant descriptions & care instructions for all plants at the parish website: [www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org)

Need Help? Please contact Katie Pruitt at 708-784-0065

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### Herbs & Vegetables - 3" Pots

- basil
- thyme
- cilantro
- rosemary
- oregano
- sage
- 3-pack big boy tomatoes
- 3-pack green bell peppers

**Total # of herbs/veg x 2.00 =**

### Geraniums - 7" Pots

- white
- red
- fuchsia

**Total # of 7" pots x 11.00 =**

### Martha Washington - 6.5" Pots

- royal lavender
- merlot

**Total # of 6.5" pots x 10.00 =**

### Geraniums - 12" Deco-Pots

- coral
- fuchsia
- red
- melody blue

**Total # of 12" pots x 32.00 =**

### 6" Pots

- Fountain Grass (purple)
- Caladium (white)

**Total # of 6" pots x 9.00 =**

### Hydrangeas - 7" Pots

- blue
- pink

**Total # of hydrangeas x 22.00 =**

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### 4 1/2" Pots

- Lantana (yellow)
- Helichrysum (licorice plant)
- Helichrysum (licorice-lemon)
- Scaevola Blue
- Bacopa Snowstorm (white)
- Vinca vine
- English ivy
- English ivy - variegated
- Spikes
- Million Bells
- rose
- blue (purple)
- yellow

**Total # of 4 1/2" pots x 3.50 =**

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### Hanging Baskets

- Floribunda Geranium (pink)
- Scaevola Blue Wonder
- Bacopa Snowstorm (white)
- Torenia Summer Blue Wave
- New Guinea Impatiens
- red
- electric rose
- lavender glow
- Double Wave Petunia
- white
- violet blue
- dark pink
- Ivy Geranium
- light lavender
- red
- Trailing Petunia
- lavender
- plum vein
- rhythm & blues
- Trailing Verbena
- purple/blue
- wild rose
- Non-Stop Begonia
- yellow
- apricot
- rose pink
- scarlet red

**Total # of baskets x 18.00 =**

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### Bedding Flats

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**Total # of flats x 16.00 =**

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**TOTAL $ DUE:**

- Make checks payable to SJC Women's Club

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

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We appreciate your support! The flower sale helps to support our parish community as well as local non-profit organizations providing assistance to women, children and families.