

Happy Easter Dear Friends,

Yes, it still is the Easter Season. Our Easter Season lasts 50 days, until Pentecost. We celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. In St. John's Gospel this Sunday, we hear that Jesus once again shows himself to his disciples. Initially, they were startled and terrified. Jesus reassures them that "it is I myself" and when they realized it truly was Jesus, they were filled with joy. He asked them for something to eat. Jesus then explained how the recent happenings had fulfilled what had been written about him. He opened their minds about Scripture.

This Tuesday evening April 20th, our eighth graders will open their minds and hearts as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will receive Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Wisdom, Piety and Fear of the Lord, otherwise known as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep our newly Confirmed young people, their sponsors and families in your prayers throughout the week, and always!!

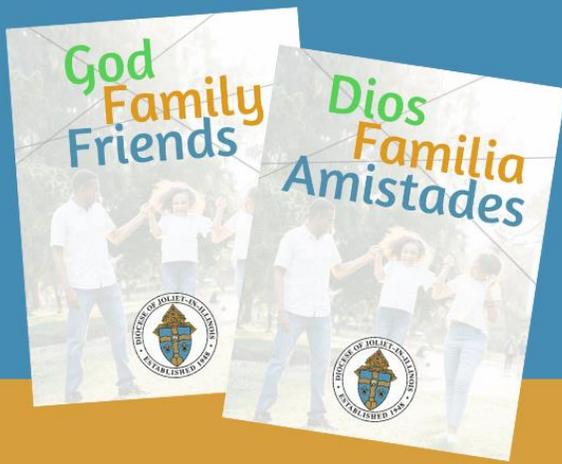
CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Spirit of God, grant me: The gift of **wisdom** To see the world through your eyes, the gift of **counsel** to make difficult decisions, the gifts of **knowledge and understanding** to use my mind to know you and to love you, the gift of **fortitude** to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments, the gift of **piety** to be able to express my special love and commitment to you, and the **right kind of awesome fear that makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love**. Amen.

Attached is God, Family, Friends to use with your children, grandchildren, or neighbors in your Domestic Church. If you wish to attend one of our weekend liturgies, go to our parish website and click on "Reserve A Seat" to register you and your family. Join us!! We would love pray with you in person during this Easter Season.

Our Mother of Good Counsel, Pray For Us!

~Janet



Helping families focus on what matters most

3rd Sunday of Easter

Theme: Encountering Jesus as the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled

GOD

Mass

Our weekend Mass is now livestreamed. Check our parish website for the link; www.omgccc.org. Click on "Livestream Available" or you can go directly to our Vimeo link, <https://vimeo.com/omgc>, where you can view our weekend Mass. Join us in person by registering through our parish website, simply click on "Reserve A Seat", choose your Mass time, enter your information and you will be registered

Readings

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041821.cfm>

Gospel Video

<https://youtu.be/gYnDZdNH6ZY>

Sunday Lectio Divina Guide

<https://bible.usccb.org/es/bible/lecturas/041821.cfm>

FAMILY

Coloring Page: https://www.teachusthe bible.com/Images/L84_Jesus_appears.pdf

Easter is not just one day - it is a season of 50 days that ends with Pentecost (May 23 this year) Here are 11 Activities for the Easter Season:

<https://faithformationlearningexchange.net/blog/a-family-easter-celebration-it-lasts-50-days-janet-schaeffler-op>

Celebrating The Entire Easter Season With Catholic Kids- All 50 Days!

<https://www.catholicicing.com/50-days-of-easter/>

Dinner Conversation:

Our God keeps his promises. Remember that God told Adam and Eve that the son of a woman would crush the head of the serpent (Satan). Remember that Isaiah and other prophets wrote that a virgin would bear a son who would be the King of Kings, but that man would suffer rejection. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that he suffered to make us whole again and to restore our right relationship with the Father. For family discussion:

- Who do I trust and why?
- How have I trusted God, especially during the past year of the pandemic?
- What do I need to let go of to be able to trust God more?

When all have shared, pray the Litany of Trust together, then pray the Lord's Prayer, pausing for a short time at the words "Thy will be done":

<https://sistersoflife.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Mobile-Litany-of-Trust.pdf>

FRIENDS

Jesus visited his friends to let them know he was alive. Who has been missing a visit from you? Can you arrange a safe meeting, either in person or online? Remember the sick and those in nursing homes. If you cannot visit, send a card or make a phone call.

