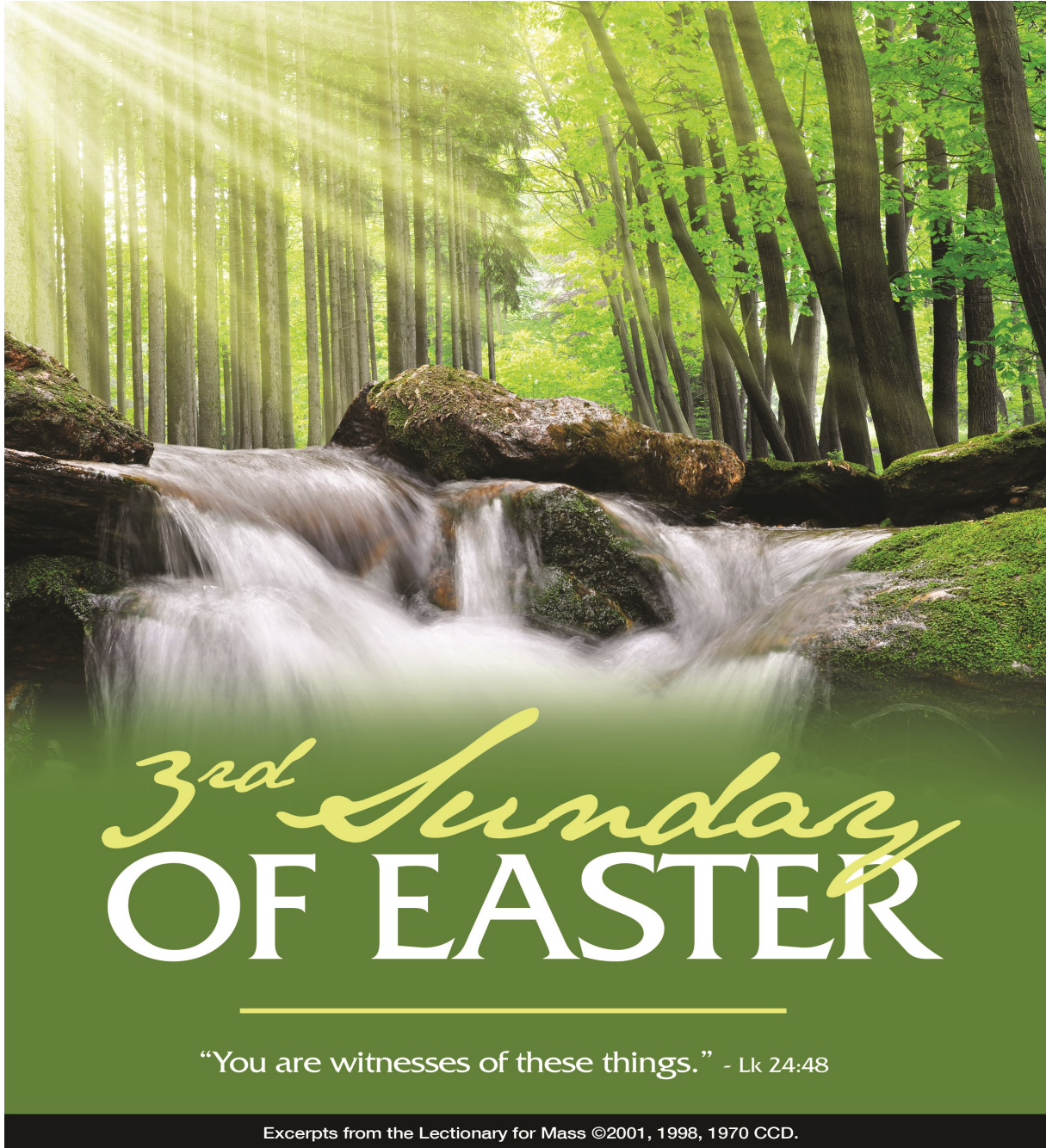


Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

April 15, 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter
15 de abril de 2018 — Tercer domingo de Pascua



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 p.m.
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESSIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY APRIL 14, 2018
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass for the soul of Fr Alistair McKay

SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2018
 9:00 AM Mass fro soul of Fr. Alistair McKay
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa el alma del Padre Alistair McKay

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2018
 12:00 Noon Mass

THURSDAY APRIL 19, 2018
 8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY APRIL 20, 2018
 12:00 Noon Mass Erica Parris

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass parishioners St. John, St. Peter & St Patrick

SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2018
 9:00 AM Mass soul of Florisa Garcia
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa por las almas de Marta Graciela Aboytes y Fidencio Barcenás

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/
RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:**
Pray for

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine Di-

Marino, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Shirley Griffey, Fred Brown, Judy French, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, and Donald Barock.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **April toothpaste**

En el mes de **abril** necesitamos **Pasta de dientes**

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12] / Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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Weekly		Year to Date
Actual	\$3,699	\$194,451
Budget	<u>\$5,266</u>	<u>\$215,906</u>
Difference	(\$1,567)	(\$21,455)

Debt Reduction \$2,554.00

Remaining Debt Balance \$30,544.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
78	178	315

The COUNCIL OF WOMEN YARD AND BAKE SALE will be here on May 12. Now is not too early to start your spring cleaning and donate your usable items. We are now accepting calls and making arrangements to get your donations to our storage shed. If you plan to move or downsize we love what you have! Just call Dianne Cassady 840-8642 or Pat Hinton 746-5842 and we will be glad to make arrangements to get it to our shed.

Pastor Message

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you are still enjoying the extra graces this season.

Today I want to talk about a topic that might not be thought of as directly related to religion but in fact has much to do with it. And it's relevant because Tuesday is tax day, the day taxes are due to the federal government. I used to be an accountant and a CPA.

What does Christ think about taxes? You may think he has nothing to say on the topic. That is not true.

Once Christ was specifically asked about taxes and famously said "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's."

That is to say, money has imprinted on it "The United States of America." Thus give it back to them as we are required.

But the question comes up, how much should be given back? What is fair?

All would agree that if 100% of our money was demanded, we would effectively be in a form of slavery.

All would also likely agree that if we gave none of our money to the government, the situation would also be less than ideal, as we would have no federal highway, no national military, and no other service provided by the government.

Somewhere in the middle is the answer but where.

Christians and those informed by Christian ideals tend to think, 'well what type of tax system would Christ create?'

And while this is noble, to think or at least attempt to think of things with the mind of Christ, we need to be careful of one thing: using the tax code as a vehicle for charity.

The tax code has way too many exceptions. Have you ever seen how thick the tax code is? It is thicker than the bible. If God can communicate the history of human salvation to us in a book that is shorter than the tax code, that says there is too much in the tax code.

Here is what inevitably happens.

People often have good intentions. They propose to give a tax break to someone in need, such as a working family or a single mother, both godly sentiments. The elected officials in Congress pass laws and tax code is written to do that. Congress does it again and again, passing many laudable codes. In the meantime, something else happens. Congress gets good at passing tax laws. As human nature if fallen, Congress begins to make exceptions and pass tax codes in other regards. They begin to make exceptions for this donor who pushed them into office. They begin to make exceptions for that acquaintance, sometimes even in the same legislation that with some show of charity to some other group. And you end up with the current tax code that has more exceptions than almost anyone can wrap their head around.

But certain people do wrap their heads around it. They are called CPA's. And they are hired by other people who use them to use those many laws to get out of paying taxes. It's legal. They are allowed. And it's hard to blame them for doing what is legal if it saves them money.

When Christ said "render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God" he was saying something about the domain of works that are appropriate to them. That is to say, there are certain things that are proper to the domain of Caesar/the government and there are certain things that are proper to the domain of God and by extension the Church.

The true domain of government is to make decisions based not on charity, but on justice, particularly in regards to the tax code.

Justice means giving each their due, or each giving their proper due. And when you have a system that makes possible so much lawful manipulation, each giving their proper due is highly unlikely.

In it's place, a flat tax would be more just. Each pays the same percentage. It would be the same whether you make \$20k a year or \$2 million a year. It's simple and easy and not subject to manipulation.

But what about the single mother or working family, how can we still help them and others in difficult situations. Well that is the work of charity and is proper not to the domain of government but to the domain of God and, by extension, the Church.

The Church is supposed to be the one who helps in individual situations of need. The Church is the one created by God for the works of charity. That is not the government's domain.

Nowadays, many people want the government to solve all the problems in the world - homelessness, poverty, family problems, sickness, learning disabilities, discontent between peoples, etc. Too many people look to the government to fix all the problems of the world, and in doing so replace the Church with the government.

This is particularly true in regards to the tax code and the legal manipulation of money through taxes.

There may be another alternative to a flat tax that is just as simple, fair, just and discouraging of manipulation. But I can promise there will always be an unfortunate correlation between the size of the tax code, the government's failed attempt at charity, and the tendency of people to replace what is proper to the domain of the Church with the government.

Fr. Rossi

LENTEN DINNER REPORT

Our Lenten Dinners once again were a great success and we could not have done it without YOU. We want to thank everyone who came every Friday and worked very hard behind the scenes to make each week better and better. There are not enough words to thank you We are happy to announce we raised a total of **\$11,586.60**. Your Lenten Dinner Team

The SJP drawing is this Thursday, April 19th after the 8:30 am Mass. You are welcome to join us. For information call Diana Young 647-5665.

Thank you to the 38 parishioners who have registered at Kroger. Our number is **88098**. We have received another check in the amount **\$233.44**. Thank you.

Music Ministry News Thank you all for the warm welcome while I've had the blessing of becoming the new music coordinator at St. John and St. Patrick! I look forward to each of you continuing to be active members of our congregational choirs, but if you find yourself experiencing the call to become a member of the choir that helps lead congregational singing during masses, there is no better time than now to join: consider this to be your formal invitation!! If you are interested in joining with our wonderful musicians, in any capacity, please reach out to me at (804) 256-3450 or <musicministerkate@gmail.com>. Instrumentalists, singers, and "joyful noisemakers" are always welcomed! Thank you! Katie