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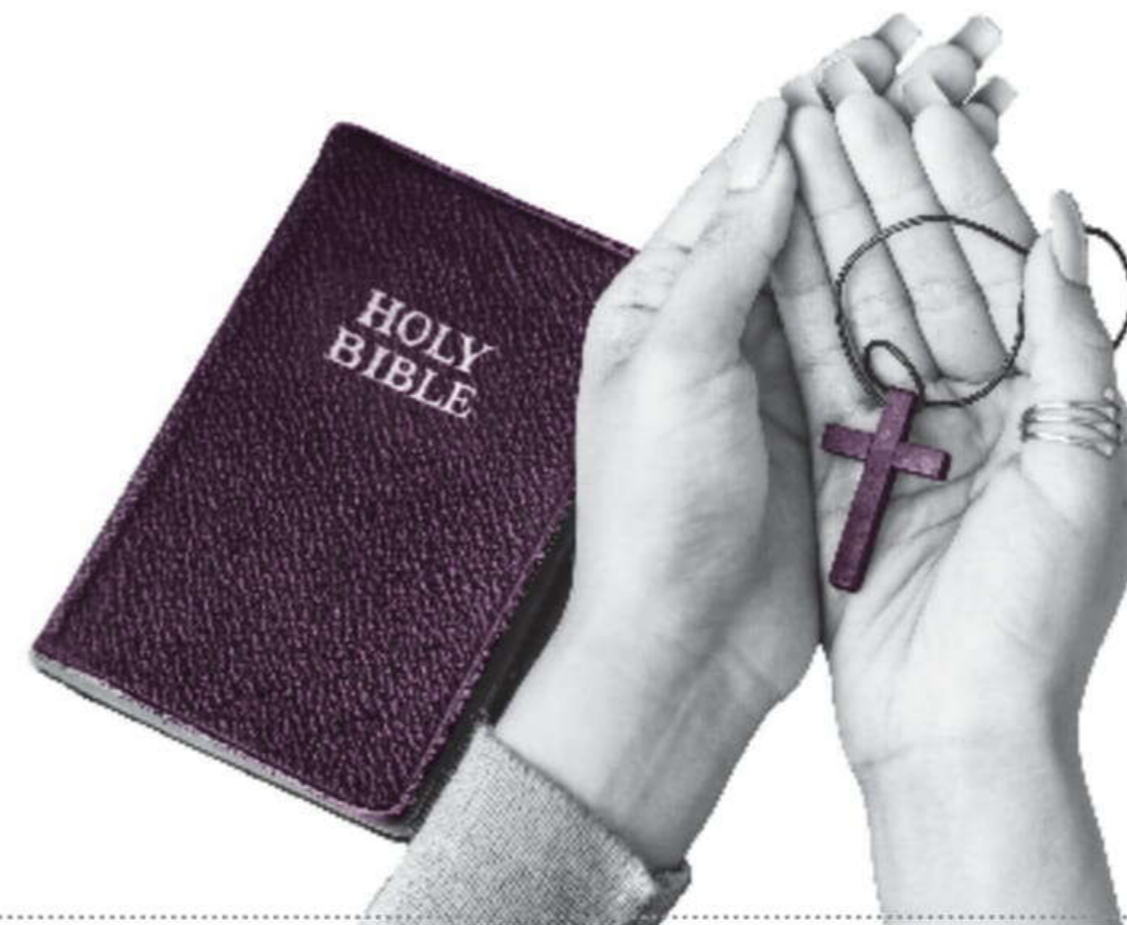
3rd Sunday of Easter

HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE AND GIVE

MONTHLY THEME: RISE IN HOPE

REPENT, FORGIVE AND WITNESS

These days when we need any information, we reach for our handphone or computer and “google” the key words. In today’s readings, the key words are ‘repent’, ‘forgiveness’ and ‘witness’. Reach out for your bible to check for more information.



The Church cannot be more emphatic when it preaches the daily reading of the bible. It is through Scripture that we grow in our knowledge and understanding of Christ and our faith in Him. **We need the Word of God in our lives** – not only in times of need but also in times of joy and thanksgiving. The Word of God will inspire us to repent and keep His commandments and thereby attain the forgiveness of sins and the heavenly kingdom promised to us.

Never mind how long His disciples had followed Jesus around listening to His teachings. Upon His resurrection, He knew that they were still ‘blur’ about what had happened and what was to come. Like many of us. He proceeded to open their minds to understand the Scriptures. He reiterated that He must suffer and rise from the dead. And that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in His name to all nations. He empowered the apostles to be witnesses to this. Likewise, the Church, which is empowered by Christ, teach us to understand the Word of God.

At the Last Supper, the action of Jesus offering His body and blood in the form of bread and wine had such an impact on the disciples that it was by the simple act of breaking bread that they recognised Him in His resurrected form. With the institution of the Holy Eucharist during Holy Mass by the Church, we are able to recognise the presence of Christ through the sharing of His body and blood.

Just as the Church is witness to the Word of God and Christ’s singular sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins and that of the world’s, we are also called to live out our vocation to proclaim the Good News of the Lord. As the psalmist sings, *“Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one; the Lord will hear me when I call upon Him.”* We are the Chosen People. ✠

SCRIPTURE QUOTE TO MEMORISE:

“I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.”

(Ps. 15: 7)

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19;

Ps. 4: 2, 4, 6-7, 9;

1 Jn. 2: 1-5;

Lk. 24: 35-48.