



# Saints Bruno and Richard Parish

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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY - Vigil Mass**  
St. Bruno: 4:30PM (English)  
**SUNDAY**  
St. Richard: 7:30AM (Polish),  
9:00AM (English), 10:30AM (Spanish)  
St. Bruno: 10:30AM (Polish),  
12:30PM & 7:00PM (Spanish)

## **WEEKDAYS**

St. Richard: 8:00am Mon., Wed., Fri. (English)  
St. Bruno: 8:00am Tues. (English),  
Thurs. (Spanish), Sat. (Polish)

## **EUCARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday 3:00PM - 6:00PM at St. Bruno  
Friday 5:00PM - 6:00PM at St. Richard

## **CONFESIONS**

St. Richard: Friday 5:00pm - 5:50pm  
St. Bruno: Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30pm

## **WEBSITES**

[www.stsbrunorichard.org](http://www.stsbrunorichard.org)  
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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

## Mass Intentions

### *St. Richard Church*

### *St. Bruno Church*

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| SUNDAY, APRIL 23   | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  |
| 7:30AM † Andrzej i Józef Cieśla<br>† Mary Janik - od grupy czuwającej                |                         |
| 9:00AM † Officer Andres Vasquez-Lasso - Sharon Skala                                 |                         |
| 10:30AM  |                         |
| MONDAY, APRIL 24 (English)   | WEEKDAY                 |
| 8:00AM † Edward Sajdak Sr. - Family  |                         |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 (English)  | WEEKDAY                 |
| 8:00AM   |                         |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 28   | WEEKDAY                 |
| 8:00AM (English)<br>6:00PM (Polish)  |                         |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 30   | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| 7:30AM † Andrzej i Józef Cieśla<br>9:00AM † Bruce Bettendorf<br>† Richard Bettendorf |                         |
| 10:30AM  |                         |



**St. Mark, the Evangelist**, is the author of the second Gospel and the patron saint of notaries. He wrote the Gospel in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition says the Romans asked St. Mark to record the teachings of St. Peter about Jesus. St. Mark is often depicted as a winged lion in religious art.

St. Mark is also said to have traveled with St. Paul and St. Barnabas, who was Mark's cousin, on their missionary journey through Cyprus. Mark is said to have founded the Church in Alexandria.

St. Mark is sometimes called John Mark in the New Testament. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians.

**When does the Church celebrate the feast day of St. Mark?**  
As with saints generally, St. Mark's feast day is the day of his death. On April 25th, 68 A.D., he was dragged through the streets of Alexandria for his faith in Christ, leaving both blood and flesh on the pavement stones. During the entire time he never ceased praising God and thanking Him for his sufferings. [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

**GO INTO ALL THE WORLD  
AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL  
TO THE WHOLE CREATION.**

MARK 16:15

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| SATURDAY, APRIL 22  | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  |
| 4:30PM † Henry & Leonard Turk<br>† June Bragiel - Mrs. Johnson  |                         |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 23  | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  |
| 10:30AM † Maria i Stanisław Czepiel<br>† Ireneusz Żak - od żony z dziećmi<br>† Lucy Osuchowski - Krystyna Bogdanowicz<br>† Władysław Fuks (Mąż)<br>† Władysław Fuks (Syn)<br>O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo w 90 urodziny dla Jana Buńda |                         |
| 12:30PM † Eleazar Vazquez<br>† Norma Bautista Cruz<br>Salud y bendiciones de Dios para Alonzo Peralta<br>Salud y bendiciones de Dios para Valeria Zermeño   |                         |
| 7:00PM  |                         |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 25 (English)   | WEEKDAY                 |
| 8:00AM † Rolando Mendez<br>† Philip J. Bragiel - Sister   |                         |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 27 (Spanish)  | WEEKDAY                 |
| 8:00AM † Henry & Leonard Turk<br>7:00PM Confirmation  |                         |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 29 (Polish) ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  |                         |
| 8:00AM † Henry & Leonard Turk<br>4:30PM † Henry & Leonard Turk<br>† Anieli, Jan, Józef, Bronisławy & Kazimierz Kwak - Daughter & sister   |                         |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 30  | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| 10:30AM † Andrew Cachro Jr. (Rocznica śmierci)<br>† Maria i Stanisław Czepiel<br>† Ireneusz Żak - od żony z dziećmi<br>† Lucy Osuchowski - Wanda i Joseph Goluch  |                         |
| 12:30PM † Eleazar Vazquez<br>† Norma Bautista Cruz  |                         |
| 7:00PM  |                         |

*If you would like your intention to be printed in the bulletin, please make your request 2 weeks in advance.*

## A few words from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

It's still Easter Time, and will be until Pentecost. I continue to receive nice comments about the prayerful celebrations of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and how beautiful and festive our churches looked this Easter. I wish to again thank everyone who in any way offered their time and service during Holy Week including those who attended the liturgies. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Easter collection which came to approximately \$25,199.86 (Sunday Offering - \$8,677.00 and Easter Gift - \$16,522.86). May God also reward all those who sent personal greetings and gifts to us individually. May the Risen and Merciful Jesus reward you for everything.

Thank you also to all parishioners who have returned updated Census Registration Forms. If you are a registered parishioner but have not yet done so, please take and return a form as soon as possible; forms are available in the sacristy and at the parish office. At some point in the not-too-distant future we will be starting the next stage in this process, that of contacting all registered parishioners who have not updated their information, and targeting them to return their updated forms. You can save us a good amount of work and expense, though, if you take care of this before we have to contact you. Thank you for your cooperation. In addition, every parishioner can help us out by taking on the role of becoming what we will humorously call a "Census Pest" - for the next week, every parishioner should ask everyone they see and come in contact with, "*Have you returned your updated Census information yet?*"

And finally, this Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Bishop Robert Casey to our parish and more precisely to St. Bruno church for the Confirmation Mass for the youth from Sts. Bruno & Richard School and Religious Education program. We pray that they will continue to grow in living the faith, and in learning how to look at the world through the eyes of Jesus.

God bless you

Fr. Andrew

## Słowo od ks. Proboszcza

Drodzy Parafianie!

To już Trzecia Niedziela radosnego okresu Wielkanocnego, który potrwa aż do Niedzieli Zesłania Ducha Świętego. Cały czas otrzymuję mile komentarze na temat nabożeństw Wielkiego Tygodnia i tego, jak świątecznie wyglądały nasze kościoły. Dlatego jeszcze raz chcę podziękować wszystkim, którzy w jakikolwiek sposób wnieśli swój wkład, aby oba nasze kościoły pięknie wyglądały, ceremonie wypadły godnie, a przez to chwała Boża się pomnożyła. No i dziękuję Wam, za Waszą obecność, modlitwy i ofiary. Razem z dwóch składek udało nam się zebrać \$25,199.86 (regularna składka niedzielna - \$8,677.00 i Wielkanocny Dar dla Parafii, tak zwany Easter Gift - \$16,522.86).

Cały czas pracujemy nad aktualizowaniem danych osobowych naszych parafian. Chodzi głównie o numer telefonu, adres e-mailowy, oraz potwierdzenie, że w dalszym ciągu jesteście jeszcze naszymi parafianami. Musimy się po prostu policzyć i wiedzieć ilu nas jest. Bardzo dziękuję wszystkim, którzy odpowiedzieli na moją prośbę, a pozostałych proszę, by uczynili to jak najszybciej. Stosowne formularze dostępne są w zakrystii i w biurze parafialnym. Oszczędzi mi to sporo czasu i pracy, ponieważ wkrótce ze spółnalskimi zacznę kontaktować się osobiście.

I już na koniec chciałbym powiadomić Was, że w najbliższy czwartek 27 kwietnia, gościć będziemy wśród nas ks. biskupa Roberta Casey, który udzieli Sakramentu Bierzmowania naszej młodzieży. To ważne wydarzenie w ich życiu, dlatego pamiętajcie o nich w swoich modlitwach.

Szczęść Boże!  
ks. Andrzej

## Unas palabras del Párroco

Queridos feligreses.

Todavía es tiempo de Pascua, y lo será hasta Pentecostés. Sigo recibiendo buenos comentarios sobre las celebraciones y decoraciones de las iglesias durante Semana Santa y Domingo de Pascua. Deseo agradecer nuevamente a todos los que de alguna manera ofrecieron su tiempo y servicio durante Semana Santa, incluidos aquellos que asistieron a las liturgias. Muchas gracias a todos los que contribuyeron a la colecta de Pascua que llegó a aproximadamente \$25,199.86 (Ofrenda del Domingo - \$8,677.00 y Regalo de Pascua - \$16,522.86). Que Dios recompense también a todos aquellos que nos enviaron saludos personales y regalos individualmente. Que Jesús Resucitado y Misericordioso los recompense por todo.

Gracias también a todos los feligreses que han devuelto los formularios del censo para actualizar su registración. Si aún no lo han hecho, tome y devuelva un formulario lo antes posible. Los formularios están disponibles en la sacristía y en la oficina parroquial. Pronto comenzaremos la siguiente etapa de este proceso, la de contactar a todos los feligreses registrados que no han actualizado su información y pedirles que devuelvan sus formularios actualizados. Gracias por su cooperación. Además, todos los feligreses pueden ayudarnos asumiendo el papel de convertirse en lo que con humor llamaremos una "plaga del censo". Durante la próxima semana, todos los feligreses deben preguntar a todos los que vean y entren en contacto: "¿Ha devuelto su información del Censo actualizada?" Si no está registrado pero le gustaría estar, llame a la oficina parroquial.

Para concluir, le damos una cálida bienvenida al Obispo Robert Casey a nuestra parroquia y más precisamente a la iglesia de San Bruno donde los estudiantes de la escuela y catecismo recibirán el sacramento de Confirmación el jueves 27 de abril. Oramos para que continúen creciendo en vivir la fe y en aprender a mirar el mundo a través de los ojos de Jesús.

¡Que Dios los bendiga!



## YOUR DEACON DAYDREAMS

The good news of the gospel comes from Luke on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter. It's also known as the Emmaus Story, a story of two disciples, one name Cleopas & the other unnamed companion discussing what had happened earlier. After Jesus died, His followers felt lost & hopeless. In spite of hearing Jesus teach for three years, many of them still had a limited understanding of who Jesus was & what He had come to do. They believed that Jesus had come to save them from Roman rule rather than to save the world from sin & death. So, when Jesus was crucified, they became despondent and fearful, despite the Lord's repeated pronouncements that He must suffer, die & rise again. Scripture says that, "as they talked & discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up & walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him" (Luke 24:15-16). Jesus had some things to teach the men without the distraction of their excitement & amazement at seeing Him alive.

Cleopas could not fathom the events of that morning, with its stories of angels & an empty tomb. As he had not spoken to anyone who had actually seen the resurrected Jesus, it seems that Cleopas was doubtful. Jesus chided Him & his companion for their disbelief: "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!". He then spent the remainder of the journey explaining everything that had been said about Him in Scripture, going all the way back to Moses & the prophets. Jesus had often taught indirectly, through parables & comparisons throughout His ministry, but on this occasion He blessed these two followers with a step-by-step description of the Messiah's person & mission in a manner they could understand. The men were intrigued & thirsty for more, so, when they reached Emmaus late in the day, they begged Jesus to eat supper with them. It was only when He broke the bread & blessed it, the men recognized that this man was Jesus, arisen as He said He would.

Sounds a great deal like the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass doesn't it. We hear the readings from Scripture, God's living word & the priest through the Holy Spirit, transforms the bread & wine into Jesus' Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity, right before our eyes. Whenever we gather as community, the body of Christ, He is fully present to us. We can receive Him & He enters our bodies to give us live-giving grace & mercy. But do allow our eyes to be opened to the person of Christ present on the altar? People tell me that they don't come to mass but they pray at home. However, only those who are ill or care-givers of the home-bound are exempt from attending. We all need to be near Jesus to recognize Him fully in the Eucharist. He longs for all us to be seeking Him. I hope we aren't waiting until it's too late. We all need to have an Emmaus story in our OWN LIFE. One where Jesus walks with us & one where we recognize Him in everyone we meet, especially the poor & needy. When this happens, I hope it will be like the two disciples in today's story..."Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way & opened the Scriptures to us." Happy Easter! See you in church?

Deacon Larry

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### PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK

Prośba o modlitwę za chorych

Orar por los enfermos

*God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over (name) who is sick and grant him/her your healing and peace. Amen.*

Joseph Adamek

Jaime Avila

Cindy Beltran

Shanen Beltran

Joan Cada

Mickey Chavez

Angelita Cervantes

Hannah Carroll

Mike Connolly

Katie Frederick

Josephine Gapultos

Ronald Getches

Fran Gorz

Maria Guzman

Jerry Jarosik

Stella Jeziorony

Virginia Juarez

Helen Kacprowski

Diane Kotula

Edith Kubas

Shirl Kucik

Anita LaFrancis

Lucy Mancilla

Virginia Minonne

Rose Mrozek

Robert Neal

Dorothy Pach

Cathy Pilny

Esther Renkar

Julian Renteria

Mario Reyes

Laverne Rinella

Louise Sajdak

Please contact the Parish Office to add or delete a name from this list. Also, contact us if you would like a priest/deacon or minister of care to visit you in the hospital or at your home.

### TABERNACLE CANDLES

*We Love & Miss You Mark  
(Minonne Family)*

*Love & Miss You, Frank  
(Diana)*



Consider honoring a loved one, living or deceased, by lighting a Tabernacle Candle. Make your request at least 2 weeks in advance.

### SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

PV 2 Therese Guglielmo, Army

Lt. Col. Eric Henzler, USMC

Brian Espino, USMC

Alex Chobot, USN

E3 Airman Kelly Centrangalo, Air Force

Sgt. Christopher C. Garza, Army

Capt. Lukasz Bokun, ANG

PFC Gerson Sanchez U.S. Marines



### OUR WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

APRIL 8/9, 2023

#### Sunday Collection

Mail-in/ Drop-off (St. Bruno): \$ 383.00

Mail-in/ Drop-off (St. Richard): 724.00

7:00 PM (Trilingual): 892.00

6:00 AM (Polish): 1,121.00

9:00 AM (English): 1,642.00

10: 30 AM (Spanish): 1,439.00

10:30 AM (Polish): 1,051.00

12:30 PM (Spanish): 1,425.00

**Total: \$8,677.00**

#### Collection for Easter Gift

St. Bruno: \$11,292.86

St. Richard: \$5,230.00

#### Electronic Contribution through Parish Website

St. Bruno: 0

St. Richard: \$443.50

**Total Contribution: \$25,643.36**

#### Holy Thursday - April 6

St. Richard: \$944.00

#### Good Friday - April 7

St. Bruno: \$1,053.03

St. Richard: \$968.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

*Dziękujemy za waszą nieustanną hojność!*

*¡Gracias por su generosidad continua!*

#### Second Collections for April

| Date                                   | 2nd Collection      |
|--|---------------------|
| Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> | Support Our School  |
| Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> | Religious Education |



See a live view of all Masses being celebrated at St. Bruno Church in our new website address:  
**www.stsbrunorichard.org**

## Week at a Glance

**Monday, April 24th**

**Tuesday, April 25th**

12:00pm - Golden Agers (SRH)

**Wednesday, April 26th**

6:30pm - RE (SRC)

**Thursday, April 27th**

7:00pm - Confirmation (SBC)

**Friday, April 28th**

5:00pm - Adoration & Confession (SRC)

6:45pm - Bingo (SBCG)

\*NO Adoration on Thursday, April 27th at St. Bruno

St. Richard Church (SRC)

St. Richard Hall (SRH)

**St. Richard Campus (SRC)**

St. Bruno Church (SBC)

**St. Bruno Campus (SBC)**

St. Bruno Campus Gym (SBCG)

## Readings & Observances this Week

### Readings

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/  
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

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

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

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

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

### Observances

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
Priest and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Wednesday: Administrative  
Professionals' Day

Friday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest  
and Martyr; St. Louis  
Grignion de Montfort,  
Priest; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor of  
the Church



## Congratulations

**May God bless:**

**Giovanni Aguilar**

**Jezlene Guzman**

**Emily Rivas**

**&**

**Aaron Zavala**

from our Religious Education Program  
who made their First Holy Communion  
on Sunday, March 26th.



*"I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."*  
John 6:35

## GOLDEN AGERS



The Golden Agers will be meet on  
Tuesday, April 25th, at 12:00PM, in  
the St. Richard church hall.

## FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society in our parish is asking  
your help for those in need in our community. We invite  
you to participate in a food drive on the first Sunday of  
every month. Please bring your donations and place them  
in the box located near the entrance to the church. Items in  
great need are rice, pasta, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables,  
soups, canned tuna and peanut butter and jelly.

The collection boxes will be available every  
day of the year to accept your donations.



*Thank you for your help!*



If you have something you would like to see in the **bulletin**,  
please email the information to the Parish Secretary at  
[stbruno@comcast.net](mailto:stbruno@comcast.net) or [saintrichardchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:saintrichardchurch@hotmail.com).  
The deadline for each bulletin is **by 5:00pm on the Wednesday - twelve days before the bulletin date** that  
you would like the information to appear. Send articles in a  
Word doc. or in a PDF. All submissions are subject to  
approval by the pastor.



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# Eagles View

*Weekly newsletter of Sts. Bruno & Richard School*

# **8th Grade's Rendition of the Stations of the Cross / The Easter Bunny Comes to SBRS / Noche De FIESTA**

## *Upcoming Events /*

## *Próximos Eventos*



- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| Apr 27 | Confirmation @ St. Bruno Church... 6:30 PM / Confirmación @ Iglesia St. Bruno... 6:30 PM      |
| Apr 28 | No School-Staff Development Day / No Hay Clases - Día de Desarrollo del Personal              |
| Apr 29 | FIESTA Night @ St. Bruno Gymnasium... 6 PM / Noche de Fiesta en el Gimnasio St. Bruno... 6 PM |



# Fiesta

**Buy Your Tickets Today for FIESTA Night /  
Compre sus boletos HOY para la Noche de  
FIESTA**



## **8th Grade's Rendition of the Stations of the Cross / Representación de las Estaciones de la Cruz de 8.º Grado**

Sts. Bruno & Richard's 8th Graders performed their rendition of the Stations of the Cross during the season of Lent.

Los alumnos de 8º grado de la escuela Sts. Bruno y Ricardo realizaron su interpretación de las Estaciones de la Cruz durante la temporada de Cuaresma.



# The Easter Bunny Comes to SBRS Harding Campus / El Conejo de Pascua Llega al Campus de SBRS Harding



# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

***"I Am Not Afraid — I Was Born to Do This."***

Have you ever felt like you weren't doing the work you should be doing?

We have all had jobs that leave us feeling unfulfilled. Bored. Dreading the next day. We may even experience a sensation of unfamiliarity, of being unable to recognize ourselves.

Most of us have also been lucky enough to have a job that we love — a vocation, a calling that makes us look in the mirror and think, This. This is who I'm supposed to be. I recognize this person.

For me, that work is the work of marriage and motherhood. The hours are terrible, the pay is even worse, and my coworkers are frequently disappointed in me — but it doesn't matter. When I look in the mirror every morning and see my tired, wrinkled face gazing back, choruses of "I said I don't want the BLUE SHIRT, MOMMY, ugh!" and "Honey, I've got an early meeting, I'm so sorry but I have to run," ringing in the background, I think to myself: I recognize this girl. She was born to do this.

Christ's own disciples did not recognize him on the road to Emmaus. It wasn't until he took the bread and broke it that their eyes were opened, and they realized they had known it all along — "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

In that moment, Christ was doing the very work he was born to do, making the sacrifice.

I don't know what kind of vocation you are called to. I don't know what kind of work reveals your true self. But I hope that whatever work you are doing, you can look in the mirror and feel your heart burning within you.

*"He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

— Luke 24:35

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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## 3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER



## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

### Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

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