RECTORÍA SAN JUAN DE DIOS Third Sunday of Easter 14 April 2024

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Announcements & Calendar

■ Sunday Mass in English, 10:30am

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

- **Sunday Lunch with Fr Dante** Francesco's, 1:30
- **<u>★ Bottle cap collection</u>** every Sunday
- Food basket Donations of food and money needed
- **Mass Intentions** \$60 MXN, see Monica



A note of thanks from Mary Agnes:

Thank you to everyone who came forth to provide meals for the fourteen people who worked at the church while the

statue of El Señor de la Columna was here. They were all grateful for the meals, and our gesture showed our willingness to work together as part of the SJD community.

This Week's Prayer Intentions



Abbie Adams-Yaffe Ron & Maureen Allin

Walt Atwood Bob Baer Tom Boehning

Fr. Paul Brunet Alberto Celorio

Colin Dearwater

Marlene Fox Linda Gruidel

Sophie Guerinot

Lorena Gussin Hunter Family

Jason Kottra Linnea Kotz

Nina Kumar

Surendra Kumar Jimmy Lagpacan Bill Lyle Sid Martin

Sid Martin Jeff Miller

Aiden Pawloski Race Proffitt

Sarah Stirton

MaryAnn Summins

Betty Talty Suzie Voke

Crystal Wendell

Brian Wick

Boyce Williams

Kay Williams Matt Zirkle

Nigeria: a dangerous place to be a Christian

Despite the high number of African priests and religious serving in the United States, there is little interest in the plight of African Christians' dying at the hands of Muslim extremists.

Almost ninety percent of those are Nigerians. Between 2009 and 2023, more than 50,000 Christians, along with thousands of moderate Muslims, were murdered by Muslim extremists in Nigeria. The ongoing violence has displaced about 5 million Nigerian Christians and prompted Pope Francis to say that today martyrs are more numerous than in the first centuries.

And yet in 2021, the U.S. State Department removed Nigeria from a list of "countries of particular concern" for violating religious freedom. Nigeria is also missing from the most recent list. <u>Catholic World Report</u>



Blessed Fr Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi was the the first Nigerian to be beatified (1998). He was not a martyr but a beloved and holy parish priest.

"If you are going to be a Christian at all, you might as well live entirely for God." Fr Tansi

For very detailed information on persecution of Christians throughout the world, look at this publication from <u>Aid to the Church in Need</u>

Please send prayer requests to Mary Kavanagh

Set a guard over our priests, O Lord.

Be their protection day and night.

Keep evildoers far from them.

Bless them everywhere and always. Amen.



Let us pray for peace and for the innocent victims of the wars in Ukraine and the middle East.



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