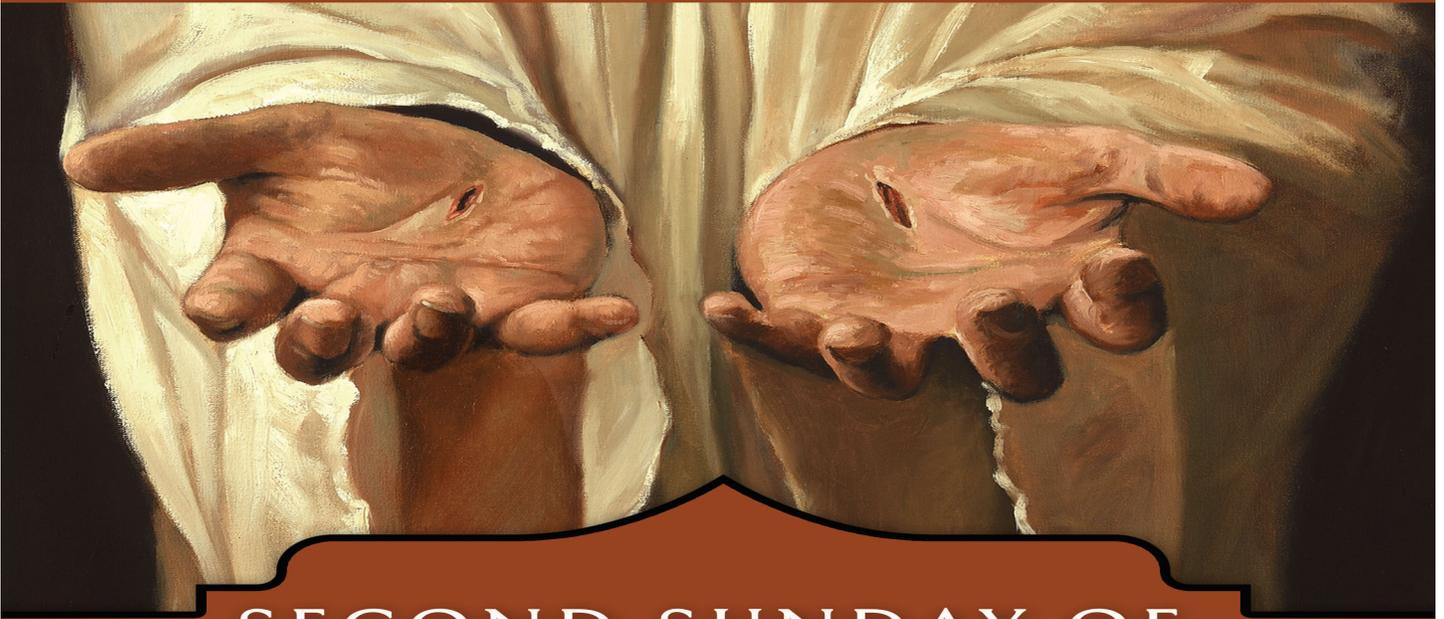


St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Martinez, California



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES REQUIRE ON-LINE REGISTRATION

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM - INDOOR / LIVESTREAMED SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 PM - INDOOR
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM - INDOOR / LIVESTREAMED
11:00 AM - OUTDOOR MASS- LIVESTREAMED Radio Transmitted on 103.5 FM
1:00 PM - SPANISH MASS - INDOOR

ADORATION- TBD (Private Prayer available after weekday daily mass) Please call the office for access.

DAILY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM
DAILY MASS: 8:00 AM - Indoor and Livestreamed
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: 7:15- 7:45 AM Daily (M-F)
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM
Sunday: 10:10-10:40 AM (Preschool courtyard)

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Before serving or continuing in your
ministry or organization, please complete the Diocesan required Safe
Environment for Children Project Training @ www.virtusonline.org

COURTESY REMINDER

Please register your vehicle to park in the upper
parking lot. Vehicle registrations are intended for
you and your family to remain inside your vehicle.
Not for parking your car and sitting outside.

Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

The Mass schedule update as of 4-9-2021
8:00 AM Daily Mass (Mon-Sat. Indoor -Livestreamed)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for Saturday Vigil and Sunday, Holy Masses

- 4:30 PM Saturday, Vigil Mass (Indoor)
- 8:30 AM Sunday, Mass (Indoor - Livestreamed)
- 11:00 AM Sunday, Mass (Outdoor - Livestreamed)
 - Communion will continue to be provided for 15 minutes after the Mass in front of the church.
 - Both Pedestrian and Vehicle registration available.
- 1:00 PM Sunday, Spanish Mass (Indoor)
Please continue to sign up via:
Eventbrite or on our Parish Website.
The link is also available through **MyParishApp**
message and/or our **Facebook** page.

“Let’s stay connected” via one of our
many social media platforms:

Parish Website: www.stcmtz.org

Bulletin Submission email:

stcathmtz@yahoo.com

Submissions are due no later than 12PM
every Friday for the following Sunday.
Exception: Early Holiday Deadlines

Example: Due April 16th for the April 25th bulletin



Facebook:

<https://OfficialStCatherineofSienaChurch>

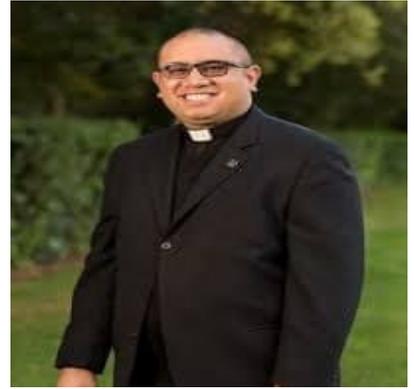
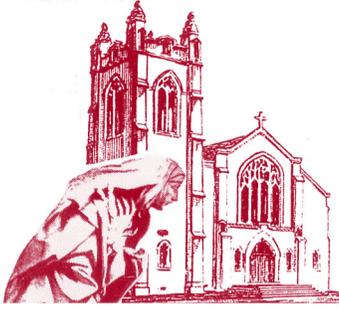


MyParishapp:

Please download: **myparishapp** to your
phones.

- Step 1. Text *App* to number 88202.
- Step 2. Download the app via the link.
- Step 3. Search for St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Martinez.
- Step 4. Now stay connected!
- Step 5. Share with others, you know.
Go to the **menu**, click **share**, and choose
who you want to share!

From the Desk of the Parochial Administrator



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Healing plays a considerable role in our society. We spend billions on healthcare, and rightly so. Like our physical health, our spiritual health also needs attention. Throughout the Gospels, healing is one of the significant characteristics of Jesus' ministry. Some are recalled in detail, others noted. Yet all these healings are signs of the kingdom of God. Here in Christ, God comes forth into our world in a new and dynamic way, fulfilling his promises and even at times turning the laws of nature upside down.

Today, we understand this ministry of spiritual healing passed to the Eleven through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Gospel passage today is the scriptural basis for the sacrament of reconciliation. John tells us that Jesus appears to the Eleven as they hid in the Upper Room. One can imagine the stale air and overpowering smell in a room shut away from the world. But Jesus appears among them like a fresh breeze filling the house, displacing that thick air of fear, gently blowing away the dust of disappointment and propelling the disciples to forgiveness and healing.

In this moment of encounter and empowerment, the Apostles are given a sacred responsibility to share God's healing and forgiveness with others. They are now carriers of God's promises and have the power to heal physically and spiritually in Christ's name. What they say about the risen Christ is no mere fantasy or delusion. They witnessed his death and Resurrection, and now they bear witness to his risen glory – becoming instruments of the very mercy and forgiveness that Jesus so abundantly and generously bestows on all who follow him.

John then shows us how Thomas receives this life-changing mercy. Thomas finds it hard to believe what the other disciples tell him, and so Jesus stands before him and shows him his wounds: he gently takes Thomas from doubt to faith. Using his own words, Jesus hooks us one of the grand declarations of faith – My Lord and my God. At that moment, Thomas is both healed and changed – healed of his grief and pain, changed from doubt to belief.

The need for that mercy and healing is just as great today as in the first century. Perhaps that is why Saint Pope John Paul II declared today to be Divine Mercy Sunday. At the heart of our faith is this recognition that we need the risen Christ; we need his healing and, above all, his steadfast mercy. Without these, we are lost, still in our sins – unable to be reconciled with God. As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, let us each open our hearts to that healing and then commit ourselves to be channels of that healing in our words and actions this coming week.

My continued prayers for you during this Easter Season, and my gratitude to you for praying with us today.

In Christ,
Fr. Mike

**"Day In and Day Out, For The Greater Glory of God"
"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure" – St. Pope John Paul II.**

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you Registered with our Parish? Has your family status changed? If you would like to register or update your current family information with the Parish, you may do so with our new on-line form located on our website, www.stcmzt.org or call the office, and we can help you with any update.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, and giving glory to God.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY

Entrance: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Holy Anthem Rise **HOLY ANTHEM**

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise, and the choirs of heaven chant it in the temple of the skies; Let the mountains skip with gladness, And the joyful valleys ring With hosannas in the highest to our Savior and our King!
2. Alleluia! Alleluia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has risen up in triumph from the darkness of the grave. He's the splendor of the nations, He's the lamp of endless day; He's the very Lord of glory who is risen up today!
3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed Jesus, make us rise From the life of this corruption to the life that never dies. May your glory be our portion, When the days of time are past, And the dead shall be awakened by the trumpet's mighty blast!

Penitential Act:

Glory to God in the Highest...

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when

we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! **R**

Gospel John 20: 19-31

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and

said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presentation of the Gifts:

God of Mercy Ricky Manalo CSP/Bob Hurd

Refrain

God of mercy, holy myst'ry, ever faithful one, you have pitched your tent among us, reconciling love. Heart and mind of Christ, live within our lives, form us into people of mercy and grace.

1. You have called us each by name in your great compassion, encompassing our failings with mercy. God of mercy, lead us.

2. Slow to anger, rich in love, you bestow forgiveness. May we, in turn, forgive those who harm us. God of mercy, lead us.

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The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are Full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We Proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer / Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion:

**Lord, I am not worthy
That you should enter under my roof,
But only say the word
And my soul shall be healed**

In the Breaking of the Bread Bob Hurd
Refrain

*In the breaking of the bread we have known him;
we have been fed. Jesus the stranger, Jesus the
Lord, be our companion; be our hope.*

1. Bread for the journey, strength for our years, manna of ages, of struggle and tears. Cup of salvation, fruit of the land, bless and receive now, the work of our hands. **R.**

2. Bread of the promise, people of hope, wine of compassion, life for the world. Gathered at table, joined as his body sealed in the Spirit, sent by the Word. **R.**

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Sending Forth: The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, spread the news abroad; The Paschal feast of gladness, The Paschal feast of God. From death to life eternal, From earth to heaven's height Our Savior Christ has brought us, The glorious Lord of Light.

4. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, And earth her song begin; The whole world keep high triumph And all that is therein; Let all things in creation Their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that has no end.

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midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19

FAITH

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

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**St. Catherine of Siena
Novena
April 20th - 28th
(following Daily Mass)**

The Novena will be prayed with the Rosary before the Daily Mass at 7:30 am. The worship aid can be found on the parish website www.stcmtz.org resource page under Prayer and Devotions



April 29th at 7 PM.

Come and pray the Rosary with our Hispanic Community. Every last Thursday of each month in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine "All are invited". Don't forget to bring a chair.

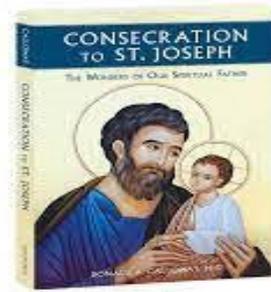
**“Support Our Police”
Rosary Rally on April 17**



Please join the Rosary Rally in support of the police on Saturday, April 17, at noon. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. Our police needs prayers. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation.

The local public square rosary rally will occur at the park on Henrietta Street (across from the Martinez Police Department) on Saturday, April 17 at noon. Please wear a mask and social distance at the rally.

Please contact [Iris Owens](mailto:irisowens@stcmtz.org) at 925-957-6472 for more information.



- Read the Book
- Make A 33 Day Consecration
- Trust your life to St. Joseph

Consecration to St. Joseph means that you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God.

If you have already consecrated yourself to the Virgin Mary, you can still be consecrated to St. Joseph. Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. Jesus wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW- The preparation and consecration takes 33 days. Our next group will begin on Sunday **April 11th from 9:45- 10:45 in the Church.** We meet for five Sundays at the same time. Consecration will take place on Thursday May 13th, The Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED...** you must sign up on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/consecration-to-st-joseph-tickets-148093161633>

(SPACE IS LIMITED) or call or text Cindy Buscaglia at (925) 787-8396 cindyb@stcmtz.org

BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE ON SUNDAY APRIL 11th.

“Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto”.

JUAN 20:29



II DE ABRIL DE 2021

**SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE
PASCUA**
(DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA)

El apóstol Tomás será por siempre recordado como el que dudó. Es un buen ejemplo que su experiencia se narre en el Evangelio de Juan. Todos dudamos a veces, y el “incrédulo de Tomás” nos muestra cómo pasar de dudar a creer, sabiendo que sobre todo Jesús resucitado estará con nosotros. Tomás no se guardó sus dudas para sí mismo, sino que las expresó en voz alta a sus compañeros de confianza. Solo podemos imaginar las conversaciones que hubo entre Tomás y los otros discípulos a medida que describían la paz que sentían después de que Jesús estuvo con ellos. Las dudas de Tomás se disiparon de una vez por todas cuando Jesús le ofreció una prueba física de su Resurrección. No tenemos el tipo de prueba física que le fue mostrada a Tomás, pero podemos percibir la presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía, en las palabras de la Sagrada Escritura, y en la presencia y acciones de los demás.

UNA FE VIVA

El camino de fe a menudo mengua y fluye, con momentos cuando nuestra relación con el Señor es la fuerza que guía nuestras vidas, y momentos cuando estamos tentados a apartarnos de todo lo que sabemos que es verdadero, bueno y bello. En esos momentos cuando nos encontramos luchando con dudas o tentaciones, podemos seguir el ejemplo de Tomás y recurrir a compañeros de confianza, familiares y amigos fieles y llenos de fe, que nos apoyaran y mostraran el camino de la duda a la fe viva. Como los discípulos que estuvieron en la habitación cuando Jesús se apareció en medio de ellos, nosotros también recibimos el Espíritu Santo. Hoy, consideremos en dónde estamos en el camino de fe, recurramos a compañeros de confianza y al Espíritu Santo para que nos fortalezcan en el camino y saber que el Señor está con nosotros mientras vivimos y crecemos en relación con Cristo.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 4:32-35; Sal 118 (117):2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



STEWARDSHIP

To create a culture in the parish rooted in gratitude and generosity.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>March 28, 2021</u>		<u>ONLINE</u>
Weekly Offering:	\$4,330.00	\$2,130.00
CRS:	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers:		\$ 50.00
School Scholarship:		\$ 170.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00
Maintenance:		\$ 80.00

<u>April 4, 2021</u>		<u>ONLINE</u>
Weekly Offering:	\$6,222.00	\$3,197.00
Easter Offering:	\$3,112.00	\$ 885.00
Easter Flowers:		\$ 63.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 456.00	\$ 70.00
Good Friday:	\$ 747.00	
CRS:	\$ 20.00	
Peter's Pence:		\$ 65.00
School Scholarship:		\$ 105.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 50.00	\$ 285.00
Maintenance:		\$ 35.00

Thank you for your continued support both spiritual and financial.

If you are looking for a ways to help our parish, here are a few options:

- 1) **On-line Giving:** www.stcmtz.org
- 2) **My parish App:**
CLICK on the "giving icon"
- 3) **Diocesan Support for the Parishes**
Go to the Diocese of Oakland home page
CLICK on the Giving tab
Select the Parish Support option
<https://www.oakdiocese.org/parish-support>



Catholic Home Missions Appeal - 2nd Collection April 25, 2021

What is a "Home Mission" Diocese?
Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.



DISCIPLESHIP

To empower a community of Christian people walking together as disciples of Jesus in order to share His good news.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	4/10	8:00	Int. Ming Emperador - Birthday
		4:30	Int. Italian Catholic Federation
SUN	4/11	8:30	McLoughlin & Curtin Families†
		11:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
		1:00	Gregorio Montest†
MON	4/12	8:00	Vilma Costa†
TUES	4/13	8:00	Cardenas & Polina Families†
WED	4/14	8:00	Int. St. Catherine School Families
THUR	4/15	8:00	Int. Marie Irene del Rosario
FRI	4/16	8:00	Frances Ferranti†
SAT	4/17	8:00	Rusty Rupp†
		4:30	Rodolfo Ayalde†
SUN	4/18	8:30	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
		11:00	Rose Delchini†
		1:00	Souls in Purgatory†

Mass Intentions for the 2021 calendar year are now being accepted. Please fill out the form located on our website: WWW.STCMTZ.ORG mail or drop off at the office.



St. Catherine Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the families and, the repose of the soul of all who entered into eternal life.
John Divizich, Maria Morales, Carl Fank
Victims of the Coronavirus



The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine of Siena Conference, wish to thank all those who contributed to our Knights of Columbus Lenten "40 Cans for 40 Days" drive. Thanks to the Knights for organizing the food collection and the distribution. With your continued generosity of donations and time, we are able to sustain our assistance to our local neighbors in need. We are Easter people!
(925) 788-7409 St. Vincent de Paul
or (925) 228-2230 Ext. 1004.



Holy Thursday

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Congratulations

James Harrison

David Castro

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Elizabeth Orozco

READINGS & REFLECTIONS

Sunday, Apr 11, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Hold onto the holy memories

It's unlikely that those who survive the pandemic will look back on these days with much nostalgia. Sickness and loss, fear and division, stress and isolation: The consequences will be with us for a generation. Yet emerging from the tragedy were also instances of humanity, decency, and heroism that echoed the time of the first apostles. We've shared food, masks, information, errands, toilet paper, songs. We've gathered on balconies and in virtual rooms. We've found ways to pray and to encourage. This Divine Mercy Sunday, give thanks for those who have helped you through this and every crisis.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (44). "No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."

Monday, Apr 12, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY

Stand with those who stood for you

Though you may not remember it, your Baptism was an extremely important day in your life—the beginning of your life in Christ. Your godparents represented you that day, speaking on your behalf if you were a baby. Perhaps later you became a godparent to others. Whether you're still close or have drifted apart over time, reach out to your godparents or godchildren and reminisce about that day. Talk about the role you have played in each other's spiritual life and pray together for deepening conversion. Promise to keep on praying for each other in our ever-growing identity as children of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267). "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

Tuesday, Apr 13, 2021 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

The dilemma of indifference

The Eastern Church began exploring monotheletism, the notion that Jesus had only a divine will, despite being both human and divine, in the 600s. Pope Martin I issued a reprimand, opposing this heresy. This angered the Eastern emperor, who had the sickly Martin dragged to Constantinople for trial. The pontiff was beaten, starved, and exiled, leading to his death. But Martin also blamed a Western Church that never came to his rescue. "I am surprised at the indifference," he wrote, of "those who belong to the church of Saint Peter." Ask for Martin's intercession today, for all who suffer indifference.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). "The community of believers was of one heart and mind."

Wednesday, Apr 14, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY

Let your life be your witness

How do you live your faith? Some days may be harder than others, but rarely, if ever nowadays, will the effort to be a faithful follower of Jesus land someone in jail or cost them their life. Yet that was the fate of the early disciples who insisted on proclaiming the stories of Jesus' life, death, and rising. There are 20th-century martyrs as well (Blessed Stanley Rother, Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, the martyrs of El Salvador among others), but faith calls all of us to kindness to all people, fairness in the face of injustice, trust in God's promised

Spirit, and a constant willingness to see the face of God in our neighbors. Do people recognize you as a follower of Jesus by the way you live?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). "The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people."

Thursday, Apr 15, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY

Be up to the tax at hand

Taxes are due today, an obligation that few people savor and yet all of us rely on. Catholics can feel proud to promote the common good by paying taxes for schools, roads, parks, healthcare, and other social benefits. In their pastoral letter, Economic Justice for All, the U.S. bishops go even further, saying: "The tax system should be continually evaluated in terms of its impact on the poor." If you feel disheartened by the paperwork or the cost of taxes, take heart that despite any flaws in the system, taxes help build the commonwealth.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36 (270). "The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him."

Friday, Apr 16, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY

A God of his word

Poor communication is the main reason relationships fail. If it isn't clear what is being promised, then it is easy to become disillusioned when expectations aren't met. People who lose faith in God often point to God's untrustworthiness: They asked for something and didn't receive it. Hence, they conclude that God is not to be trusted. But remember the promise of God is love. Look around; wherever you see love—even a love lost—you see God's promise fulfilled. As Saint Augustine put it: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others." Help embody God's love today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

Saturday, Apr 17, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY

Call a deacon

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word *diákonos*, meaning "one who serves at table," found in today's first reading. The office of deacon endured for several centuries after its origin in Acts. But eventually the diaconate was reduced to a temporary stage of ordination to the priesthood. After Vatican II the permanent diaconate was revived. Today many men, most married although some single, enter the diaconate through the sacrament of Holy Orders. They serve their parishes and assist their pastors in many ways both social and liturgical. Perhaps you know someone who would make a good deacon. Give him a call.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table."

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