

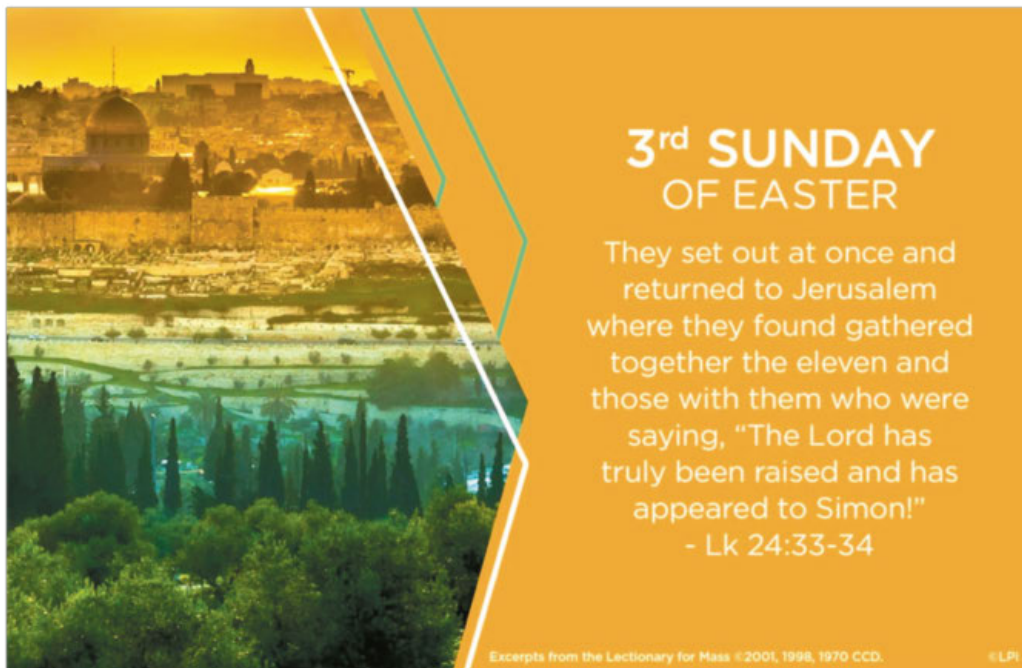


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April 23, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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CONGRATULATIONS TO US!

Our parish received a great Easter gift: as of Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday and the last day of this year's campaign, we reached our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal! We could not have done it without the generosity of so many members of our community. **THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.** *Special thanks to Steve Milligan, our ADA chair, for his hard work and dedication.* So far we have a potential rebate of about \$25,000. Any contributions that come in now will go directly to St. Mary for our own needs. It is not too late to give and share in our success; contributions will be accepted until December 31, 2023.



April 24 (Monday), 7:00pm, Hofmann Center:

LAUDATO SÍ, FROM VISION TO PRACTICE

Prof. Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University, explains our Church's position on saving the planet and what our response as Catholics, should be - encouraging each other to action.



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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

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First Reading:

Peter's first public speech in Jerusalem focuses on Jesus' connection to King David. In other words, Peter spoke of God's fidelity to Israel in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. *What would you like to know about Jesus' Jewish roots?*

Second Reading:

Peter encourages his community to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (life on earth). *How might you show respect to others this week?*

Gospel:

We hear how the two disciples on the road to Emmaus finally recognized the risen Jesus in the blessing and breaking of the bread. *What helps you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14, 22-33;

Psalm 16;

1 Peter 1:17-21;

Luke 24:13-35

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our "why" for embracing the stewardship way of life — we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him — as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey towards heaven with a renewed sense of joy and gratitude.

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PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE: Since February, Bishop, the steering committee and commission have discerned and analyzed the results from January's Diocesan Synod Assembly. As a result, in order to properly consult and engage key stakeholders in feedback on these key priorities, it would be prudent to defer the announcement of the Pastoral Plan from June to December to allow for the broad discernment and dialogue throughout the process as the Bishop desires. The new timeline with the key phases of the planning process over the next nine months can be found on the diocese's website at:

www.dsj.org/pastoral-planning.

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SCOUTING AWARDS

On Sunday, March 26, Bishop Cantu and the Diocesan Committee on Scouting recognized the young people who have earned their religious awards through the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Camp Fire USA. *We are proud of the following award recipient from St. Mary: Brady Loe, Eagle Award (Boy Scout Troop 2).*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	4/23	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Mon	4/24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tue	4/25	St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wed	4/26	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; /Jn 6:35-40
Thu	4/27	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Fri	4/28	St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59
Sat	4/29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sun	4/30	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday) Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4/24	8:30 am	Eleanor Loffredo †
Tue	4/25	8:30 am	Vincent Nievaes †
Wed	4/26	8:30 am	Vincent Loffredo †
Thu	4/27	8:30 am	Laura De La Riva †
Fri	4/28	8:30 am	Daniel Luna †
Sat	4/29	8:30 am	Rosella & Chuck Blalock (birthday)
		5:00 pm	Marya Catalana Evans †
		9:00 am	Kathy Hendig †
Sun	4/30	11:00 am	Tiffanie Tam (healing)
		5:00 pm	Tien Nguyen (birthday)

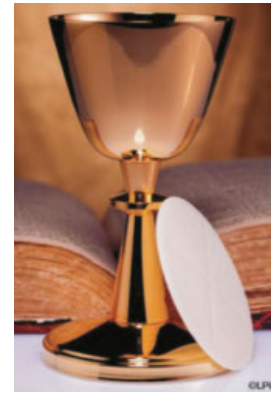
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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

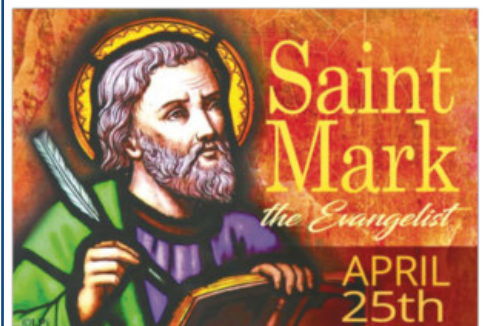
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It wasn't until Christ spoke the words of blessing over the bread that the eyes of the disciples were opened, and they saw him for who he was — God in flesh and blood before them. The Eucharist makes real what we otherwise would fail to see. ©LPi

POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: APRIL

For a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Denise Ealy; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz

For those who have recently died:

Peter Roszkowski; Norma Bridget Ocampo; Ron Mackin; Christopher Kovarik; Jani Lau; Hugo Castro

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **May 5-7, 2023** call 408-605-4998, email: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit HelpOurMarriage.org

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DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT APPEAL: As we approach the annual Diocesan Priest Retirement Appeal collection on *Good Shepherd Sunday* on the weekend of **April 29-30, 2023**, we encourage your continued support of this vital appeal which cares for those Catholic Priests who have served for decades in the Diocese of San Jose in their later years. Our retired priests rely on their minimal Social Security since they were paid a very modest wage and the Priest Retirement Plan payments for their living expenses and end-of-life needs. Like the general population, priests are living longer, more active lives, placing a greater demand on retirement resources. COVID-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care. While some priests "retire" when they retire, many continue to serve Christ and the faithful through some level of ministry to those throughout our Diocese.

Please be generous!



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Let us put a special emphasis this April to promote child abuse prevention in our parishes and schools.

Join the national movement to recognize and lift-up the immeasurable significance of Child Abuse Prevention. The Catholic Church embraces this opportunity as a time to highlight the importance of protecting children from abuse and to raise awareness that child abuse is preventable, as we reaffirm our work to help create and nurture safer childhoods locally and nationwide.

dsj.org/protecting-gods-children/family-safety-resources/child-abuse-prevention/

April 30th - Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer

Churches of all faiths are asked to join together on this day of prayer to demonstrate support for children and families who have been affected by child abuse.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

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.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

NEOPHYTES

Perhaps you've noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren't they done? What's going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called “neophytes,” and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name “mystagogy.” They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community.

As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

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*We have been highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization.
We hope their stories inspire your faith!*

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH VEN. MARIA CONSUELO SANJURJO SANTOS (1892-1973)

Maria Soledad Sanjurjo Santos was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, on November 15, 1892. Her dad was in the military and worked as a telegraph operator. Her mom, Maria de la Palm Santos del Toro, was a homemaker. On April 3, 1893, they had their baby daughter baptized in their parish church.

As Maria grew, she developed a special devotion to Jesus and His mother. Her faith continued to deepen, and it was visible to all who knew her. On August 4, 1909, Maria Soledad Sanjurjo Santos was accepted as a postulant in the Servants of Mary. She was 16 years old.

Since Puerto Rico did not have any houses of formation, Maria was sent to Madrid to begin her postulancy. Four and a half years passed and on December 17, 1913, Maria was assigned to go to Manzanillo, Cuba. Soon she was transferred to Santiago and it was here, on April 30, 1921, where she took her perpetual vows.

After 40 years of serving at her congregation's headquarters in Cuba, Mother Maria Soledad moved the Provincial House of the Servants of Mary to Puerto Rico in 1962. Following a heart attack, she completed her time as Provincial Superior in 1966 and went on to embrace a simple life of love of God and service to her congregation. She spent her time focusing on sewing clothes for her sisters, daily prayer, and assisting the sick.

After 62 years of consecrated life, Mother Maria Soledad died on April 23, 1973, in San Juan and was recognized for her heroic virtue by Pope Francis on January 15, 2019, and named Venerable. She is now one step away from beatification.

Venerable Maria Soledad Sanjurjo Santos, please pray for us.



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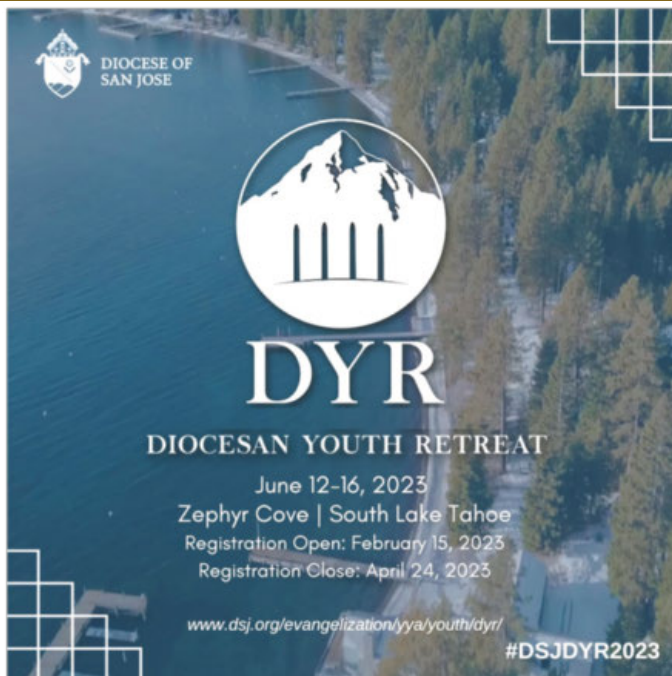
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THE SHALOM PROJECT VIDEO RECORDING: CCC Restorative Justice Committee launched “The Shalom Project” to Honor Late Chair Bishop David O’Connell. You are invited to watch the recording “*The Shalom Project: A Transformative Gospel Reflection Process*,” held last March 21, 2023. The recording in English is at <http://bit.ly/41hvG78>. More info at <http://bit.ly/3L7LZhL>

CHURCH ON FIRE: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 7PM
QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH, 4911 Moorpark Ave., San Jose. To register or for more info: www.qofa.org/church-on-fire

40 HOURS FOR THE LORD: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS: Join the Diocese of San Jose Vocations Office and Bishop Oscar Cantu for a prayer vigil **April 28-30, 2023** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our diocese. All are welcome to attend for any length of time to pray at **St. Maria Goretti Parish**. It will begin Friday, April 28 at 6pm with an Opening Mass and the Closing Mass with Bishop Oscar Cantu will be on **Sunday, April 30**. Sign up for an hour of Adoration at dsj.org/40hours.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREATS APRIL 28 @ 4:00 PM - APRIL 30 @ 2:00 PM: This program offers a weekend of support to women, men & couples whose lives have been impacted by pregnancy loss, abortion or miscarriage. The weekend includes 2 nights lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. All information is confidential. For more information please text or call 408.444.5472 or email Becky Morales hope@realoptions.net.



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