March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



HE IS RISEN Love has Won!

Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed.

If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do. (Pope Francis, Easter Vigil, 2013)

May the peace and strength of the risen Lord be with you always! --Fr. Greg and Staff

St. Mary community congratulates and welcomes the following who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

■ Tristan ■ Donna

Alexis

■ L.J.

and Chase

Congratulations Fr. Seth on your incardination as a priest of the Diocese of San Jose!!



ADA WEEK 8: WE DID IT!!

We reached our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal for 2024! Thank you so much to all the families whose generosity made this achievement possible. Now every dollar that

comes in will go to St. Mary for the repair of our heating and cooling system. If your pledge has been delayed for any reason, you can still be part of our success and lend a helping hand to your parish. The spring days are warming up. Keep the cool air coming by making a donation. Remember: the more money we can raise for the repairs, the more money we can save for other important parish projects that YOU may value.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are Live Streamed on our website

stmaryslg .org/live- stream-mass

DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Office Conference Room)

ADORATION

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am Thursdays - 7:00 pm

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Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. *How does your family* celebrate Easter Sunday?

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 10:34a, 37-43; **Psalm 118:** Colossians 3:1-4; OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 OR Mark 16:1-7

Gospel:

Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb. Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus?

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! This event is the greatest event in our Catholic faith. It is through the resurrection that Christ defeated sin and death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. All of God's promises are fulfilled through this glorious event. We have been preparing for 40 long days, through prayer and penance, so that we might be better prepared to receive Christ this day, and to better prepare our hearts to one day rise with Christ in eternal life. Today, we do not fast, but rather, celebrate and rejoice because of our great and merciful

We are called to live out the joy of Easter all year long. Our readings today reveal how we can do this here and now in our day-to-day lives.

In our First Reading, St. Luke preaches the Good News to us. He gives a synopsis of Who Christ is and what He did for us. He opens the door for people to partake in all that God wants to give us by saying, "everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." He radically educates and invites people into a life with Christ.

St. Luke's vocation was to evangelize to the ends of the earth, and as Catholics, that is our vocation, too. If we step back and think about how incredible our faith is, how could we not want to share this goodness with others? Oftentimes, we can focus on life's many hardships, but if we recognize how truly blessed we are we have a God who died and rose for us, and we have the most intimate way of receiving Him through Holy Communion — then we can become a people of joy, an Easter people. And if we are living our lives with this joy, then every moment becomes a moment of evangelization — how we greet people on the street or in our parish; how we do chores around the house; how we respond to our spouse. We are blessed with the knowledge of our faith — it is our job to faithfully share it in word and with the witness of our lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb early in the morning. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John in fear that someone had taken Jesus' body. Simon Peter and John ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. Each figure in our Gospel today "ran." We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him. Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it in a little bit." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus.

As we reflect on this Gospel, we must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded with willingness and eagerness is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by the way we live our lives and how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK					
Sun	3/31	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7			
Mon	4/1	Monday within the Octave of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15			
Tues	4/2	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18			
Wed	4/3	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35			
Thu	4/4	Thursday within the Octave of Easter Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48			
Fri	4/5	Friday within the Octave of Easter Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14			
Sat	4/6	Saturday within the Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16ab-21; Mk 16:9-15			
Sun	4/7	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	4/1	8:30 am	Marge Kraljev (healing)		
Tues	4/2	8:30 am	Kelly and Claudia Coffey (wedding anniversary)		
Wed	4/3	8:30 am	Eleanor Loffredo †		
Thu	4/4	8:30 am	Frank Catalana †		
Fri	4/5	8:30 am	Valerie Hudkins †		
Sat	4/6	8:30 am	Mary Elizabeth Coffey †		
Sat 4/0		5:00 pm	Denise Laplace (special intention)		
Sun	4/7	9:00 am	Mike Fox, Sr. †		
		11:00 am	Alexandra Cuccias (birthday)		
		5:00 pm	Roberta Caldwell †		

DSJ MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mental Health Ministry Training: Learn skills to serve as a Parish-Based Mental Health Minister. Join Listen with the Ears of the Heart, cohort 9! Session dates: Mondays Apr 8-Apr 29 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm via Zoom. If you or others in your parish are interested in this first step in exploring Mental Health Ministry, contact Barbara Zahner at barbarazahner1.mac.com. Limited space available.

What is Catholic Mental Health Ministry? — A short series of films and resources that explore the essence of Mental Health Ministry and how it differs from conventional secular mental health support and clinical care and emphasizes the reasons for this ministry's importance in our faith communities. For information and registration visit: What is Catholic Mental Health Ministry? — https://catholicmhm.org/what-is-catholic-mental-health-ministry

Introduction to Catholic Mental Health Ministry - Delve into the core principles and practices that define effective mental health ministry and learn practical guidelines for successfully implementing mental health ministry in a parish or diocese. For information and registration visit: Intro to Catholic Mental Health Ministry https://catholicmhm.org/introduction-to-catholic-mental-health-ministry



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

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be. ©LPi

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph! Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more. Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master, Who paid the debt of Adam, Who frees those doomed to die, Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly, Who destroys death forever, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. God our Father, eternal is your love for us! Christ the Son, in victory you reign! Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts. Together you live and reign and ransom your people, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of **PRAYER**

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

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Msgr. John Coleman; Bill Flora; Pat Malysz; Antonio Battencourt; Victoria Miramontez; Richard Hernandez; Peter Kraljev; Linda Graham; Janice Gallagher

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.





MEN'S & WOMEN'S UPCOMING CURSILLO

RETREATS: The Diocese of San Jose has two upcoming Cursillo retreat's that will be held at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. Cursillo is a Catholic based short course in Christianity. April 18-21: Spring 2024 Men's Weekend & May 2-5, 2024: Spring 2024 Women's Weekend. Come and enjoy beautiful scenery, music, daily Mass, reflections, prayers and speakers discussing how theology reflects in your everyday life. For information and online application please visit sanjosecursillo.org/cursilloweekend/make-my-weekend.

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	Jul. 1 2023 to Mar. 17, 2024
Budget	\$ 564,880.00
Actual	\$ 569,529.00
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Stewardship of TALENT

April 6 & 7

5pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 11am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5pm Sunday: 5pm Sunday Ensemble

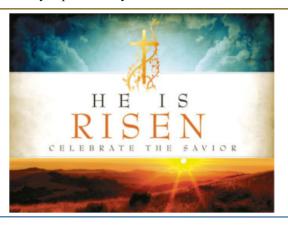


April 13 & 14

5pmSaturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9am Sunday: Parish Choir

11am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5pm Sunday: 5pm Sunday Ensemble



Easter Flowers Offering

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CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA https://bit.ly/3FX156B

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG - Produced by Trish Short, as heard worldwide on EWTN - virtual rosary with prayers on the screen. Sung by Trish Short, Michael Bethea, and Crystal Yates. https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=HKIOLyYs3Os (spoken and sung)

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH FR. ROB GALEA, FRG MINISTRY (spoken) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHbF5xClwws

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY – STEVE ANGRISANO & SARAH HART, (Sung) https://www.youtube.com/watch?
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UPCOMING TOPICS

4/7/24 The Story of the Eucharist - *Part 1* 4/14/24 The Story of the Eucharist - *Part 2*

4/21/24 Bread for the Journey - Part 1

4/28/24 Bread for the Journey - *Part 2*

St. Mary Parish School Spring Tours
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Junior High students, in collaboration with our school parish Church, led the Stations of the Cross and hosted a Lent soup supper. The community all came together during the Lent season for this event, which was spearheaded by our junior high religion teacher, Mr. Nathanael Baugnon-Edwards. Thank you to everyone who came to pray with us.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



YOUNG ADULT MINI RETREAT - An Encounter with Christ, My Friend: Saturday April 13, 2024, 3:00pm-9:30pm, St. Lucy Parish, All young adults, 18-35, are invited to an evening to encounter Christ through evening reflections, fellowship, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration. Guests include Bishop Cantu, Fr. Joe Kim, Anabella Estrada and Tricia Trembeull. Don't miss out! To register and for more info visit dsj.org/event/ecmf-2024/



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