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 SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 P.M.; SUNDAY 8, 9:30,  
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 WEEKDAY MASSES:  
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 FIRST FRIDAY: 8 A.M. AND 12 NOON  
 HOLY DAYS: PLEASE SEE BULLETIN  
 NATIONAL HOLIDAYS: 9 A.M. (NO 8 A.M.)  
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS - MORNING PRAYER:  
 M - F: 7:30 A.M.; SAT 8:30 A.M.  
 RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 4-5 P.M.  
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**Merciful Love's Triumph!**

The First Reading is a portion of a speech St. Peter gave at the Roman Centurion, Cornelius' house. He is fulfilling his mission which he outlines in this reading, Jesus commissioned all His disciples to witness to His life and proclaim the Gospel message. • The Responsorial, Psalm 118 is about *true mercy*, which is strong and courageous virtue. It does not avoid the truth, but recognizes it and loves the other into healing. Mercy always ends up on the cross. God knows that love cannot be forced, and that the only way to bring people to true love is by loving over and over, not because they deserve it but because they need it. That is true mercy. The cross is the source of mercy's power. Through His cross and resurrection, Jesus destroyed the power of sin and death, bringing us into His life, true life. He converted what the world would consider utter defeat into a powerful victory, so we cannot help but rejoice on this Easter day. • In the Second Reading to Colossians, St. Paul reminds us of the consequences of our baptismal commitment which we renew today; if we have died with Christ to rise with Him, then we must live in a way consistent with this choice. Our reward is to share in His glory and live with Him for all eternity. To the Corinthians, St. Paul uses Passover symbolism to remind us to reject all traces of death that can still be found in our behavior and to live for and in Jesus our Lord. • The Paschal Victim Sequence, like all the sequences, celebrates a major liturgical feast. Jesus is the Paschal Lamb, the sinless one who redeems us. Death thinks itself victorious, but it has been defeated by Love that gives

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life eternal. Mary Magdalene is also asked to witness to the Resurrection. The end is a plea for mercy. • The Easter Gospel reading is St. John's account. Mary Magdalene, representing the Church in search of her Savior, goes to the tomb on Easter morning. She is the first to give witness to the Resurrection. After she informs Peter and John (the beloved), they run to the tomb. John arrives first, but as love respects authority, he waited for Peter to arrive and let him enter first. The beloved disciple remains unnamed to represent us all as we run to the tomb to see and believe and so witness to the Resurrection.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**  
 When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, and we ask Him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.  
**My Jesus, I believe**  
 that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.  
 I love You above all things,  
 and I long for You in my soul.  
 Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart.  
 As though You have already come,  
 I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;  
 never permit me to be separated from You.  
 Amen.

**Prayer of the Week**

Let us pray on this Easter Day for the life that never again shall see darkness. • God our Father, Creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the day on which the Lord appeared to people who had begun to lose hope and opened their eyes to what the Scriptures foretold: that first He must die, and then He would rise and ascend into His Father's glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know Him in His risen life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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*On the day I called, you answered me;  
 You increased the strength of my soul.  
 You give me life though I walk amid affliction.*

---Psalm 138:1,3,7

**In Our Prayers**

**Daily Mass Intentions  
 April 12 - April 19**

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	Terry Andrews (+)
	11:00am	No Mass
<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Betty Traty (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	John Silveira (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	John Reid (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	Pamela DeRose (+)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Int...Joan Zilaff
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Gene Vittori (+)
	5:30pm	No Mass
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Coronavirus Victims (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Bill & Mary Riehl (+)

**In Memoriam**

Let us pray for all those who have died, especially the victims of the coronavirus. May they enjoy light, happiness and peace.

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbaria, Gene Yeager, Adria Laubacher, Margarita Enriquez, Marjorie Green, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, John Vostrez, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Donald Anderson, Nancy McGarry, Patrick Valenzuela, Michael Fletcher, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Marie Schumacher, Ralph Goodall, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

**Meetings & Events**

**Sunday's Scripture Readings**

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9* • St. John places Mary Magdalene at the center of his Resurrection Gospel today. Alone, she sets out "...early in the morning, while it is still dark,..." on that first day of the week to complete the burial rites for her slain friend. John does not want us to miss the rich symbolism of their early hour; for it is a time when Mary is still in the embrace of the darkness of unbelief. • As she approaches the tomb, she sees the rolled-away stone, not as good news, but proof that someone has broken in and taken the body of Jesus. Before the dawn of Resurrection faith, her response is to run away from the place of Christ's victory and hide with the others. Here, perhaps, she symbolizes every human being who has lost something precious in life either through death, a broken relationship, or an unfulfilled dream, and finds it hard to celebrate in hope of the Resurrection. • In the end, Mary does what we would all do--she seeks the help of others. Returning to the tomb, she brings with her Peter, whose own journey stumbles between blindness of denial and the light of faith, and John, the beloved disciple. Yet they, too, are still blind to what has occurred. • As the drama unfolds, John arrives first, but waits for Peter before entering the tomb. As they see the burial cloths, what they see is no longer mere physical perception--instead it is a moment of faith! While in the darkened tomb, John's faith in the Resurrection is still not complete, but he recalls the words of Jesus and understands that his body has not been stolen, but that Jesus himself has snatched life from the very jaws of death. • Over the three-day Triduum just celebrated, we have traveled a great way and today we stand at the empty tomb, not in the blindness of unbelief, but in the light of faith. The Christ we celebrate today is not only the Christ of the cross, but the risen Christ. To have remained on Calvary would have been to run away from the life-giving power of the Resurrection and the reconciliation that it offers to all. For the Resurrection is the victory of love and self-giving over the blindness of hatred and sin. Even the once insurmountable obstacle of death is no more; its power is smashed in the Father's action of raising Jesus from the dead. • Having commemorated the paschal mystery, today--even in the midst of the overwhelming tragedy of the COVID-19 pandemic--we proclaim to the world our belief that Christ is the Lord of the

living. He walks with us, renewing us with his grace so that we can confidently live life and celebrate the hope of eternal life in the here and now. *Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Suspension of All Public Masses and Meetings**

**Novena to End the Coronavirus Pandemic**

To be prayed for nine consecutive days

*Novenas are an ancient tradition of prayer in times of great need. The practice traces its origin to when the apostles prayed for nine days between the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit.*

• Mary, full of grace, patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of worldwide illness we ask your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. We pray for all who have lost jobs or security in this time. May your Son watch over all who are sick and their caretakers, bring heaven all who have died, and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure to the Coronavirus.

**St. Damien of Molokai**, minister to lepers, pray for us.

**St. Anthony the Great**, who healed infectious diseases, pray for us.

**St. Edmund**, patron of victims of pandemics, pray for us.

**St. Frances Cabrini**, foundress of hospitals, pray for us.

**St. Agatha**, patron of nurses, pray for us.

**St. Luke**, patron of doctors, pray for us.

**St. Joseph**, patron of the dying, pray for us.

**All you holy angels and saints**, pray for us.

Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence in the tender compassion of our God. Calm our fears and help us to trust in the Divine Physician. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Jaime Soto has suspended the public celebration of Sunday and weekday Masses for the Diocese of Sacramento and public parish meetings until further notice. • Visit the Diocese of Sacramento website at <https://www.scd.org/coronavirus> for more information.

**Season of Easter**

Our celebration of Easter continues for 50 days until the feast of Pentecost, May 31. We focus on the Acts of the Apostles. We are encouraged to open our Bibles or go to [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) to journey and pray with the first disciples. Though still apart, our prayers will unite us.

**Resources to**

**Sustain our Faith and Prayer Life**

While celebration of the Mass is suspended, Sacred Heart Church will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm; Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm; and on Sundays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. • Confessions will continue to be heard on Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **We have posted on the Parish Website at [www.sacredheart.church](http://www.sacredheart.church) some spiritual resources:**

- There are a number of websites that celebrate Mass daily.
- [Daily Mass with Word on Fire](#), Bishop Barron's website
- [EWTN](#) Eternal Word Television Network
- [Catholic TV](#)
- Salt and Light Media [Canadian Daily TV](#) on You Tube.

Here are some spiritual resources: You may also find the following daily meditations on the Readings of Mass helpful:

- The University of St Louis has a brilliant website exploring the depths of Sunday readings. Explore historical cultural context, thoughts from the early church, scripture in depth, and other areas of significant import. Find it at [liturgy.slu.edu](http://liturgy.slu.edu)
- [Word on Fire](#) is Bishop Barron's website which is extremely popular. Bishop Barron explains the Sunday readings each week. The site has numerous videos, homilies, and other Catholic resources.