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Our paschal lamb, CHRIST, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.

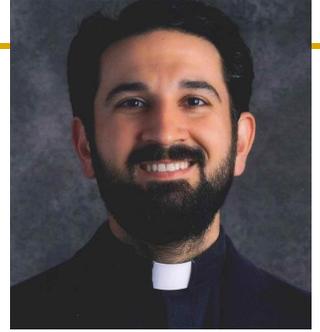
I CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

# EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

## Clergy Bulletin Letter

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Dear St. Joseph Family,

I'm not sure how many times the Triduum has begun on April Fool's day, but there's an intriguing comparison to be made there, wouldn't you say? Over the course of the next four days, we will recount the greatest reversal of events that has ever occurred in history. Just when everyone thought that Jesus was dead... the joke's on them.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead, however, was no joke. It was God's carefully designed plan. Seeing humanity fall into sin and bent on self-destruction, God knew that the only remedy would be for Him to save us from ourselves, to enter into our own experience, to put death to death. In reality, the joke is really on the Evil One, who 40 days ago tried to tempt Jesus into worshipping him. Jesus resisted him then and brought that initial victory in the desert to completion on the Cross. The devil, who had successfully used his temptations of pride and self-preservation on the scribes and Pharisees, Judas and Pontius Pilate, was defeated by Jesus' humility and self-gift to the Father.

I think this date of April Fool's Day is a fitting irony, because it appears that many in our world think that the devil won, and that the tomb which was closed on Good Friday remained that way. And so, they mock God, oftentimes right to His face. This week, a musician created and sold 666 pairs of shoes with satanic emblems on them, which sold out immediately. And on Good Friday, a movie is being released about a young woman who claims to be receiving visions of the Blessed Mother but is really experiencing demonic activity.

That is blasphemy. But the joke is on them, because our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead. Don't let anyone convince you that He isn't.

In the face of these attacks, what I often turn to (besides the testimony found within Sacred Scripture) is the witness of the vast number of people in the early Church who rejected self-preservation to give up their lives for the Gospel. Just think of the Apostles for a second; if the Resurrection did not happen, why would they, and St. Paul, risk their lives to preach that it had? What did they stand to gain? Absolutely nothing. In fact, by preaching this, they gave up everything.

But St. Paul says, *"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something"* (1 Cor: 18, 27-28).

Now, I don't want this to sound like it's us against them. Jesus' message, the message of the Cross, is that it is "us for them." Yes, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (John 12:24). And this is perhaps the biggest "joke" of all, that if we love our lives in this world, we will lose them. But if we lose them now, even for those who hate us, we will find them forever.

And this is the great challenge of Easter. As one of my professors in the seminary once said, Easter is a much more difficult season than Lent, because now we must go forth and live for others as Jesus lived for us. By no means does this mean we allow others to walk over us. What it means is that we allow the "power of God" to shine through us, as we teach, by our words and our works, that Jesus is alive, that love and truth are more powerful than lies and death. And you can do this. Do not doubt the power of God. This power, that raised Jesus from the dead, that inspired the martyrs of the early Church to witness to the Gospel, that moves modern-day saints to self-less love and service of their neighbors, is the same power that is poured out upon you. May you experience this power anew this Triduum and Easter season.

With much love,  
Fr. Mario

## Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord

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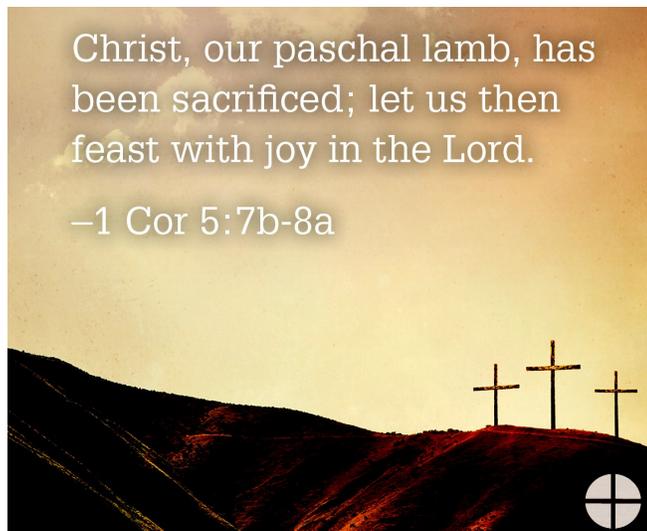
### **What is Easter?**

The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14). “What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being,’ the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one” (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49). The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday. The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

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**M**any thanks to all the volunteers & Mass Team for their hard work in making the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies celebration special.

Special thanks to Arts & Environment Ministry for decorating the Basilica and making it beautiful for Easter Sunday, and for the generous support from our Parish Community towards the Easter flowers donations. God bless all of you!



Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

-1 Cor 5:7b-8a

### **Easter Daily Devotion**

Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!  
Let the joy of the Resurrection  
fill me every day, O Lord.  
Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!  
May the Spirit's grace and power  
bless me this day, O Lord.  
Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!  
Help me to be a sign of your life and  
love today and every day, O Lord.  
Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!

### **Table Prayer for the Season of Easter**

This is the day the Lord has made!  
On this Day of days  
we are filled with Easter joy  
and nourished by the fruits of earth.  
On this Day of days  
may we know the presence of Christ  
in breaking bread with those we love.  
On this Day of days  
let us show his presence to the poor and hungry  
as our service to them is a sign of his glory.  
This is the day the Lord has made!  
Let all the earth cry out with joy  
on this Day of days.  
May this meal be blessed,  
as we will be at the feast of heaven.  
Amen.

# **EASTER**

## *Blessings & Prayers*

### **Regina Caeli, Laetare. Alleluia!** *(An Easter Prayer to the Mother of God)*

Rejoice, Queen of heaven.  
Alleluia!

Lead the rejoicing of all the saved,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God.  
You were chosen to be Christ's mother.  
Alleluia!

Help us remain faithful children of light,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God.  
Christ has risen as he said.  
Alleluia!

Let us follow your example,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God.  
Pray for us to God. Alleluia!  
With all the saints,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
intercede for us at the throne of grace.  
Rejoice and be glad: the Lord is truly risen.  
Alleluia!

May our joy bring us,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
to join you and the hosts of heaven,  
singing eternal praises in glory  
for all eternity.  
Alleluia!

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**Mass Schedules**

**Daily Mass**

**11 am, Basilica  
Monday - Saturday**

*(Livestreaming available on our Facebook Page)*

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda/>

**Reminder:**

Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice. We encourage you to live-stream Mass each weekend for those of you who prefer to stay at home or are not feeling well.

**Drive-through or walk through Communion on Sundays**

Starts 1.30 pm and ends 2 pm, weather permitting. For updates visit Parish's Website: [sjbalameda.org](http://sjbalameda.org)



**Sunday Masses: In person**

**5:00 pm Vigil - Basilica (starting 4/11/2021)  
9:30 am & 12 noon - Quad**

Reservation is required to attend either one of the in-person Mass.

Please click on the following link to reserve a spot: <https://sjbalameda.org/sunday-mass-schedule>

Note: Reservations open on Monday afternoons and close at 2 pm on Fridays, or when tickets are filled.

**12-Noon Mass live-streamed On YouTube Link:**

<https://sjbalameda.org/mass-live-streamed-youtube-links>

**Worship Aid:** Please click [here](#)



**Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30pm**

Reconciliation will be held in the Confession Room

**Basilica Open for Private Prayer**

- Monday-Friday: 9am-7pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm
- Sunday: 9am - 11 am; 1pm-5pm (closed 11 am - 1:30 pm to prepare for 12 noon livestream Mass)

Please continue to practice the recommended hygiene and social distancing. We ask you to refrain from gathering in groups, and to avoid touching surfaces and to wash hands as often as possible.

Note: Bathrooms are closed.

## Mass Intention

### **Holy Saturday, April 3**

9:00am Morning Prayer Service  
8:00pm Easter Vigil  
- For The People Of The Parish

### **Easter Sunday Masses, April 4**

[9:30 am & 12-noon, Basilica](#)  
For The People Of The Parish  
- Living and Deceased

[12-Noon Mass Live-streamed](#)  
For The People Of The Parish  
- Living and Deceased

[9:45 am & 12.15 pm, Quad](#)  
For The People Of The Parish  
- Living and Deceased

### **Monday, April 5**

11:00am Alameda Care - Subacute Unit  
†Amber Bishop

### **Tuesday, April 6**

11:00 am †Joseph Tan & Maria Nguyen

### **Wednesday, April 7**

11:00 am +Agada Lee

### **Thursday, April 8**

11:00 am Linda Lim-Cousins - Birthday  
Thanksgiving

### **Friday, April 9**

11:00 am +Chul Un Ye

### **Saturday, April 10**

11:00 am †Janet O'Connor  
†Alfonso & Teresita Colobong

5:00 pm, Vigil -

### **Sunday, April 11**

9:30 am (Quad) Tim Morse - Happy Birthday  
12 Noon (Quad) -  
12 Noon Livestreamed - For The People Of  
the Parish, Living & Deceased

## Mass Intention Request

for the month of April & May is closed as  
dates are filled up.

## Pray for the Sick

*May those who are in need of our prayers, place  
their trust and faith in the comforting  
presence of the Lord. Amen.*

Ronald M Bautista, Romelita  
Baustita, Lhiza Brown, Jazlynn &  
Nia Cain, Mary Cronin, Fong Che,  
Greg Falkner, David McGaffey,  
Amelia Miguel, Nory A. Reyes,  
Reena Salud, Ramon N. Tirona,  
John Verduzco.



*The List is refreshed monthly.*

*Please email:*

[secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org) or call (510) 995 9420 if  
you would like a name added to our prayer list.

## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of April  
is sponsored (anonymous)  
for the Community of St. Joseph

## Weekly Altar Flowers And / Or Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

Remember a loved one by sponsoring the weekly  
Altar Flowers, or one candle for the weekly Sanctuary  
Lamp. Request is open for the month of May. Your  
intention will be printed in the weekly E-bulletin.  
Donations for Altar Flowers, \$75 and Sanctuary  
Lamp, \$20.

To sponsor and select a date, please contact  
Sherley Lim at: [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org), or call  
(510) 995 9420.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter  
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter;  
Julian Calendar Good Friday  
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter  
Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5:00pm

Note: The Parish Office remains CLOSED during Shelter in place but we continue to serve you remotely. If you need to contact members of the Parish Staff, please communicate with us via EMAIL or phone.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call (510) 995-9421 or email: [frmario@sjbalameda.org](mailto:frmario@sjbalameda.org).

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please visit our website under “Sacraments” for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Sherley Lim 510-995-9420, or email: [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org)
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409, or email: [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org)

## Parish Ministries During Shelter In Place

Most events or gatherings are canceled during SIP, although some are continuing through video conference or other means. For information on how to connect, contact:

- Bible Study: [demcgaffey@gmail.com](mailto:demcgaffey@gmail.com)
- Grief Ministry: [billkueppers@gmail.com](mailto:billkueppers@gmail.com)
- RCIA Inquiry: [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org)
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- Shelter-in-place ministry: [sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com)
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: [drmaponce@yahoo.com](mailto:drmaponce@yahoo.com)
- Pastoral Care Ministry: [sunil@sjbalameda.org](mailto:sunil@sjbalameda.org)
- Young Adults Ministry: [AlamedaYAG@gmail.com](mailto:AlamedaYAG@gmail.com)

## Clergy:

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## Parish Grief Ministry

As the COVID-19 restrictions continue and we cannot meet as a group as usual, we want to reassure you that you are still in our hearts and prayers. We are also well aware that some parishioners have now suffered new losses. Remember, the Grief Ministry is here for you. If you need or desire support around your grief/grieving, please feel free to reach out to one of us - we are available to support you via telephone, email, or text Bill (510) 846-3882 (Cell/text), email: [billkueppers@gmail.com](mailto:billkueppers@gmail.com);

Suzanne (219) 879-4819 (Cell/text), mail: [suzanne@morris.guide](mailto:suzanne@morris.guide);

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