



JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM, "PEACE BE WITH YOU."

JOHN 20:19

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 24, 2022

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9:00 - 4:00 pm for in-person
visits (closed for lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm)

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am &
5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 9:00 - 9:30 am
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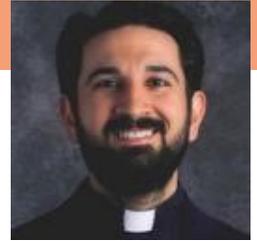
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Clergy Corner



Dear St. Joseph Family,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Last weekend was a really special time. Not only was it the celebration of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, it was the first time celebrating it together with no restrictions since the beginning of Covid, and boy, was it a special celebration. From Fr. Sunil washing the feet of our 9:30am Mass team on Holy Thursday, to the veneration of the Cross on Friday, to the Vigil on Saturday with all its many beautiful parts, most especially the baptisms of Lily and Liza, and finally, the Masses on Easter Sunday. Both the 9:30am and 12pm Masses were packed, so full was 9:30 that we ran out of hosts temporarily (Fr. Sunil ran back to the tabernacle to retrieve the ciborium full of Hosts). After Mass, one of the parishioners remarked to me that that is a good problem to have; better to have many people and run out of Hosts, than to not have many people at all. As I was celebrating the noon Mass with Fr. Sunil in a packed Church, I was thinking to myself, "how awesome would it be if the basilica was this full every Sunday?" And the question is, "why isn't it?" That is a question for all of us to ask ourselves, because we all have a part to play in filling the Church, and the Easter season is an appropriate time to focus in on this question, since the message of Christ's Resurrection is why we are here in the first place.

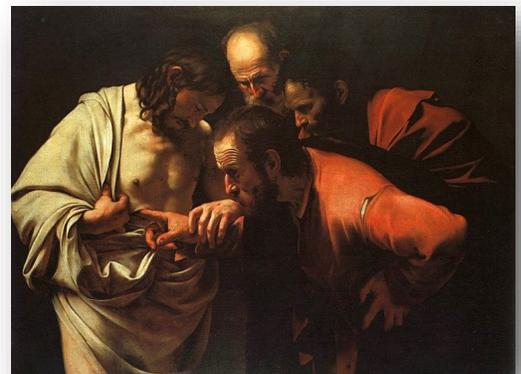
On one hand, we fill the Church by being present ourselves, by bringing our families, especially our children, and why wouldn't we be at Church every single Sunday? Every single Sunday is a memorial of Christ's death and Resurrection, which means that every Sunday is a miniature Easter. At every Mass, Jesus enters into our midst and nourishes us with His Body and Blood. I once saw a meme that said, "Sunday Mass should be your excuse for missing everything else." Too often it is the other way around.

On the other hand, we fill the Church with our proclamation of the Gospel. "I am called to proclaim the Gospel?" you ask? "Isn't that Father's job?" No! It is your job to proclaim the Gospel in your life, to your family and to your friends, to your coworkers and to the people you pass on the street, in the grocery store, and even while driving. And the way you do this does not mean that you open up the Catechism of the Catholic Church and start reading passages to them. You preach the Gospel by the way you live, and by the way you treat them, principally, by living a life of joy. Easter is above all a season of joy, which is distinguishable from happiness and pleasure. Those two things are contingent on external circumstances; "I am happy when I have this..." "It is pleasurable to have that..." These things are fleeting. Joy is not, because joy is based on an unshakeable truth, that God loves you with an infinite love, and nothing and no one can change that. This was proven true 2,000 years ago when God became incarnate, gave Himself to humanity, was put to death by them, rose from the grave and said to them, "peace be with you." Joy is the bedrock of our lives, and shouldn't we want to share that with others?

The reason you are reading this letter is because the early Church deemed it important enough to share this message, even to the point of death, and little by little, century by century, that message arrived to us. Now, who are you going to share this message with? Again, you do not need to be a theologian or even a catechist to share this. You simply need to have had an encounter with Christ who loves you. Many of us have had these encounters and can recall them with intense clarity, like Thomas in this Sunday's Gospel (See painting below, "The Incredulity of Thomas" by Caravaggio). If faith has become rote, then we can struggle to pinpoint a precise moment of encountering God; but we can have them. These moments come in many ways, but here are some tried and true ones: Eucharistic adoration, prayers like the Rosary, the Sacrament of Confession, reading Sacred Scripture especially the Gospels, and the Corporal Works of Mercy. Christ will meet us in these moments, just as He met the women and the Apostles after the Resurrection, and when He does, get ready for what the Living God, Jesus Christ will do through you.

May this Easter Season continue to be a time of great joy for you.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 3 - 4 pm, Basilica

Chaplet Prayer at 3 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:



St. Faustina, pray for us!

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church. —Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Read more here: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-Sunday>

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April 30: Gifted to Give

A Dinner Gala (Fiesta) Celebrating 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines at San Ramon Marriott.

For details, contact Fr. Erick Villa at: frjetvilla@srcdublin.org



Upcoming Second Collection Maintenance Collection: May 3

The second collection this weekend is taken up on the first Sunday of every month. Your support will assist in defraying the costs of maintaining the Parish buildings and grounds. Thank you!



Basilica Funeral Announcements

- **Larry Kempel**
Monday, April 25,
Funeral Mass: 11 am
- **Cristina Dikitanan**
Tuesday, April 26
Viewing: 11—12:45 pm
Funeral Mass: 1 pm
- **Steve Lopez**
Saturday, April 30
Funeral Mass: 1:30 pm

Rest In Peace

Bi-monthly Tuesday Afternoon NOURISH for Caregivers of family or friends - Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 2:00 pm

(Repeats every first Tuesday of the month)

Location: Virtual Event

What is Nourish?

A place to bring questions and share your ideas. A space to receive spiritual nourishment - encouragement, inspiration and understanding caregiver. Visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/events/st-bonaventures-nourish-for-caregivers/20220503> for the participation link.



Save the Date!

Advanced Bioscience Resources is the oldest, continuously operating collector and distributor of aborted fetal body parts in the U.S. And it's right here in Alameda, across from City Hall and next to the Main Library!

We invite you to join us on **Saturday, 14** (and every 2nd Saturday thereafter) at **9:15 am in front of City Hall**, at the corner of Santa Clara and Oak St., to pray the Rosary for our little, voiceless brothers and sisters.

For more information about ABR:

<https://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/human-capital/special-report-advanced-bioscience->



Active Parish Ministries

- All God's Children Prayer Group (*In-person: Mondays, 9-11:00 am, Parish Center*)
- Bible Study - Thursday Morning Scripture: ebmcgaffey@gmail.com (*Virtual*)
- Community Outreach Ministry: sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com
- CRS Chapters - spippen@msjdominicans.org
- Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com
- Knights of Columbus: (*2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center*)
- Legion of Mary: terecitadeandentist@gmail.com (*Fridays, 5:30-6:30 pm, Reconciliation Room*)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: mlopezox@gmail.com (*1st Thursdays, 7-8 pm, Parish Center*)
- Pastoral Care Ministry: sunil@sjbalameda.org (*1st Saturdays, Parish Center*)
- Christian Initiation (for those interested in becoming Catholic): Contact Anne Marie for details afourre@sjbalameda.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- St. Vincent de Paul Ministry: louisea.svdp@gmail.com (*4th Saturdays, 9-10:30 am, Parish Center*)
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: drmaponce@yahoo.com or jdowncooper@gmail.com
- Taize: (*4th Fridays, 8-9 pm, Basilica. Note: November & December on 3rd Fridays*)
- Welcome The Stranger: amrossi1238@aol.com (*Virtual, 2nd Tuesdays. Contact Anna Rossi for details*)
- Young Adults Ministry: AlamedaYAG@gmail.com (*In-person & Virtual options, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8-9pm, Parish Center*)

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

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: fmario@sjbalameda.org

Sacrament of Baptism:

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Sherley Lim 510.995.9420, or email: secretary@sjbalameda.org
- For adults or children over age 6, please contact Anne Marie, 510.995.9409, or email: afourre@sjbalameda.org

Christian Burial: Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Mortuary first.

Note: For Funeral Mass scheduling, please contact the Parish Office 510.522.0181

Faith Formation Corner

Congratulations to Liza, Lilyana and Izabela who celebrated the Easter sacraments at last week's Vigil. Liza and Lily were baptized and all three received First Eucharist. Liza was also confirmed, but Lily and Izzy will celebrate Confirmation with the other teens next month.



Praying Together

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23

- 8:30 am 1) McGaugh Family
2) †Maria Herma F. Tibay
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, April 24

- 7:30 am Naces Family - Thanksgiving
9:30 am Apura Family - Thanksgiving
12:00 pm Deceased Members of Lim & Thong Families
7:00 pm 1) †Edgar Borbon 2) †Larry Kempel

Monday, April 25

- 8:30am †Craig Fossio

Tuesday, April 26

- 8:30 am †Marcelina Alcantara

Wednesday, April 27

- 8:30 am †Eduardo Alcontin

Thursday, April 28

- 8:30 am †Paulino F. Campaner - Death Anniversary

Friday, April 29

- 8:30 am 1) †Carole Slicton 2) †William Casey II

Saturday, April 30

- 8:30 am 1) †Perfecto M. Posadas - Death Anniversary
2) Greg Posadas - Birthday Thanksgiving
5:00 pm †Edgardo 'Gary' Ramirez

Sunday, May 1

- 7:30 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 pm †Sr. Mary Dominic Uyen Nguyen - 1st Death Anniversary
12:00 pm †Victoriano Nabaza Sr - Birthday Remembrance
7:00 pm In Honor of St. Joseph (*personal intention*)

DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!" How can I keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection in my daily life? *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.*

Reflection: *How can I come to grasp more fully the meaning of my baptism?*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal
feast kindle the faith of the people you
have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

Recent Passing

Steve Lopez & Cristina Dikitanan

*May our Lord Bless and Comfort the
Families during this time of grief,
Rest In Peace.*

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

The Sanctuary Lamp
for week of April 23/24 is sponsored
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Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

Constancia Abueg, Sandy Anderson, Lady Tirona Bautista, Lhiza H. Brown, Jane Burgelin, Ronald M Bautista, Romelita Bautista, Jazlynn A. Cain, Linda Dubins, Nia Loralei Cain, Mary Cronin, Jeff Fairbanks, Rino Gacad, Heidi Bella Jaro, Amelia Miguel, Dalmacio Quinto, Robert L. Ramos Jr., Mary Rocca, Nory A. Reyes, Michael Ricica and Ramon N. Tirona.



The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Sick List, please email: secretary@sjbalameda.org or call (510) 995 9420.

Mass Intentions are a beautiful way of praying for your intentions or for the souls of our deceased loved ones. To request a Mass Intention, please contact Sherley in the Parish Office by email: secretary@sjbalameda.org or in-person help, Monday - Friday, 10 am - 4pm.

Good Stewardship

We humbly ask the people of the Diocese of Oakland to participate in the day-to-day work of meeting the needs of the faithful. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports the ministries that go out into the parishes – faith formation and evangelization, CYO sports, formation of priests to serve those parishioners, care of the retired priests, and meeting the unexpected needs of schools and parishes.

Help our Parish once again to reach the goal of \$51,000 assigned. You can either pick up a pledge envelope found in the Basilica or through online giving: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>



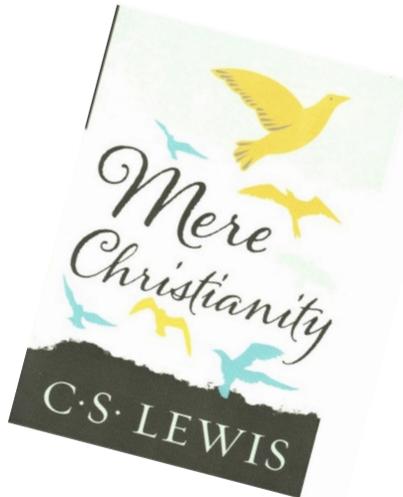
*“Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep”*

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

Meditation:

And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being 'in Christ' or of Christ being 'in them', this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts—that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts like belief but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion. It is not merely the spreading of an idea; it is more like evolution—a biological or super biological fact. There is no good trying to be more spiritual than God. God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put new life into us. We may think this rather crude and unspiritual. God does not: He invented eating. He likes matter. He invented it

—C.S. Lewis, p. 64 (An Excerpt From the book *Mere Christianity*)



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saint snippets

Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.



St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

German lawyer who became a Capuchin friar and defender of the poor. He was a major figure in the Counter-Reformation until his martyrdom in 1622.

April 24

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Pope Francis' May 2022 Prayer Intentions: For faith filled young people:

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Community News

A message from Mark Ritter, High School Art Teacher and Performing Arts

Hello, Saint Joseph Parish Arts Lovers! We have four exciting events coming up after Easter in April and May. Please join us to celebrate the talent and creativity of our high school artists, musicians, singers, and actors at the following events:

The Spring Festival of Visual Arts and Charity Art Sale
Tuesday, April 26th from 7-9 pm in Notre Dame Hall

The Spring Festival of Music - Band
Thursday, April 28th, from 7 -9 pm in the Kelly Gym

The Spring Concert in the Quad: Celebrating the Music of Disney- Choir
Saturday, May 14th, 12:30 pm in the Quad

Honors Theater Performance: The Diner
Saturday, May 14, 7 - 9 pm in Room 201

For more details, email Mark Ritter: mritter@sjnd.org



Shower with Cards Mother's Day Campaign

We are going to honor the women of our more isolated parishioners and partnered care homes this Mother's Day with your lovely cards of love and encouragement. **We are accepting completed cards on the Rectory Porch until Sunday, May 1.** Thank you again, for being the light of Christ to so many!



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**Rachel's Vineyard
Weekend Bilingual
Spanish/English
Retreat
April 29, 2022 - May 1,
2022**



If the quality of your life is affected or you have never completely recovered from pregnancy loss, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a place where you can find support, compassion, and healing. This is a confidential, safe place to share your story and discover God's heart of compassion and mercy. The retreat is a non-denominational, interfaith environment offering Biblical principles and perspectives for restoration. Visit website for details or registration: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/events/rachels-vineyard-weekend-bilingual-spanish-english-retreat>

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