

JESUS SAID, "MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;  
I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

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## Clergy Corner



Dear St. Joseph Family,

I am writing this from the second half of the New Pastors Program put on by the Diocese of Orange. I attended the first half in August of 2021.

I want to dive right into the news of the leaked draft of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade, the decision from 1973 that legalized abortion in our country. This new decision, if it stands, will be of monumental consequence for our country. Since the passing of Roe, it is estimated that around 63 million abortions have taken place. Each day in our country, an estimated 2,363 abortions occur (according to [Liveaction.org](https://www.liveaction.org)). So, what would this decision mean for us? The overturning of Roe would not mean that abortion would be illegal throughout the country. It would simply mean that it is no longer a recognized, Constitutional right, in every state. Instead, the power to enact laws allowing or restricting abortion would be granted to the individual states. This means that certain states would make abortion illegal, while some, like ours, would keep it legal. So, what are we to do going forward?

I would like to offer some words of wisdom that I heard on the opening night of this conference that I am attending. Fr. Christopher, the rector of the Cathedral here, led us in a reflection, noting how we are great at wishing each other well. "Have a good day," we say. "I hope you're well." But we must go beyond that, he said. We must not simply wish each other well, we must desire the good of the other. Then we must go beyond that. We must do good for the other. "What am I going to do to make sure you have a good day?" That is where the "rubber meets the road" in our faith. This is what our Lord asks of us, to not only wish good for the other, but to do something good for them.

I mentioned this in my homily on Divine Mercy Sunday, when I noted how the "voice" of our culture will tell us that doing certain things, like having an abortion, are tolerable, even merciful. But the truly merciful thing to do is to step into the difficult experience with the other and do something for them. I said, "the world will tell a young mother and father with an unexpected pregnancy, 'it's ok to end this child's life so that you can have your own,' and claim that this is mercy. The truly merciful thing to do is say, 'I will enter into this uncertainty with you, I will support you, and God will see you and your baby through it.'"

If the Supreme Court decision goes through, we must be prepared to step into the difficult situation of an unexpected pregnancy, and say, "we at St. Joseph's Basilica will do something to help you." Are you prepared to do that, to help? because our Church teaches us that ending the life of a human person through abortion is a grave sin. And you can do this; we



can do this. We already have people in our parish who are committed to helping. During Lent, the Community Outreach Ministry stepped up and made 33 Easter baskets to send to the Midway Shelter, which helps homeless and abused women and children. And the St. Vincent de Paul Society collected baby clothes to give to families in need. Here is a photo of our parishioners, Nicole and Sean, who donated about 12 bags of their daughters' clothing to that drive.

This is going to be a challenging time for us as a church going forward, but we can make a big impact. Life is precious. Life is sacred. We must ask ourselves, "what can I do to make someone's life a little less difficult?" We can support mothers and fathers in the midst of unplanned pregnancies and help them to choose life, because this is what our faith asks of us, and this is what our country was founded on, "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" (The Declaration of Independence).

With much love,  
Fr. Mario

## Upcoming Events

*Happy MOTHER'S DAY!  
Second Sunday Of May*



Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of human life. It calls us to cherish the gift of life that we receive from our mothers and to pray for all women to whom God has entrusted life in a very special way. As we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of mothers, we remember mothers experiencing difficult pregnancies and pray they may find support and encouragement in choosing life for their children. While Mother's Day is not a liturgical or Catholic observance, many parishes still use this holiday to honor and pray for mothers. The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus. Mother's Day provides an opportunity to pray for mothers while honoring and seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. It is a fitting day to ask God's special blessing on all mothers. In our efforts to celebrate the vocation of motherhood, it is also important to remember that Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many people: married couples struggling with infertility; parents who have lost a child; those who have lost their own mothers; couples longing to welcome a child through adoption; and women and men who are suffering because of their participation in abortion. (USCCB)

### **To the Moms Who Are...**

*To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.*

*To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.*

*To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.*

*To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.*

*To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.*

*To those remembering Moms no longer with us.*

*To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.*

*Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.*

*(Prayer source/adapted: Jesuitresource.org)*



Picture courtesy of Susie Howard, at a recent SPRED event held in the Basilica.

### **SPRED**

#### **Information Night, May 18**

*(Special Religious Education Department)*

SPRED is looking for anyone interested in joining this very meaningful ministry. SPRED works with the parish to welcome and integrate persons with developmental disabilities into the faith community. We will have an information night on Wednesday, **May 18 in the parish center on Lafayette St from 7-8pm**. Please come and learn more about becoming a member of our group. All are welcome! For more information, please call Susie Howard 510.865.7446.

### **The Future of YAG**

**Wednesday, 5/18/22 @ 8:00pm**

The Deanery's Young Adult Group (YAG) would like to invite all Catholic Young Adults (20-39) in Alameda to help shape the future of the Young Adult group in Alameda. The current leadership will be moving on and so the group will need new leadership to help direct the Young Adult group moving forward. This is a great opportunity to help serve our brothers and sisters and grow in our Faith together.

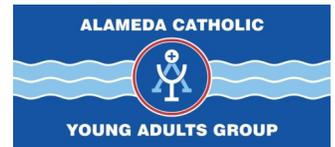
Options for meeting:

**In-person:** Parish Center—1119 Lafayette Street

**Zoom Meeting:** Meeting ID: 862 4325 0885

Passcode: YAG

For more information, email: [alamedayag@gmail.com](mailto:alamedayag@gmail.com)



### **Inclusion Workshop with Fr Matthew Schneider - May 21, 1 pm via Zoom**

The Special Needs Inclusion Ministry is sponsoring a workshop with Fr. Matthew P. Schneider LC (an autistic Catholic priest and blogger) for church ministry leaders and interested parishioners regarding fostering greater inclusion in the Church. Fr. Matthew, AKA "Autistic Priest†", is an advocate for special needs Catholics and has just published a book titled **God Loves the Autistic Mind**. For more information regarding this event, please contact Jenny Dow ([jdowcooper@gmail.com](mailto:jdowcooper@gmail.com)), Margo Diaz ([drmaponce@yahoo.com](mailto:drmaponce@yahoo.com)) or the Parish Office at 510-522-0181. (Zoom link will be posted on website.) Many thanks to the Padres family's "Logan's Fund" whose generosity has enabled us to offer this event!

## Get Involved

### 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](mailto:ebmcgaffey@gmail.com) (*Virtual*)
- Community Outreach Ministry: [sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com)
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- Knights of Columbus: (*2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center*)
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- Christian Initiation (for those interested in becoming Catholic): Contact Anne Marie for details [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org)
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
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- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: [drmaponce@yahoo.com](mailto:drmaponce@yahoo.com) or [jdowncooper@gmail.com](mailto:jdowncooper@gmail.com)
- Taize: (*4th Fridays, 8-9 pm, Basilica. Note: November & December on 3rd Fridays*)
- Welcome The Stranger: [amrossi1238@aol.com](mailto:amrossi1238@aol.com) (*Virtual, 2nd Tuesdays. Contact Anna Rossi for details*)
- Young Adults Ministry: [AlamedaYAG@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:fmario@sjbalameda.org)

### Sacrament of Baptism:

- 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)

**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 News

We've had some busy weekends! May 1st was the final group gathering for our Whole Family Catechesis program for parish youth ages 4 through 7th grade not attending Catholic school. Most of the lessons were home-schooled but once a month there was an option to meet in person to explore the Creed, the core of our faith, using activities and family discussions. We are grateful to catechist Ka Kay Achacoso who planned and led the group gatherings. Almost forty young people of our parish received Eucharist for the first time on April 30 and May 7; check Facebook or next week's bulletin for photos. Many thanks to Molly Rodgers, Melanie Lee and Linda Radecke who prepared them. More busy weekends to come with Youth Confirmation on May 21 and Adult Confirmation June 4. Thank you to all who have been praying over the past months for those preparing for sacraments. (*Pictured: A few WFC families explored our belief in "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church."*)

### Special Collection: May 14 & 15 Catholic Charities Annual Parish Collection

*Hearts like yours make a big difference for East Bay families, children and seniors with fewest resources. Your gifts make it possible for Catholic Charities East Bay to give help and hope to people facing economic consequences of COVID-19, including housing & food insecurity, violence and hopelessness among young people. Please give generously to this appeal during the second collection. Baskets will be passed once.*

*You may also give online at: <https://www.cceb.org/give22/>*

## Praying Together

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, May 7

8:30 am Hermie Camerino - Birthday Thanksgiving  
5:00 pm For all Mothers - Living & Deceased

#### Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day)

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
For all Mothers - Living & Deceased

#### Monday, May 9

8:30am 1)†Tata Mapa Tanjuatco 2)†Steve Lopez

#### Tuesday, May 10

8:30 am 1)†Sally Gallagher  
2) August & Liza Flores - Wedding Anniversary

#### Wednesday, May 11

8:30 am Francis Alegre - Birthday Thanksgiving

#### Thursday, May 12

8:30 am †Joseph Sono Fernandez

#### Friday, May 13

8:30 am †Mary Agnus Rankin

#### Saturday, May 14

8:30 am 1)Richard & Mavis McGaugh  
- Wedding Anniversary  
2)†Edgar Borbon  
5:00 pm †Demetria A. Ubando

#### Sunday, May 15

7:30 pm †Alfonso & Teresita Colobong  
9:30 pm 1)†Pura Tan & Rosita Espinosa  
12:00 pm †Feliciano Ramos - Death Anniversary  
7:00 pm Grace Pardo & Steve LeBlanc  
- Thanksgiving intentions

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

#### **May Infant Baptisms:**

Congratulations and  
welcome:

**Penelope Eliza Guzman  
Wong, Khalil Joseph  
Gallot Williams and Lilia  
Antonia Flores**



into our community of faith in Jesus Christ.  
Please keep the children, their parents and  
godparents in your prayers. *(Communal Infant  
baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the  
month at all the Masses. For more information,  
please visit our website: [https://  
sibalameda.org/baptism](https://sibalameda.org/baptism)*

### Sanctuary Flowers & Lamp Sponsor

The Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp  
for week of May 7/8 is sponsored  
in honor of Patty & Gary Wright's  
60th Wedding Anniversary

### A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.  
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**Reflection:** *How can I listen more closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd?*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:

Sandy Anderson, Jane Burgelin,  
Mary Cronin, Rino Gacad, Paul  
Kempel, Amelia Miguel, Dalmacio  
Quinto, Robert L. Ramos Jr., Mary  
Rocca, and Michael Ricica.



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like a name added to the Sick List,  
please email: [secretary@sibalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sibalameda.org) or call  
(510) 995 9420.*

**Mass Intentions** are a beautiful way of  
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deceased loved ones. To request a Mass  
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person help, Monday - Friday, 10 am - 4pm  
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**Sacred Story: An excerpt from  
National Catholic Register (A service of EWTN News):  
Catholic Priest Reveals Role in DC Aborted Babies Case:  
'I Buried Them Myself'** (Published: April 20, 2022)

A West Virginia priest is speaking publicly about his role in providing a funeral Mass and dignified burial for more than 100 aborted babies that pro-life activists say they rescued outside of a Washington, D.C., abortion clinic.

"I buried the babies myself," Father Bill Kuchinsky, 62, a longtime advocate for the unborn who also runs the Catholic prison ministry for the entire state of West Virginia, revealed in an interview with CNA. He declined to disclose the burial location other than to say it was in a private cemetery.

"They are in a peaceful place and will be well cared for," Father Kuchinsky said, adding that a "proper headstone" will be added, eventually. "They do have a large statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary looking directly over them for now," he said.

CNA also found that Father Kuchinsky's bishop, Bishop Mark Brennan of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, fully supports the actions Father Kuchinsky took to ensure the babies' remains were treated respectfully.

"Father William Kuchinsky's Mass for and burial of around 100 children aborted at a Washington, D.C., abortion facility follow a long Christian tradition of practicing the corporal work of mercy for the dead, honoring their physical remains and burying them with love," Bishop Brennan said in a statement to CNA Tuesday.

"I fully approve Father Kuchinsky's caring actions. They remind us that these were real human children, not lifeless things — until their lives were unjustly taken from them," the bishop added.

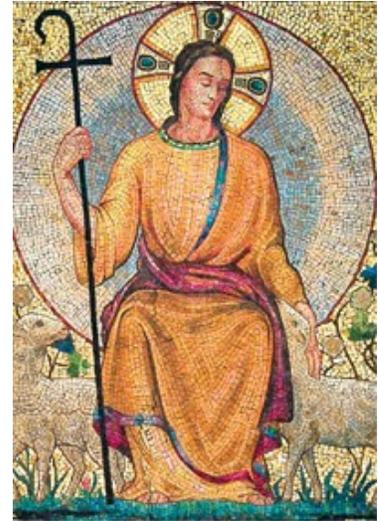
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**Did you know...** Advanced Bioscience Resources is the oldest, continuously operating collector and distributor of aborted fetal body parts in the U.S? And it's right here in Alameda, across from City Hall and next to the Main Library!

**Get involved** and 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.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, hear our prayer, save our unborn children from abortion and intercede for their parents.*

(For more information about ABR:  
<https://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/human-capital/special-report-advanced-bioscience-resources/> )



### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 8, 2022**

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2022 marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

*We pray:*

*For young men and women; That God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; And for the gift of courage to follow His call.*

*For young people; That they may know the personal love of the Lord for them, and respond with open and generous hearts.*

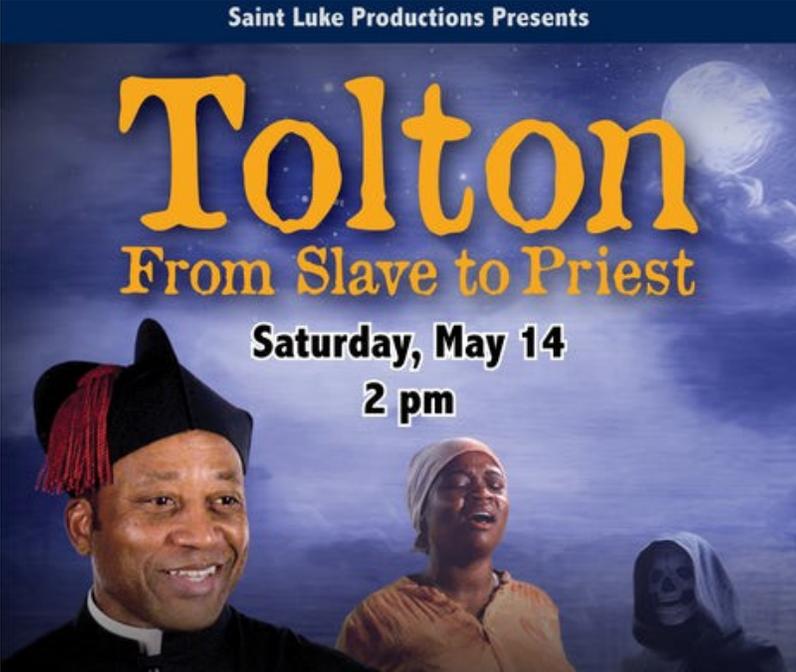
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### **Worth Reminding: Phishing E-mail Scam**

Please be aware that the phishing scam is still going around the internet.

As we have shared before, it is a national scam. You can google "priest scam gift cards" and see how wide-spread it is. We need to battle this through education and communication.

If you received a 'gmail.com' account from any of our priest or parish staff, please do not response. It appears that the sender is phishing for valid email addresses and if you respond, the sender will follow-up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, for example gift cards. It is truly unfortunate that cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our Parish Family. If you receive an unusual request, call the Parish Office directly to seek clarification. DO NOT USE any phone number provided in the e-mail or click on any links in the email. For more information on phishing scams and email security, you can google (or search for): *Recognizing Phishing Emails*. Or, the FBI website address to file an on line Internet crime complaint: <https://www.ic3.gov>

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