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Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
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As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
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Schedule of Masses

Easter Vigil, Saturday at 8pm, Gym. Capacity Full.
Easter Sunday, 10am. Schoolyard. No registration required.
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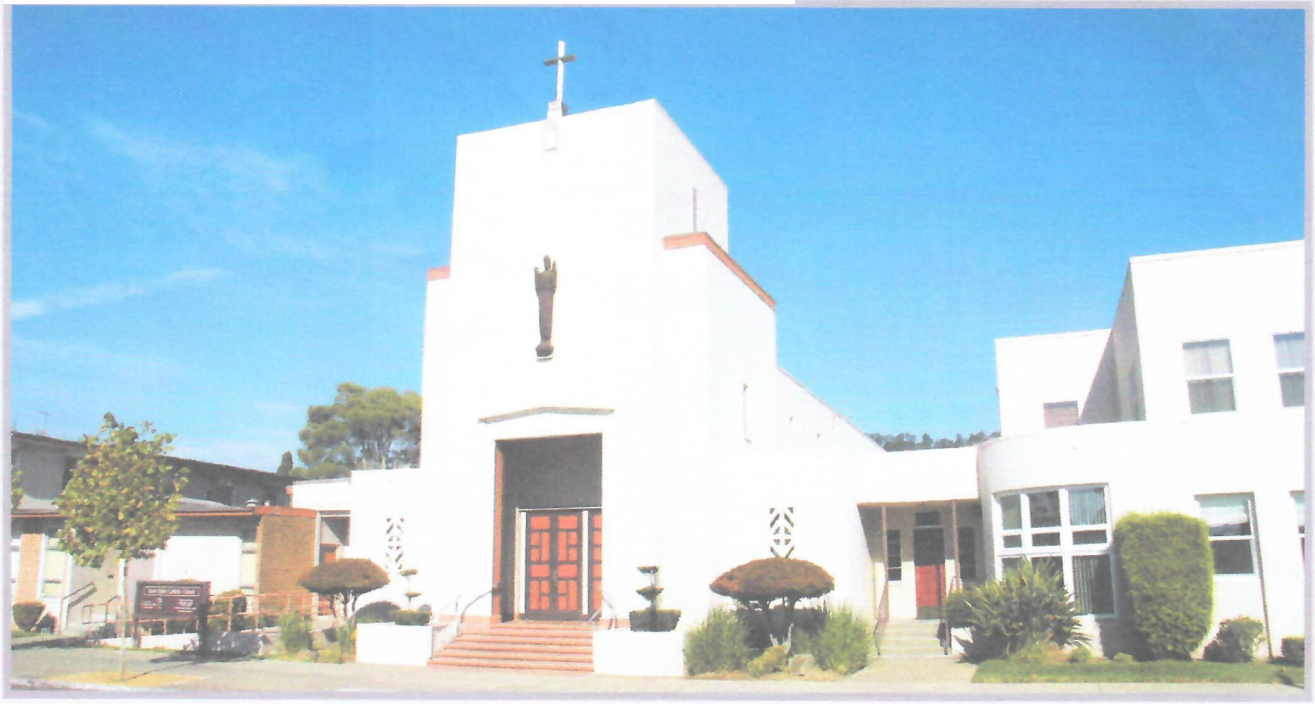

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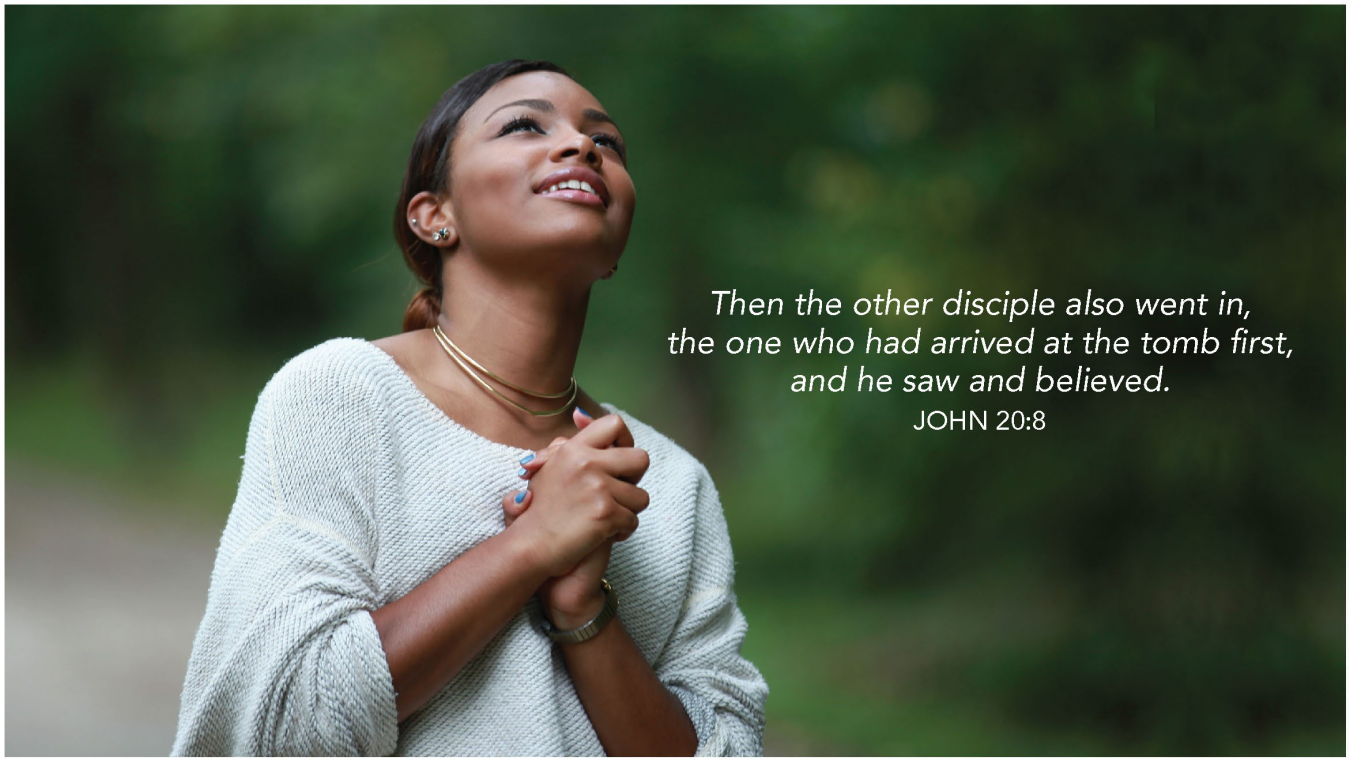
Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 4, 2021
Easter (B)
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7



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Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase "seeing is believing" really doesn't fit well.

In today's first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It's clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn't to say that the revelations weren't real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- *Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?*
- *The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.*

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Mass Intentions for the Week

	Intention (s)	Requested by
Saturday, April 3 8pm Easter Vigil	Tony Reyes †	Reyes Family
Sunday, April 4	Fr. Ray Ogbemure-Easter Blessings	Kathy Klatt and Helen Stubbs
	Eric Ewen †	Ewen Family
Monday, April 5	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Tuesday, April 6	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Wednesday, April 7	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Thursday, April 8	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Friday, April 9	Eladia Cruz †	Nemesia Peralta
Saturday, April 10	Florencio Yamzon-Bautista 30th Death Anniversary	Bautista Family

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Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43. Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8. Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7.
Monday Readings**:** Acts 2:14, 22-33. Mt 28:8-15 .
Tuesday Readings: Acts 2:36-41. Jn 20:11-18.
Wednesday Readings**:** Acts 3:1-10. Lk 24:13-35.
Thursday Readings**:** Acts 3:11-26. Lk 24:35-48.
Friday Readings**:** Acts 4:1-12. Jn 21:1-14.
Saturday Readings**:** Acts 4:13-21. Mk 16:9-15.

Daily. 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration.
Chapel.
Confessions. Sat., 4pm.

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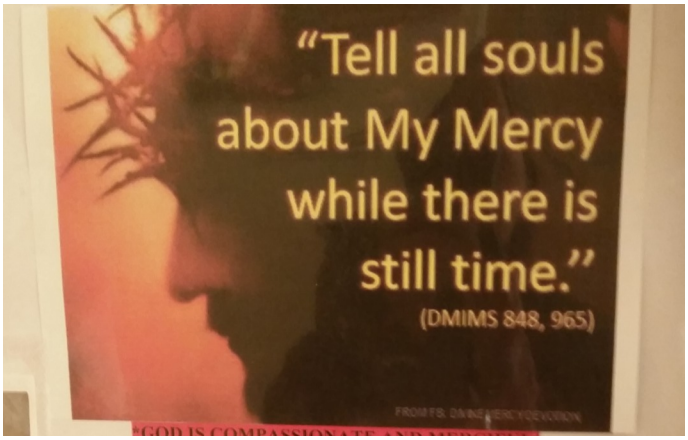

Baptism Classes

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The Camino, a Walking Journey for the Soul

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY with our Camino, a Walking Journey for the Soul, You will enjoy this 11-day experience. September 5th – September 15th, 2021. Your included destinations while on this Journey: MADRID, SPAIN -SARRIA–PORTOMARIN-LESTEDO–MELIDE- ARZUA–AMENAL- SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA–FINISTERRE–MUXIA– and back to MADRID, SPAIN. Plus, Mass will be offered daily throughout your journey. Land prices begin at $2399 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposit of only $500 per person will reserve your space. This is a SMALL GROUP JOURNEY. For further info or to register, contact Brian or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

2021 Easter Observance

April 3, Easter Vigil.
Mass at 8pm. Gym. Capacity Full.

April 4, Easter Sunday.
Mass at 10am. Schoolyard.
Mass at 1pm. (Chinese).
Mass at 6pm. (Brazilian).

April 5-May 22, succeeding weeks of Easter.
Mass on Weekdays and Saturday mornings at 8am.
Mass on Sat. at 5pm (Vigil) and Sun. at 8am, 10am, 11:30am,
1pm (Chinese), 6pm (Brazilian).

Safe Environment-Diocese

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you all well. As we move towards the celebration of Easter, I wanted to reach out once again and thank all of you for all you are and do. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel, the light of the celebration of the Morning Star Jesus, and of an end to the pandemic. I am reminded daily of the gift of all of you to your communities – know you are loved, appreciated and celebrated.

Virtusonline.org has now provided a home page for anyone who has trained in the system. When you login, your home page will appear. It will also show to you if you are due to retrain.
Re. live scan the box marked in red indicates when a background check is missing. The link goes directly to our diocese safe environment website for a volunteer or employee's live scan form. Volunteers or workers need a live scan when their ministry interacts with vulnerable adults or minors. Once live scan is completed and cleared thru the box will read updated.

A report will also show volunteers and workers that are not fingerprinted. It is time for updates of volunteers and workers, including inactivate members who are no longer with the parish or school and any who have registered but never finished their training. Let us know if you have not completed your retraining. If you need help let us know or call. Volunteers or workers that indicate *Awaiting Approval* have not completed training. Completed trainings are updated daily. All volunteers or workers require background screening (live scan or Megan's Law) and trained on virtusonline.org within the last three years. **More news on children's training to come, we will be using only Virtus Children's Empowerment training moving forward, or the approved religion series that include SE material.** May we all be ever closer to the heart of Jesus.

Diana Bitz
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