SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sacred Heart Church

3141 St. Stephens Drive, Anderson Saturday Mass: 4:30PM (English) Sunday Mass: 10:00AM (English)

12:00 (Spanish)

Weekdays: Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8AM

St. Anne Church 3415 Main Street Cottonwood Sunday Mass: 8:15AM



APRIL 8, 2018



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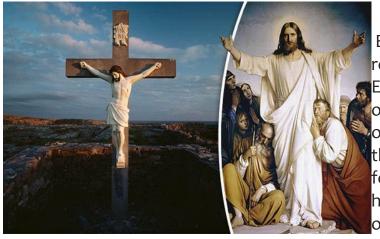
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FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends,



Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

Easter Sunday is over and we go back to the regular schedule of our lives. But wait - Easter happens everyday when we allow ourselves to always be receptive to that gift of salvation that the Father offered to us in the person of Christ on the cross? Let us not forget that the beauty of Easter started in the horrendous events of good Friday. The blood of Jesus has washed away the sins of the

world so that everything will be back to its original form of purity, holiness and innocence.

We welcome 4 new members to our parish who were baptized and received into our Catholic faith. I would like to welcome Nicholas Frisbie, Jennifer Frisbie, Penelope Frisbie and Lorenzo Valdovinos. Of course, we extend our sincerest thanks to the RCIA team., both English and Spanish, who prepared them to receive their Easter Sacraments.

Our beautiful celebration was not possible without everybody's effort and help. Thank you to our Lectors, Extra-Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Ushers, Ministers of Liturgical Environment and the Deacons. The choir also did a good job in all our services. Their voices added beauty and solemnity to our celebrations. Thank you also to those who donated Easter Eggs for our children, those who helped to stuff them, the Knights of Columbus who hid the eggs in the grass area. If I forgot to mention anybody here, the good Lord knows what you did. Last but not the least, I would like to thank our Parish Office Staff who was busy weeks before Holy Week and Easter making sure that all our needs and concerns in this beautiful celebration were taken care of.

Let us continue to rejoice and celebrate this holy season. Alleluia Alleluia!

WEEKLY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 7TH- 15TH

Saturday	Apr. 7	8;00pm	Stephanie Gilmer †
Sunday Sunday Sunday	Apr. 8 Apr. 8 Apr. 8	8:15am 10:00am Noon	Nickolas Medin† Bob King†
Tuesday	Apr. 10	8:00am	Poor Souls †
Wednesday	Apr. 11	8:00am	Dawn Drinkwater
Thursday	Apr. 12	7:00pm	Dawn Drinkwater
Friday	Apr. 13	12:15pm	Clare Uphus
Saturday	Apr. 14	8:00pm	Tom Schindele†
Sunday Sunday Sunday		8:15am 10:00am Noon	Nickolas Medin † Angelo Costanzo

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Anderson, Helen Presidio, Rina Ford, Marilyn Camerlo, Delaney Valles, Clementine Mills, Silverio Manzi, Jim Weirick, Delpha Blahut, Ilene Duval, Tillie Duval, Dawn Drinkwater, Ashton Johnston, Carol Andrews, Sr. Janel, Katie Lewis, Martha Hitchcock, Carolyn Greenwood, Kevin Rezak, Angelo Costanzo, Mary Rowe, Ross Clark, Melody Christenson, Mary Jarvis, Jay Burns, Stan MacIsaac.

GOD IS CALLING/DEUS VOCAT

Girls ages 13 to 17 are invited to a summer retreat "God is Calling/Deus Vocat." Participants will be able to listen to vocation stories, have fun, pray and learn about the different charisms and vocations to begin thinking of their own calling. The retreat will be held May 4-6, 2018 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center, in Colfax, CA. Cost is \$50 (includes room and meals) Deadlines: Registration ends April 20. After April 20, late registration is \$55. Registrations will not be accepted after April 30. Download forms and register at www.scd.org/deusvocat.

SACRED HEART MISSION OUTREACH

The monthly meeting of the Sacred Heart Mission Outreach group will be at Humble Joe's in Anderson at 9:00 a.m. this coming **Thursday, April 12th.** The group finds and funds charitable projects throughout the world. Come enjoy a free breakfast and see what we're all about! If attending meetings isn't possible, you can always share by placing your contribution in the Sunday collection and designating it for the Sacred Heart Mission Outreach

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

March 10/11: \$4,900 March 17/18: \$4,799 March 24/25: \$5,370 March 30/April 1: \$10,112

For fiscal year 2017-2018

Budgeted for Collections: \$280,000

Total for 39 weeks: \$225,310 weekly Goal: \$5,385

Average Weekly Collection: \$5,777

Second Collection

The Second Collection next weekend is for our Sacred Heart "Catholic Faith Formation" programs. This collection supports faith formation for children in 1st through 8th grade, Youth Ministry, Bible Study, RCIA, and Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Cottonwood Community Library will be holding a delicious dinner and auction event on Saturday, April 14, at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson. This event is their major fundraiser for the year and all proceeds will benefit the library and its many outreach programs. Tickets are \$55/person. For tickets or more information, please contact Gayle Harrington at the library at 347-4818.

OUO VADIS/WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Boys ages 13 to 17 are invited to a summer retreat "Quo Vadis/Where Are You Going". Participants will be able to listen to vocation stories, have fun, pray and learn about the different charisms and vocations to begin thinking of their own calling. The retreat will be held August 2—5, 2018 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center, 28000 Rollins Lake Road, Colfax, CA. Cost is \$60 (includes room and meals) Deadlines: Regular registration ends July 16th. After July 16th, late registration fee is \$70 (and depending on space availability). Registrations will not be accepted after July 24. Download forms and register at www.scd.org/quovadis

50'S PLUS CLUB

Do you want to meet people your own age (50 or more) and have a fabulous meal too? Come to the 50s Plus Club on Tuesday, April 10 at 11:30 am. We gather at St. Joseph's downstairs meeting room for a potluck lunch and a brief meeting. It's informal and fun. Please bring a dish to share. Dues are very reasonable at \$10/year/person. For more information, call Geri at 242-6285.

WEEKLY NEWS



MINISTER'S OF CARE

On Sunday, April 15th, we will commission our Minister's of Care at the 10:00am Mass.

Our Minister's of Care visit persons who are ill or injured and those who are homebound. The minister prays with the person and brings them communion. Our parish wishes to maintain contact with those who are suffering from illness or injury and it is a privilege to be able to bring them Holy Communion.

We are always in need of new volunteers. If you are interested in this very important ministry, please call Sandy Downing at 524-4092.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

The Catholic Daughters will be selling opportunity drawing tickets for their annual Mother's Day Basket and Afghan this weekend before the 4:30pm Mass and after the 10:00am and 12:00 noon Masses. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at Our Lady of Mercy on Sunday, May 6th. You do not need to be present to win. Last year's basket/afghan proceeds totaled \$892.00, that supported charitable and religious education services at our local parishes. Thank you for all of your support. Any questions, call Patty Ostrowski at 945-5840.

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;

Luke 1:26-38

Tue. Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 **Wed.** Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 **Thu.** Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 **Fri.** Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 **Sat.** Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sun. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a;

Luke 24:35-48

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What do you own and what owns you? You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?

The early Church practiced a radical form of fellowship called koinonia, which literally means "sharing in common." Those who had homes and other major possessions would sell them and then place the proceeds in the care of the Apostles to be shared with the entire community. People focus mostly on the fact that people sold all their possessions for the benefit of the community. However the real point is the action that occurred after every selling: the proceeds were given to Church authority, in essence, to God first. I wasn't just selling my house and then giving the money to random people. My offering was to God and it was for the Apostles (those who personally encountered Jesus and now represented him on earth) to decide how to divide up the wealth.

Why do such a thing? One could say it was so that no one wanted for anything. If we push that thinking too far, as some in history have done, we can create a system that takes from some to give to others. Nothing was taken from anyone in that first Christian community. It was freely given. And perhaps the reason why people were moved to do so lies at the heart of stewardship: because all we have already belongs to God anyway.

--Tracy Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION FOR APRIL 8TH

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples-Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body—mangled and bloody from the crucifixion—is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him-wound for wound-and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Children: Whom do you love? Who loves you? How do you show your love?

For Youth: How would you describe the kind of love that Jesus modeled?

For Adults: Share about one person in your life with whom the command to love has become a reality, a parent, spouse, friend, or colleague – or even a stranger.

WEEKLY CALENDAR: APRIL 8TH—15TH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday			
8:15 a.m. Mass – St. Anne 10:00 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart 10:00 a.m. Formación de Fe de los Niños 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español		8:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rosary at Rosie's Home 6:00 p.m. Cursillos 6:00 p.m. RICA (Espanol)	8:00 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation Classes			
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			
8:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Clase de preparación para el bautismo	8:00 a.m. Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	4:30 p.m. Mass	8:15 a.m. Mass – St. Anne 10:00 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart 10:00 a.m. Formación de Fe de los niños 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español			