



EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

Happy Easter



From All the Parish Staff

REFLECTION

The Good News

“The good news of Easter is that Jesus has triumphed over sin and evil- and so will we, if we open our hearts to his Easter power. The good news of Easter is that every Good Friday in our lives can be turned into an Easter Sunday. The Good news of Easter is that nothing can defeat us anymore-no pain, not sorrow, not even death. The good news of Easter is that God is a merciful Father. Be open to receive His mercy. Nothing we have done, said or thought is beyond His mercy. The Message of Divine Mercy is the message for our age.”



Have a blessed and holy Easter.

God bless, *Fr. Seamus*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7, 2024

2:00 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

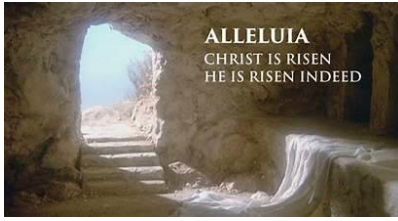
3:00 PM – Chaplet

3:15 PM – Mass

We will have a social immediately afterward in the small gym. Please bring a plate of food to share with 10-15 people for our Divine Mercy Party! All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: The Novena began on Good Friday, and continues through Saturday, April 6th. It is to be prayed privately. Participants in the Divine Mercy Celebration are encouraged to go to confession within seven days. (Either before or after). One day is not enough time to take in, reflect and celebrate Easter. The Sunday after Easter brings our reflection and celebration of the day of Easter Sunday itself to conclusion. It focuses on the Divine Mercy of God toward us. A special plenary indulgence (removal of all punishment due to sin) is offered us on this day. This is why we are asked to go to confession and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion on the Divine Mercy Weekend at any mass; we are to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be... for the intention of the Holy Father. We are asked to focus on the Divine Mercy of God, looking at Jesus on the cross, and realizing what extraordinary love and mercy he shows us.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Bishop Cummins, Ann Marie Griegos, Maria Serrillo, Mark Alvarez, Pat Higgins, Malti R. Masse, and those commended to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY especially, Luis Quintero, Ricardo Parrales, and those commended to our prayers.

PLATE – March 23/24 - \$17,599.09 – Thank you and God bless you.

NEWS UPDATE

RECTORY OFFICE – The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, April 1st. Morning mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be **NO** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

SAVE THE DATE – May 25, 2024 will be the ordination of Deacon John Paul. A bus will be available, for those who would like to attend. More information to follow.

SCHOOL NEWS – As we celebrate Easter, let us reflect on the message of hope, renewal, and love that it brings. May this joyous occasion remind us of the blessings of faith and the promise of new beginnings. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter filled with peace and happiness. We are still accepting applications for 1st-7th grade for the school year 2024+2025. Visit our website for more information www.stbedecatholicschool.org or call the school office at 510-782-3444.

PRAY FOR PEACE – Come and join us on Tuesday, April 2nd after the 8:00 a.m. mass to pray for peace in the world.

FESTIVAL NEWS – MAY 17, 18, 19 – RESERVE THESE DATES. Raffle tickets will be mailed on April 12th. Grand Prize \$2,500.00!!! We need your generosity and help in selling them - \$10.00 per ticket. We will mail out two tickets to each household. Buy one Sell one! If you are interested in sponsoring a booth by making a Cash donation of a \$100.00, we will hang a sign with either your name (company's name), or the name of someone you would like to donate "in memory of." Anyone wishing to help at our Spring Festival on please contact the Rectory office. We need your help to make this successful. Monies raised will be used for major maintenance needs.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 3-5 in San Juan Bautista or July 12-14 at San Damiano in Danville or got to <https://wwme.org/apply/> to find the date that works for you!
