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Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018



Easter Message from Our Pastor

I believe in the Resurrection! What does it mean to believe in the resurrection? It is more than believing that God raised the body of Jesus from the dead. That is one aspect but there is so much more. It means that God's power to raise death to new life is real for every moment of every day and in every aspect of reality. It is to believe in the promise of life out of every death! It is to believe that when we hold the death of something within us, we also hold the promise of something new. That is what Mary, the mother of God, does at the scene of the crucifixion. She holds her dead Son in her arms but refused to give in to the apparent reality and instead believed in the resurrection.

Look at the famous image of the *Pieta* by Michelangelo: Mary holds the dead body of Jesus in her arms but everything about her shouts clearly, "Don't be afraid. It is alright. All will be made new." Her serenity is in contrast to the apparent reality of death because she believes in the resurrection!

That is what each of us are called to do with every aspect of our lives. To hold those dead moments; those wounds, those betrayals, those hateful remarks, those putdowns, those doubting moments of self, those sins of ourselves and those sins of others and still know that the Lord will raise something new out of this terrible situation. That God will make all things right again.

Most of us do this often in our lives and we do not even realize we do so. Think for a moment of a child who wakes up in the middle of the night, scared and afraid. Maybe it was a bad dream, maybe it was something at school that went badly, maybe some fight between mom and dad has frightened him. Instinctively, the mother will go to the child, turns on a light and picks him up, walks him around and assures him, "Do not be afraid. I am right here. Everything is going to be alright. You have nothing to worry about. I am right here and I will always be right here." Yes, we do this in a multitude of ways to each other but we do not realize that we are expressing our belief in the resurrection. We are called to do it more each day.

Ultimately that is what God does for us every day. Through the resurrection God promises, "Do not be afraid. I am right here. Everything is going to be alright. You have nothing to worry about. I am right here and I will always be right here." No matter what happens in our lives. God is always here. There is nothing to be afraid of. No matter how bad things get God assures us that he will always be there for us.

No matter how far we have drifted away from God, he welcomes us home. No matter how much we have sinned against ourselves or against others, God ultimately welcomes us back to a new beginning, a fresh start. No matter how much we have lost our way, God welcomes us into his loving arms and assures us that everything will be alright, "welcome home." No matter how broken or wounded we feel, God comforts us with his healing presence and assures us that he loves us and will heal us.

The Church celebrates Easter and the resurrection every year because we have to remind ourselves that we believe in the resurrection and we have to live the resurrection every day. We do so as an institution and as a community of believers. The institution often hurts as much as it heals, disrupts as much as it comforts, and gets it wrong as

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Question of the Week



What do I do to share Christ's
peace with those I encounter?

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

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much as it gets it right. But the community of believers is the living and loving presence of Christ in our local community. Ultimately it is here that each of live out that loving presence of Christ for one another. It is here we need to be reminded that the resurrection comes alive. It is here where you and I live the reality and promise of the resurrection.

The challenge for us as a community is that we become so familiar with the term resurrection, and indeed the celebration, we say it is too casually.

"Yeah. Yeah. Jesus is risen from the dead. Ho hum! Now let's have dinner." Familiarity breeds contempt and we lose the power of the resurrection and the mystery of the cross. Nothing robs us of joy more than familiarity. Ron Rolheiser reminds us that "nothing destroys our marriages, families, communities and our friendships more than the contemptuousness that is born of familiarity. The resurrection tells us that the familiarity is an illusion."

The resurrection invites us to look at all things familiar to us until they become unfamiliar again. Then we will regain the joy of life again. To look at our spouse and marvel at their beauty and wonder at their love for us. To look at our children with new eyes and see that child who has grown up into a woman or man and be delighted with what we see. To look at our friends of many years and be grateful for their presence in our lives, through thick and thin. To look at our body that grows older each day and be grateful for what it has been through all these years and marvel that it still goes as well as it does. To look at the familiar in life and see beyond the small dying moments and believe in the newness of life about to begin. In every moment of dying, something new is being born.

To believe in the resurrection of Jesus is to be comforted at the deepest level of oneself and realize that nothing in life is a threat any longer. All will be right! That is promise and reality of the resurrection. To hear God say to us over and over again and again: "Do not be afraid. I am right here. Everything is going to be alright. You have nothing to worry about. I am right here and I will always be right here."

God loves us and he is right here now wherever we are in our lives. For those of you visiting, welcome to our community. For those of you who are visiting but live here in our neighborhood, welcome and please come back to us, we miss you and our family is not complete without you. For those of you who are regular Sunday goers, thank you for believing in the resurrection and being with us every week. Thank you for making this community of believers an awesome place to be. Thank you and please keep coming as we make a difference in this world. Thank you.

May you have a wonderful Easter full of the surprises of God's presence.

God bless you.

Fr. Brendan

LIVING THE LITURGY



Easter: Not Just a Sunday!

Holiday hams, Peeps candies, chocolates and Easter egg hunts: Easter in the modern day has become an institutionalized spring-time family celebration. While it is a family celebration, and a spring-time festivity that centralizes new life, it is important to remember what Easter is, and why it is that we celebrate.

Our celebration this Sunday is the culmination of 40 Lenten Days of introspection, prayer, and fasting, and the Epitome of our Faith. Easter Sunday is the day on which we celebrate the reason we are Christian; that Jesus Christ rose from the dead after dying on the cross for our sins. However, it is not just on this holy day of Easter that we celebrate the tremendous victory that Jesus won for us through the might of God the Father. In the Catholic Church, **the joy of Easter Sunday lasts for an entire 50 days.** It's an entire season of the Liturgical calendar between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday (7 weeks later) that we set aside from the rest of the year to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

There are several unique aspects to the Mass during the Easter Season that help us to maintain the joy of Jesus' Resurrection. The colors of the Church change from the red of Good Friday to White, the color we use for joyful and solemn celebrations. The Penitential Rite, which we use recalls our sins and ask God's forgiveness during the majority of the year, is replaced by a Sprinkling Rite, during which the Presider sprinkles the gathered Assembly with Holy Water as a reminder of the grace made available to us through our baptisms. We also take up singing the Gloria and the Alleluia during the Gospel Acclamation, both of which are excluded from the Mass during Lent.

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops states that, "the word Easter comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world" (Uccb.org). Indeed, Easter is the celebration of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. And, as we celebrate the paschal mystery of our Salvation, we remember Jesus' great love for us, and the Joy we share with God the Father in victory over Death.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
T	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
W	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
TH	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
F	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
S	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
SU	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass / Communion Service

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Daily Holy Hour

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

Daily Rosary

Monday - Friday 9:15 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

First Friday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

TU	8:30	Elizabeth Sois †
F	8:30	Estrella Sevilla †
SA	5:00	Peter Linn † Steven Undorte † Peg Baron †
SU	8:00	Kathy Moritz †
	9:30	Holy Spirit Parish
	11:30	Basilio Espiritu † Steve Undorte †
	6:00	Fernanda Frateschi †

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill:
Vinny Balistreri, Charlie Bowe,
Alice Moss, Jessica and Blue
Polkinghorn, Pat Sterner

For those who have
recently died.



STEWARDSHIP



"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14

It is important that we care for ourselves as part of our personal stewardship. The opportunities that have been available and will be available again through Growing Our

Friendship with Jesus are a gift that we can give ourselves to open our awareness to the presence of God in all things. Included below is a beautiful meditation experienced by a retreatant who found time in this busy life to spend time with God and a small community at a Growing Our Friendship with Jesus retreat.

Father Brendan had asked the retreatants to take time to reflect on Mary the Mother of Jesus outside the tomb on the original Holy Saturday. Here is an experience written down for our consideration.

"Mary held my hand with both of her hands.

'See what my Son has done for all of us' she says to me.

We went inside - the temperature was cool, rounded stones, simple living - simple dying. Only item we could see was the brilliant white robe over Jesus. A blanket of warmth covering most of His body. Looked like He was sleeping.

A single tear formed in Mother Mary's eye.

But His body looked different now - a vessel. Was Jesus still inside - was his soul still there - had it already joined the Father in heaven?

His soul was the Holy Spirit - surrounding us with warmth - like that white robe did for the body of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is always blanketing us, or surrounding us. It is always there.

Mary touches the face of Jesus and says 'it's over'.

A deep breath as I hold Mary's hand tightly and I touch the face of Jesus and say 'Thank you'.

Thank you for being my role model.

Thank you for being my inspiration.

Thank you for conquering death.

Thank you for rising from the dead and giving us everlasting hope and joy.

Thank you for being the Father.

Thank you for being the Son, Jesus.

Thank you for being the Holy Spirit that is always around us.

Thank you for life and thank you for death.

Mary gently leans over and takes my other hand and leads me out of the tomb."

Please watch for upcoming offerings for Growing Our Friendship with Jesus in the near future.



Missionary Scholarship Fund

A special collection will be taken at all Masses **the weekend of April 9th and 10th** to support the Missionary Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to our own missionaries on national and international assignments to impoverished areas of throughout the world. Much of our current missionary activity is centered in Nicaragua and East Texas, but we have the capacity to expand our missionary outreach to other areas of the country.

In the past, the Missionary Fund has been used to support youth in long term summer missions in Nicaragua. It has also been used to support individuals on short-term mission trips sponsored by Holy Spirit Church. The Parish is proud of all its missionaries committed to going to the fringes of society and offering themselves to the poorest of the poor. Our hope is the Missionary Scholarship Fund will continue to enable our parishioners to follow in Jesus' footsteps by taking these roads less traveled.

SECOND OFFERINGS

April 15th Holy Spirit School

April 22nd Religious Retirement Fund

April 29th Home Missions

Happy Easter!

Alleluia! Our Savior has risen! It's a time to celebrate the love of Christ in His ultimate sacrifice and in His resurrection. We wish you all a blessed Easter!

Diocesan Youth Retreat: Stand By Me

DYR will take place on **June 11-15** at the lovely retreat site in Zephyr Cove in South Lake Tahoe. Last summer, there were 250 high school youth and 60 leaders. It was awesome to see so many people. Youth from 8th grade to 12th grade are invited to attend this year. For more information, contact Row at rdavid@dsj.org.

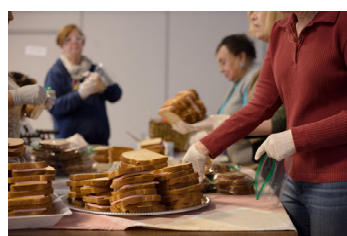


3sixty High School Ministry

3sixty will resume back **next Sunday, April 8th** for an Easter social! All high school youth are invited to attend.

Edge Middle School Ministry

The next Edge night will be on **Wednesday, April 11th**. All middle school youth are welcome to attend.



Saturday Lunch Ministry

Please consider joining us in an exciting way to serve others. We meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. to make

sandwiches and pack lunches, which we then distribute in the St. James Park area of downtown San Jose.

We invite ten families to join us every 1st Saturday of the month. We ask for a one to one ratio of adults to students as parents need to be with their child. Student participation is limited to sixth grade and older. A donation of \$10 is asked from each family to cover the cost of food and supplies.

Our next Saturday Lunch Ministry is **April 7th**. Signups are now open on the parish website. Please contact Merry Reardon at 408-997-5112 or mreardon@dsj.org for more information.



Please join us for a series by Bishop Robert Barron

The Mystery of God

April 12th – May 17th

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Parish Hall Library

Lesson 1: Atheism and What We Mean by "God"

Lesson 2: St. Thomas Aquinas and Paths to God

Lesson 3: The Divine Attributes

Lesson 4: Providence and the Problem with Evil

Lesson 5: Exploring the Trinity

Lesson 6: The God Who is Love

SCHOOL NEWS



Happy Easter

As part of their Lenten journey, our second graders completed a writing assignment about inviting Jesus to Easter dinner. The

accompanying art was just as charming as their writing. Asking our students to include Jesus in every part of their day is just what we do at Holy Spirit School. We hope Jesus joins your family at Easter dinner too.

On behalf of all the students, teachers and staff of Holy Spirit School, we wish you a happy and blessed Easter!

To learn more, visit www.holyspirit-school.org or call 408-268-0794.



Catholic Professionals

**Thursday, April 12th
7:00-9:00 a.m.**

The Three Flames Restaurant -
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Speaker: Mel Kennedy, Musicianary
(musician and missionary)

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Mel Kennedy is also an award-nominated recording artist, motivational speaker, and liturgical consultant. Her ministry is about empowering and inspiring men and women to share their faith and radiate God's love through liturgy, service, relationship, and simple actions of day to day life. Log onto melkenedy.com/ for her biography.

7:00 a.m. - Mass - Msgr John Sandersfeld presiding

7:30 a.m. - Networking & Breakfast

7:50 a.m. - Announcements

8:00 a.m.- Speaker's Presentation

8:40 a.m. - Q&A Session

8:50 a.m. - Wrap Up

9:00 a.m. - Adjourn

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: www.holyspiritchurch.org

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 1ST & 2ND

MON	9:15 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Layette Ministry Meeting Children's Choir Practice Music Practice ESL at OLR Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 3 Church Church OLR Classroom 4 PK1 & Parish Hall
TUE	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Group Baptism Prep Women's Faith Group 3sixty Core Team Meeting ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Parish Hall & CR4 Church Parish Hall Classroom 2 OLR
WED	6:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Sandwich Ministry Come and Pray ESL at OLR	Parish Hall Library Parish Hall Church OLR
THU	8:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Survival Sacks Music Practice ESL at OLR	Sacred Heart Church OLR
FRI	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Small Community of Faith Al-Anon Meeting Eucharistic Adoration	Off-site Parish Hall Church
SAT	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Small Community of Faith Saturday Lunch Ministry	Parish Hall Library Parish Office
SUN	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Ceremony 3sixty Youth Night	Cathedral Parish Hall

"Made New Through Christ"

April 7th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Church of the Transfiguration (Social Hall)
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Fr. Thierry Geris, Manolito S. Jaldon, Jr., Dr. Jaime and Rosina Galindo!

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Next 6-week series beginning April 11
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 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
 Parish Office Conference Room

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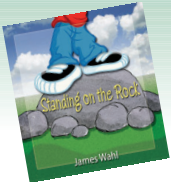
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