



Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

-- 1 John 5:5



Daily Mass

Week of April 9th – 14th

Monday: 8:00 Betty Murphy+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Wednesday: 8:00 Dan Healy+
 Thursday: 8:00 Bruce W. Rosemond+
 Friday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+
 Saturday: 8:00 Elizabeth Meagher+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Ed Heinemann, Josephina McKay, Hether Ludwick, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	April 1, 2018
Easter	\$41,268.00
March 25, 2018	\$10,550.67



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY *Treasures From Our Tradition!*

Today was once called in Latin "*Dominica in albis*," or "Sunday in White," because the church was full of newly baptized Christians wearing their white baptismal garments. Another old title, best forgotten, is "Low Sunday." There's nothing low about this festive Sunday in Easter, the eighth day since the first "Alleluia" rang out. In Christian tradition, the number eight is a symbol of fulfillment, transition, breaking through the seven-day rhythm of life to a new way of being. That is why many baptismal fonts have eight sides. The greatest feasts of our calendar are always extended for eight days, called an "octave." In a way, this means that this first week of Easter is really considered to be one great day. This octave day of Easter sees the best features of Easter still vibrant: joyful alleluias, lush spring flowers everywhere, sprinkling with water and a lavish table where the Lord gives us himself as bread and wine. For Orthodox Christians, today is the Easter feast, since their tradition requires that the Christian Passover cannot begin until the days of the Jewish Passover are ended.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Easter season is here and we are filled with the joy of the great gifts we receive from the risen Christ. But there is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. We are shown that in every Eucharist, where we celebrate both the death and the resurrection of our Lord.

In our public life we see the good will and generosity of many people along with the horror of children murdered in their classrooms. In governmental policies there is what a recent writer called the gap "between the ideals of America and the country's brutal realities" such as the death of DACA and the removal of environmental and consumer protections.

Our faith urges us to balance these two sets of reality also in our personal lives. We all share in the cross of Jesus through sickness and sorrow of many kinds. But his new, risen life in us impels us to show compassion for others, to extend kindness to those in need, including family members and neighbors. The Lord makes it clear that in his suffering he reaches out to all, as we see in the Good Friday liturgy when we pray for all in his name.

Jesus is born for us and he dies for us so that we may be the bearers of his love in every way we can, and thus continue his life in the world for all time. We become the Eucharist we celebrate and for that we give thanks always.

Fr. Basil



Today's Readings

First Reading -- With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm -- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading -- The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel -- Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

Christ Is Here!

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

-- St. Augustine

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Corpus Christi congratulates Kera Bartlett Binns, Nat Binns, Kasia Ekstrand, Ryan Flynn and Jennifer Hayes on their Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Kera joined the Catholic Church and the others -- all adults who "missed" their Confirmation as teenagers for various reasons -- have been on an intentional faith journey together in the RCIA process since last fall. Their Confirmation is not the end of the process, but rather the beginning of the rest of their lives, following Jesus via the path of Catholicism.

If you or someone you know is an adult who has never been confirmed and is interested in hearing more about this process to continue to grow in your faith, contact Ann Naffziger at: ann@paulandann.org or call 521-8011.

Baby Diapers Collection!

The Outreach Committee is still collecting baby diapers in all sizes for the Visitation Center which is a part of St. Vincent de Paul and serves deserving women and children in downtown Oakland. Please place your donation in the marked box in the Gibson Center. Thank You!

Underwear Donation Collection!

My name is Debra Kalmon and I belong to a group of knitters who recently made a donation of handmade fingerless gloves, hats and scarves to "Operation Dignity," which assists homeless veterans and their families. They also offer comprehensive support services, nutritious meals and a strong peer community. Their goal is to help veterans rediscover hope and provide the tools needed to live a self-sufficient and stable life. After we made our donation to them, we asked what other items we might be able to provide for them. Surprisingly, they said, "men's and women's underwear." Through Sunday, April 15th, Corpus Christi is sponsoring an underwear collection for men and women only. These are much needed items and will be so appreciated by our neighbors at Operation Dignity. Please purchase new, packaged underwear in average sizes. There is a marked box in the Gibson Center for your contributions. If you have any questions, please contact Debra at 529-1014. Thank You in advance!

Loving Someone!

To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.

-- Lao Tzu



Upcoming Potluck!

The next Hospitality Potluck is Saturday, April 14th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Come and "Take a Break from Taxes" Potluck. For additional information, contact Carol at: heardwhat@yahoo.com.

Tee Off For Healthy Families!

Golf for a difference at the 34th Annual Catholic Charities Golf Classic. Enjoy a day of golf at the renowned Lakeside Course at Blackhawk Country Club, followed by dinner, raffle and auction. The date is Monday, April 23rd. The event benefits programs that help children, youth and families in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties overcome obstacles resulting from poverty, trauma and violence. For more information, to be a sponsor or to register, visit: www.cceb.org/golf.

Doubt!

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day, we are fond of saying that any number of things -- from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes -- are "proof that there is a God." We get so caught up in the story of "doubting Thomas" that we fail to notice that today's Gospel gives us John's account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas evidently missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and perhaps makes Thomas' disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God -- the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as "God" -- more remarkable.

St. Mary's Center Sunday Meal!

Corpus Christi Church is providing a meal for 70 seniors at St. Mary's Center on Sunday, April 15th. They are in need of some items. If you can contribute, check the appropriate space & return this slip to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. Please call Trish Ryan at 530-5652. Thank You very much!

- Tea _____ Coffee _____ Butter _____
- Italian salad dressing _____ Dinner rolls _____
- Home-made Cookies _____
- Small "Bingo-type" prizes _____
- Money _____
- Help serve on April 15th at 1:30 p.m. _____
- Name _____
- Phone _____