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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 28, 2019

Once I was dead, but now I am
alive forever and ever.

Revelation -- 1:18a



Daily Mass

Week of April 29th – May 4th

Monday: 8:00 Verna Marie Van Deusen+
Mary Lou Hébert+

Tuesday: 8:00 Barbara Soletti+

Wednesday: 8:00 Helene Schulze+

Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions

Friday: 8:00 Donna Bersaglieri+

Saturday: 8:00 Thomas & William Meagher+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collections

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| April 21, 2019 | \$9,558.00 |
| School Support | \$284.00 |
| Easter | \$40,147.00 |
| Holy Land | \$1,009.00 |



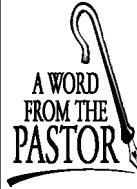
Do Not Be Afraid!

Did you notice? Today is called the "Second Sunday of Easter," not the "First Sunday after Easter." Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ's victory.

The readings begin with the "signs and wonders" abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter's "shadow might fall on one or another of them." Then, in a powerful passage from the book of Revelation, the visionary falls down "as though dead" upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: "Do not be afraid . . . once I was dead, but now I am alive forever."

In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples, and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ -- more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself -- touches us and whispers, "Do not be afraid."

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,



In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus appeared to the apostles on the evening of his resurrection. He found them locked in a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Jesus offered them his peace, empowered them with the Holy Spirit and told them to go forth and proclaim to the nations the Good News of Salvation.

We are the beneficiaries of their apostolic work, the inheritors of their legacy. The mandate that Jesus first gave to the apostles is now meant for our ears. While our apostolic mission is different than theirs, it is no less daunting. The apostles had to proclaim the Good News in an environment that was hostile to them. They placed their lives at risk in the name of Jesus Christ and most of them were martyred for the Faith. You and I are called to live the Good News in an environment of indifference. Our challenge is to share our Lord's message of salvation in an age where God has become irrelevant in the lives of many people.

Love, Fr. Leo

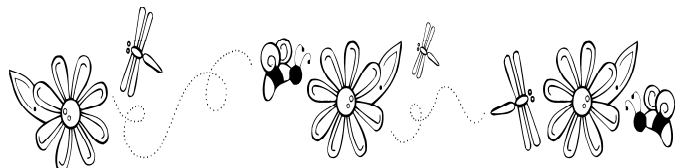
Mother's Day Mass Cards

Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 12th. You can offer a Mass of intentions for your mother. The Mother's Day cards can be found on the credenzas in the Church. Fill out the outer envelopes and return them to the Parish Office. No donation necessary.

Don't Say Too Much!

- One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.

-- Erasmus



Welcome Our New Members!

Corpus Christi welcomes Allison Quantz and Anmarie Mota on their Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Both women joined the Catholic Church after years of exploring other church communities, but ultimately decided that they are most at home in the Catholic tradition and at Corpus Christi.

If you or someone you know is searching for a church home (or has been attending Mass for years but have never been confirmed) and are interested in hearing more about this process to continue to grow, please contact Ann Naffziger at 521-8011 or: ann@paulandann.org.

Summer Academic Enrichment Programs!

This summer, spend time learning at beautiful Peralta Park in Berkeley at Saint Mary's High School summer Academic Enrichment programs and sports camps for youngsters in grades 6 through 9. The dates are Monday, June 17th, through Friday, July 12th. Week-long sports camps led by Saint Mary's coaching staff will emphasize team building, while students learn skills in: Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Flag Football, and Strength & Conditioning. The Middle School Academics Enrichment programs in Math and English are tailored to students in grades 6, 7 and 8. All information, grade level-specific program details and online registration can be found at: www.smsummer.org. Saint Mary's is a Lasallian Catholic High School founded in San Francisco in 1863 and located in Berkeley since 1927. Visit: www.saintmaryschs.org for more information.

Today's Readings

Blessed are those who



First Reading -- A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

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

Second Reading -- Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel -- The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

Don't Forget!



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Special Collection!



The Outreach collection for April and May is for new and gently-used infant and toddler clothing to 2 years. The clothing will benefit clients of the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Please be as generous as you can!

An Evening at the Oakland Zoo!

Please join us in celebrating Katie Murphy and her distinguished forth-seven year career in Catholic education on Saturday, June 8th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the California Trail at the Oakland Zoo. Tickets are \$100.00 per person, with partial proceeds funding a School scholarship in Katie's name. Purchase your tickets early as they are expected to sell out. Please visit: www.auctria.com/auction/happytrailsKatie for additional information.

Treasures From Our Tradition!



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An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of

celebration and reflection; and on this Sunday, the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

Words and Deeds!



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When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

-- Second-Century Christian

