



**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024**

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 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Damian Miguel O'Shea+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Elizabeth Murphy+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Wendy Massi+
- Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Rita Denton
- Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
Easter	\$44,218.00



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

**Jacob Matthew Tu Tran and Joseph Stanley Tuan Tran Griffith**, sons of Linh Tran and Matthew Griffith.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**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



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Feast of Easter epitomizes who we are and who we are called to be. We are the People of the Resurrection. As God's resurrected people, we confidently lay claim to our inheritance.

Our Easter celebrations were wonderful experiences of our growing family gathering to thank God for deeming us worthy of salvation. At the Easter Vigil, Julie Walton and Emerson Austin became fully initiated members of our Catholic Faith. Monica di Perna received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank Anne Zehren and Catherine Holcombe for mentoring them on their journey of faith.

We thank Joe Hebert, our Music Director, Claire Chaix, our piano accompanist, and Joe's assistant, Catherine Rondinaro, our lead cantor, and the choir and musicians. They enriched our worship experience by sharing their superb gifts of music and song with us. We are truly fortunate to be blessed with such talented people in our community.

Like you, I am so impressed with the magnificent visual environment that Art Siu, Karen Keil, Adrian Fulay, Kathleen Rolefson, Kathryn Rolefson, Penny Fottrell and Denise Jin created in the Church to enhance the Easter celebrations. We offer our heartfelt thanks to them and their team of volunteers.

*Love, Fr. Leo*



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.

**Upcoming Grief Support Ministry Meeting!**

You are invited to join the Grief Support Ministry meeting for a gathering to provide support during times of loss and sorrow. Whether you are coping with recent loss or navigating the ongoing journey of grief, this is designed to offer comfort and understanding. During this meeting, we will share stories, offer comfort and provide resources for coping with grief. Together, we can lean on each other and find strength in community. The date is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. All are welcome!

**The Living Our Faith Ministry!**

All parishioners are invited to attend the next meeting of the Living Our Faith Ministry. It will be held Thursday evening, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. (instead of 7:00 p.m.) in the Gibson Center. Come join us as we nurture our own faith and seek to find ways to express that faith within the wider community. Feel free to contact Nancy Midlin at: [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com) if you wish to learn more.

**Wings (Women in God's Spirit)!**

Wings continues this Spring on Wednesday mornings through May 8<sup>th</sup> (except during the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter break). This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. The theme for the 2024 season is "Walking the Journey of Faith." The meetings will take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 30 Mandalay Road in Oakland from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. If you are new to Wings or wish to sample a meeting, feel free to attend. If you have any questions, contact Denise at: [mollen@aol.com](mailto:mollen@aol.com).

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

When we imagine the disciples covering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of "Peace." The risen Lord's word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ's gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ's rising in our lives.

**Readings For The Week  
April 8<sup>th</sup> -- 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10;  
Psalm 40;  
Gospel Luke 1:26-38
- Tuesday: First Reading Acts 4:32-37;  
Psalm 93;  
Gospel John 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: First Reading Acts 5:17-26;  
Psalm 34;  
Gospel John 3:16-21
- Thursday: First Reading Acts 5:27-33;  
Psalm 34;  
Gospel John 3:31-36
- Friday: First Reading Acts 5:34-42;  
Psalm 27;  
Gospel John 6:1-15
- Saturday: First Reading Acts 6:1-7;  
Psalm 33;  
Gospel John 6:16-21

**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.

**Loving Someone!**

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

-- Lao Tzu

