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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who
have not seen
and have believed.”

John 20:29

SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

April 10 Fr. Harry Morrison †
April 11 Norma Welch †
April 12 Mick Connolly †
April 14 Beatrice Kurpinsky †
April 18 Ken Coyne †

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Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.**

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CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

April 12 Francis Dizon †
April 13 Wilfredo Orpiano †
April 14 Mary Silva †
Josefina Valmonte †
April 15 Myrna Fourcade †
Lilia Castro †
April 16 Julian Lim Jr. †
April 17 Joan Pfeiffer †

Saturday, April 17 and Sunday April 18
Corazon Padayhag Tabora †
Rafael Ramos Tabora †
Jeff Brogan †
Mary Silva †
Jack Moskowitz †
Marie & Isabel Barcelo, healing
Giovanni Davis, healing
Nicholas Cutt, healing
Carmelita Laguerta †
Efren Casilihan †



Dear Friends,

Pope John Paul II wrote, “**We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!**”. In this Easter season, we are not looking for a shallow joy. Rather, we search for a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the “fundamental duty of love of neighbor, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of Joy”. That type of joy is demanding; it demands unselfishness; it demands a readiness to join with

Mary, saying: “Be it done unto me according to thy word”.

From at least the early 4th century, the Easter season extended a full **50 days**—from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. We are now in the Octave of Easter. First of all, let’s recover the idea of the Octave. In the book of Exodus, God commanded the Israelites to celebrate the greater feasts like Passover for eight days, with a solemn assembly on the first and the 8th day. So liturgically, we celebrate Easter at highest pitch from Easter Sunday through the Second Sunday of Easter. Each and every day of this Octave is considered a solemn feast (aka a “solemnity”) in the Roman calendar. Though many of us cannot avail ourselves of daily mass, we can engage this joyous worship in our homes or attend mass via live stream.

I was extremely pleased with the church attendance on Easter Sunday, and now we have our collective work cut out for us, the work of evangelization – bringing our community together again.

According to a 2020 Gallup poll, overall church membership dropped to 47% of the more than 6,100 poll respondents. It is the first time since the polling firm started measuring church membership in 1937 that a minority of adults said they belonged to a formal religious institution.

In the midst of the Great Depression, 73% of adults said they belonged to a church. Over the next six decades, membership levels remained steady at about 70% before a measured decline began. According to Timothy O’Malley at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame, institutional belonging is not high right now. “It’s becoming quite clear that at least church membership is not the way most Americans are practicing religiosity,” he said. Though it is quite challenging to face such facts, it is the reality of these times. What is the path for the faithful? We are now called to gear ourselves up for evangelization.

“The main reason that people will come back to church is for community,” says Amy Ekeh, director of Little Rock Scripture Study, a small-group Bible study program serving Catholic parishes. “If they were already experiencing community as a parish, they’ll come back to that. Small groups is one way in parishes to experience that community.”

This is so true. So, I call on each one of us to continue to think outside the box, while preparing to welcome back our community, in a safe and friendly space. **Let us not get bogged down in what we cannot do, but continue to focus on what we CAN do.**

Our first social event is going to be Cinco De Mayo. We plan to throw a safe gathering outside on the evening of May 5th on the lawn celebrating our community with food and drink and music. We will have tables set up for families or groups that have been together safely during Covid. There will be chairs for individuals to set up at safe distances. We are working on getting a mini-Mariachi band and a couple of food trucks. Stay tuned, and we will post the sign ups soon.

Two weeks from now, we will have to let go of the beautiful tent that has provided shelter and shade to so many worship services – masses, sacraments, ministry meetings and youth and confirmation classes etc. We will continue to offer outdoor masses into the summer and beyond, as necessary. We shall maintain the altar, and keep the small tents that we have. There is a lot of planning to do in the days to come, to provide comfortable spaces for us to gather and worship. If you have ideas, please share with us.

Someone told me that many of you have tents or umbrellas that you can bring and set up before service if the weather is too warm. If you have such items that you would like to share with the community, we will be happy to accept them. Because we are a loving and caring community, I am sure we can move ahead without fear. **May the Risen Lord bless us.**

Fr. Paulson

Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was the Gospel; Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today’s passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Today and for the remaining Sundays of the Easter season, our second reading will be taken from the first letter of John. It was written about 100AD, and is one of the last New Testament books to be composed. This letter was written in the tradition of the apostle John and thus bears his name. Today’s passage treats the fundamentals of Christian life: Faith, love, and the commandments.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Indoor (church) and live streamed on face-book/YouTube

6 pm Thursday Mass indoor (church) includes devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Christ The King Weekends

Saturdays ~ 3 pm - 3:30 pm Private Confessions are available. Please meet in front of the church.

Saturdays ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass Outdoor (note time change)

Sundays ~ 7:30 am indoor, 9 am outdoor, 10:30 am outdoor, 12:00 noon Spanish outdoor and 4 pm outdoor mass.

Note: While communion will be available at all the Outdoor Masses, we will also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.

Saint Stephen Weekends

Saturday ~ 5 pm Vigil Mass Indoor

Sunday Mass ~ 9:30 am Outdoor mass

Communion only - please arrive at the end of mass.

St. Stephen Corner

Thank you to everyone that helped create our special Triduum and Easter environments in our church and outdoors. You helped make our services special. A special thank you to Maria Banson (Calderazzo) who did such a wonderful job on our worship aides and liturgy scripts. We would have been lost without you.

Starting this weekend, we are resuming our weekly Saturday Vigil Mass at its original time of 5:00 pm. While our Sunday Mass continues outdoors, our Saturday Mass will take place indoors.

Now that many of us are vaccinated and we are trying to get back to as normal as we can under the circumstances, we need volunteers to help with the different ministries during Mass. If you have not returned the email sent to all current ministers, please do so now. If you did not receive the email but would like to help out or become a minister, please email the office at saintstephenwc@gmail.com.

For safety concerns, we are still not going around with the collection baskets during Mass, but we have a large basket on the counter by each door (or by the gate for outdoor Masses) for you to place your offering as you enter or exit the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Mass Changes/Highlights

CTK Monday thru Saturday **9:00 am daily mass will now be celebrated indoors.** We will continue to livestream the mass.

Our 7:30 am Sunday mass will also be celebrated indoors, however, **our 4 pm Sunday mass will move back outdoors, due to many requests and improving weather.**

St. Stephen Vigil Mass returns on Saturdays at 5 pm indoors.



From the Diocese: We are sad to announce that we will **not be able to proceed with the 2021 CYO Track and Field season.**

After consultation with the CYO Track Section Coordinators, we are unable at this time to safely gather the number of athletes, meet officials, coaches and families

necessary to successfully conduct our meets. The necessity to limit our attendance would create problems with safe supervision, particularly of younger children, and limit the availability of meet volunteers. In addition, with high schools running all of their sports in a compressed spring season, the availability of track facilities for practices and meets will be prohibitively limited for a season. As it is clear that the pandemic is now easing, we have scheduled CYO sports to reopen again this fall. The first sport scheduled is track's "sister sport", [CYO Cross Country](#). Check out the CYO Website (oaklandcyo.org) for a calendar of CYO sports and other information for next school year, including 2022 CYO Track and Field.

We all share frustration as the pandemic continues but hopefully will end soon. Please continue prayers for those who have been affected, especially prayers for those who have lost their lives and prayers for our young people. We pray for those who are bravely carrying us through this time.



Catholic Charities East Bay works with youth, children, and families to promote resilience, strengthen families, and pursue safety and justice for all. They provide housing, legal immigration, and mental health services to people of all cultures, ethnicities, backgrounds, and faith. They have three local locations: 433 Jefferson St. in Oakland, 217 Harbor Way in Richmond and 2120 Diamond Blvd #220 in Concord. Contact them at 510-579-3100 if you or someone you know needs assistance.



Prepare for the second Sunday of Easter with Nicole M. Perone. Nicole previously served as the Archdiocesan Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Hartford. She holds a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University in Maryland. Find out more at

<https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/preaching/04112021>

Lenten Rice Bowls

It's not too late! We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. It's not too late to turn in your rice bowls! Drop them off at the ministry center office. You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/give or our online giving at ctkph.org.

A **huge thank you** to all our parishioners who have continued to support Christ the King and St. Stephen during this Covid-19 pandemic. We very much appreciate you.

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