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**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm  
{open during lunch}

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ MONDAY, APRIL 5**

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Wenzinger

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Loren Blessing

**In Residence:** Rev. Msgr. Myron Cotta, V.G.  
Rev. Ricardo D. Magdaleno

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Laserian Byrne  
**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Edward C. Valdez

**Chief Financial Officer:** Mr. Thomas Neumeier **Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Mary Mosier

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 8:00am, 5:15pm (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday:** 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 6:00pm, 1:00 (Spanish), 3:30pm (Latin)

**Daily Mass Schedule (September - May):**

Monday - Thursday: 6:45am, 8:00am

Friday: 6:45am, 8:45am

**First Friday:** 5:30pm (Chapel)

**Primer Viernes:** 7:00pm (Hora Santa) Capilla

**Perpetual Adoration**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week located in the Parish Office

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (confestiones)**

**Saturday:** 11:00am - 12:00pm AND 2:30pm - 4:30pm

**Our Mission Statement**

The Catholic Christian Community of St. Anthony of Padua welcomes all to our celebrations of God's love.

Through prayer, education, sacraments, caring and stewardship, we strive to serve the needs of God's people and to gain a richer understanding of the gospel message of love.

**EASTER Sunday  
April 4 2010**

**St Agnes Mission Church**

111 W. Birch St. 439-2100

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 9:00 - 2:00pm

Saturday: 11:00 - 2:00pm

**Parish Office Closed, Monday April 5**

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am (Spanish)

Monday - Saturday: 7:00am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Bilingual)**

Saturday 8:30 - 9:30am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday - Wednesday: 7:00pm

**St. Anthony's School**

5680 N. Maroa,

Fresno, Ca 93704

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**Principal:** Mr. Tim McConnico

### LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Holy Thursday ~ No morning Mass

Thursday, April 1 7:00pm (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

#### Good Friday~ No morning Mass

Friday, April 2 12:15pm (Stations of the Cross)  
1:00pm & 5:30pm (Passion of Our Lord)  
7:30pm (Stations of the Cross & Passion of Our Lord - Spanish)

#### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil ~ No morning Mass

Saturday, April 3 **No confessions offered**  
7:00pm (regular 5:15pm Mass will not be offered)

#### Easter

Sunday, April 4 4:30am, 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 6:00pm  
1:00pm (Spanish), 3:30 (Latin Traditional)

#### Monday in the Octave of Easter

Monday, April 5 **Parish Office Closed**

### ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00pm (English)

**Good Friday:** 3:00pm (English) 7:00pm (Spanish)

**Easter Vigil:** 8:00pm (Spanish)

**Easter Sunday:** 9:00am (English) 10:30am (Spanish)

**Monday in the Octave of Easter:** Monday, April 5 ~ **Parish Office Closed**



# Happy Easter!



#### A PRAYER FOR EASTER MORNING

O Lord Jesus Christ, who upon this day did conquer death and rise from the dead, and who are alive for ever more, help us never to forget your Risen Presence forever with us.

Help us to remember,

That you are with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct;

That you are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and console;

That you are with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to inspire;

That you are with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and befriend;

That you are with us even in death to bring us to the glory of your side.

Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity which can separate us from you, so that in your presence we may meet life with gallantry and death without fear. You turn our darkness into light, in your light we shall see light.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Christ the Lord is risen today!

ALLELUIA



## California Catholic Conference

### *Life and Dignity Sunday April 24 & 25*

At the request of **Bishop John Steinbock**, all parishes in the Diocese of Fresno will be focusing attention on our civic responsibilities by inviting interested parishioners to register for a newly created Catholic Legislative Network. It has been described as a **“Voice for Life and Dignity in California.”** Next weekend there will be a one-page explanation of the Network and Life & Dignity Sunday in our parish bulletin. Please read it and then carefully and prayerfully consider registering for the Catholic Legislative Network on April 24 & 25.



## Conferencia Católica de California

### *Domingo de la Vida y la Dignidad 24 y 25 de abril*

Por petición del Obispo John Steinbock, todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Fresno enfocarán su atención en nuestras obligaciones cívicas invitando a los feligreses interesados a que se registren en la recientemente establecida Red Legislativa Católica. A ésta se le ha descrito como una **“Voz a Favor de la Vida y la Dignidad en California”**. El próximo fin de semana, nuestro boletín parroquial contendrá una hoja de explicación sobre la Red y el *Domingo de la Vida y la Dignidad*. Favor de leerla y luego medite atentamente, en la presencia del Señor, sobre la posibilidad de registrarse para la Red Legislativa Católica el 24 y 25 de abril.

### INTRODUCTION TO EASTER

Tradition tells us that the place where Jesus died and the place where he was buried are but a stone’s throw apart. However, the distance from Golgotha to the tomb and the Resurrection is much, much farther. It’s a giant leap of faith. Easter demands that same leap of faith. Otherwise, no amens, no alleluias, no Easter candle, no eggs to color.

Throughout the season of Easter, God’s Word comes to us to reveal the meaning of the Resurrection event. It nourishes our faith by explaining the mysteries celebrated at the Vigil of Easter. By making this Word our own, we discover how the Easter mysteries, the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist, make a difference in our lives. We discover anew how Easter shines through and see what the momentous event has to do with us. We discover just how resurrection has “happened” in our lives. We learn that Easter does not simply celebrate what happened to Jesus. It celebrates what happens to us. And we celebrate this wondrous “happening” for fifty days.

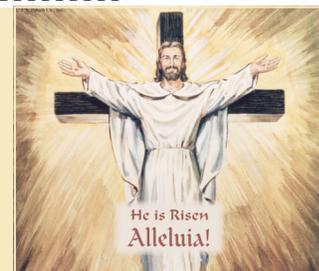
Unfortunately, such celebration won’t be easy. We’re just not used to it. We take our partying in minuscule doses. We start to fade before the Easter lilies do. It’ll take some doing to sustain Easter’s joy, but it can be done. We can find reconciliation to celebrate in our families. We can find conversion to celebrate in our Church. We can find new life to celebrate in ourselves. We need only take the time to open our eyes and look.

With newly opened eyes, we can discover just how much we belong here and how we have taken on Easter’s new life as our own. We can understand that we are one with the risen Lord in his death and resurrection, and that the Resurrection suffuses the whole human enterprise and sets it squarely in the heart of God.

So over the next seven weeks, decide to celebrate something new each week. Make a list of your blessings. You’ll see that you can find seven things to celebrate. Share your celebration with at least one other person. Now you have fourteen things to celebrate! Come Pentecost, you might be tired, but don’t fret. The Holy Spirit comes to ignite a new fire in you and to give you even more to celebrate.

In the meantime and throughout this Easter time, great joy to you and yours! This is the season of blessed celebration! This is a season of glorious new life! Seize it!

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Pope Benedict XVI has decided that this year from June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010 will be declared “Year for Priests”. Please join us as we pray for the following priests on their designated day.

Sunday, April 4 ~ Rev. Msgr. Laserian Byrne

Monday, April 5 ~ Rev. Miguel Campos

Tuesday, April 6 ~ Rev. Timothy N. Cardoza

Wednesday, April 7 ~ Rev. Charles B. Casale

Thursday, April 8 ~ Rev. Gilbert M. Chacon S.J.

Friday, April 9 ~ Rev. Gerald F. Chavez

Saturday, April 10 ~ Rev. Houngh Sik Cheon



## Readings and Mass Intentions for EASTER Sunday (April 3 - April 11, 2010)

### Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil ~ April 3

- a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a];  
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18];  
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14;  
 e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4;  
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;  
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Lk 24:1-12

7:00 Pro Populo

### Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 4

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;  
 Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening  
 Mass) Lk 24:13-35**

- 4:30 Intentions of an Increase of Vocations in the Priesthood  
 & Religious Life by SA-Filipino Catholic League  
 6:30 † Charlene Mudd Jones by Ursulla Sullivan  
 8:00 † Mary Pia by Eddy & Gloria Lopes  
 9:30 † Deceased Members of the Fazio, Pecora & Tricarico  
 Families by Angelo & Antoinette Pecora  
 11:00 † Carl Orlando by Barbara Orlando and family  
 1:00 † Ray Saldate by Hilda and family  
 3:30 † Lowell Grant by his wife, Frances  
 6:00 Pro Populo

### Monday April 5 **OFFICE IS CLOSED** ~ Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

- 6:45 † Josephine Ochinerio by Jim Ochinerio and family  
 8:00 † Robert Kellenberger by Genevive Ochinerio

### Tuesday April 6 ~ Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

- 6:45 † Margarito Navarro by Jesus & Maribeth Vitug  
 8:00 † John Sirabian by Rosanna Lampman

### Wednesday April 7 ~ Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

- 6:45 † Vicente Molano by his wife  
 8:00 † Robert E. Tucker by Ron & Roberta Genini

### Thursday April 8 ~ Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

- 6:45 † Maria Vogt by Kelly Holcomb  
 8:00 † M/M Philip Erro by Angela Montero

### Friday April 9 ~ Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

- 6:45 B-Day Intentions of Lenor Karstad by Shirley Lemon  
 8:45 † Frederick & Elayne Mahoney

### Saturday April 10 ~ Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

- 8:00 † Jean Kersten by Tony & Nancy Braga  
 5:15 Pro Populo

### Second Sunday of Easter April 11

**Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;  
 Jn 20:19-31**

- 8:00 † Richard Cruse by JoEllen Cruse  
 9:30 † Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus  
 Council # 6092  
 11:00 † Angel Morales by Dan & Carolyn Golden  
 1:00 † Maria Perez by Maria Alvarado  
 3:30 † Michael Apruzzese by M/M Thomas Slaven  
 6:00 † Joseph Bodrogi by The Klepper Family

† (deceased)



### Banns of Marriage

*The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:*

**Justin Rossette and Johanna Magaña**

*If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married,  
 please contact the parish office.*

### Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and make the fire of your love burn within them. Send forth your spirit and there shall be another creation. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray: O God, you have instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant that through the same Holy Spirit we may always be truly wise and rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Beginning and End

Faith is the beginning and the end is love.

St. Ambrose



### NEWLY BAPTIZED INFANTS

We welcome the infants who were recently initiated into the family of Christ. May they always feel the love of God working through their lives as they are guided by their parents and godparents.

Jillian Mia Becerra,  
 Klarissa Elianna Chavez,  
 Landon Quin Fung,  
 Weluchi Nnenne Onyeje,  
 Thomas Aiden Perez, Jr.

### *Recently Requested:*

Family & Friends of The Souza Family

### *Pray for the Sick*

We pray for John Anderson all those who are sick.  
 May they feel the healing power of our prayers.

### *Condolences*

We pray for Della P. Crouse, Mary Louise McCaffrey  
 and all the faithful departed.

**G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together)  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
K - 5th grades**



**NO CLASS ON APRIL 4  
HAPPY EASTER!**

Please check your calendars

Contact: Mary Socorro Briseño  
439-0124 ext. 119  
mbrisen@stanthonyfresno.org



**All 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Youth!  
Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:45pm in the Social Hall**

**APRIL 6: NO EDGE**

**Edge Resumes April 13  
Mandatory First Communion Retreat  
Saturday April 17 11:30am -3:30pm  
in Room 21**

For more information, please call  
Sarah Moreno at 439-0124 ext. 110.



**LIFE TEEN**

Join us for our LifeNights on Sunday nights following the 6:00pm Liturgy. Sessions end at 9:00pm. We meet (& are dismissed) by the glass doors of the Social Hall. A different topic is discussed each evening.

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS WELCOME!!!**

**April 4 - No life night - Happy Easter!**

**April 11 ~ Home Front  
Parent Life Room 22**

**April 18 ~ No Life Night**

For more information please contact, Sharon Christison at  
439-0124 ext 111 or [schristison@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)

**R.C.I.A.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Sessions are on Tuesdays, @ 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you have any questions, call Martha at 439-0124, ext. 114

**Stuebenville San Diego 2010 - "The Word Became Flesh"  
A Catholic Conference for High School Youth ~ San Diego State University  
July 23-25, 2010**

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;  
we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." John 1:14*



The conference is open to high school students, those who are currently in 9th through 12th grades, as well as for those students who will be starting high school this Fall.

The conference will be held July 23-25, 2010 at San Diego State University with our main sessions in Viejas Arena. The cost is just \$250 per participant. Forms may be found online at: [stanthonyfresno.org](http://stanthonyfresno.org) or in the parish office. A non refundable deposit of 50.00 is needed to hold a spot. If you would like to sponsor a teen you can give a donation to Life Teen.

Questions call Sharon at 439-0124 ext. 111.

**DIVIDED BUT UNDIMMED**

On Easter eve, when we gave thanks and praise to God for the large Easter candle that continues to shine in this most happy season of Easter, we heard the minister sing in that long and beautiful prayer called the Exsultet:

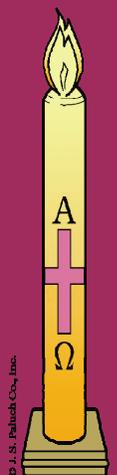
Accept this Easter candle,  
a flame divided but undimmed,  
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.

Just before the prayer began, we shared the light of the candle, each to each, among all who are baptized. Whenever we share the flame of a candle, one to another, the flame is divided among us. Now usually when we divide something up, it means that what was once a large portion is now several smaller individual portions. But notice what happens with the flame. It does get divided into many individual flames, but the overall effect, the light, actually grows and is brighter.

The whole church was lit up on Easter eve just by the light of candles! (And so was the room!)

This is how it is with Christ. This is how it is with the Eucharist. We break the bread that is Christ's body. We pour out into cups the wine that is Christ's blood. What was one loaf becomes many pieces. What was one cup becomes many sips. But the overall effect, the mystical body of Christ, this assembly, this church, actually grows stronger, bigger, more loving.

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## Happy Resurrection from the Ministry Department!

### ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN!

"When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths were there, then the other disciple arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed." ~John 20: 8



There will be **NO HOMEBOUND MEETING** in APRIL.

See you Monday, June 7th,

Thank you and May God Bless you for taking Communion to those who are confined to the home, usually because of illness, age, and are unable to drive themselves to Church... 'Truly God is well-pleased...'

#### ST. ANN'S BRIDGE CLUB

This group meets the on second Monday of the month. The next meeting is April 12th, at 12:00noon in the Conference



Room. For reservations call: Carol at: 439-9114 or Rose Marie at: 439-2601.

#### St. Anthony Food Drive April 24th & 25th!

Please bring your non-perishable food items such as: peanut butter, tuna, canned vegetables, beans, rice and cereal.

The truck will located in the Church parking lot.

Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at Catholic Charities please contact: Rick & Kathy Martinez at: 431-3398.

"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." ~ Blessed Mother Teresa

#### "Coping with Life on Your Own?"

Help is available for those who have lost a spouse through death, separation or divorce, and find themselves needing help to deal with the loss. A weekly session, sponsored by the Beginning Experience Ministry, will be held at the St. Paul Newman Center in Fresno. The Newman Center is located west to of the UCSF campus at 1572 E. Barstow, **Our Sessions began March 18th, and continue until May at the Cardinal Newman Hall at 6:30pm. There is a \$10.00 fee. For further information call: Carole (559) 786-6407—Beginning Experience Ministry of Fresno.**



#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 19th St. Anthony of Padua Church @ 2:30pm

Please join us as we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by reciting the praises and singing the Chaplet of Mercy...

To celebrate this Feast Jesus asked:

- Pray a Novena to the Divine Mercy which begins on **Good Friday**
- Repent of all our sins
- Have complete *Trust* in Jesus
- Go to Confession before Mercy Sunday
- Receive Holy Communion
- Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy

Please join us for God's Mercy on the Whole World.



#### SILVER ANGELS SENIOR MINISTRY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

##### Parishioners:

Come join us for a 2-Night Retreat!

**Place:** St. Clare's Retreat House

(Near Santa Cruz)

**Themes:** "Mary, The Way to Christ"

**Depart:** Tuesday-May 4th @

8:30am from Church parking lot

**Return:** Wednesday, May 5th

@ 4:30pm-5:00pm

**Price:** Single Occupancy=\$165.00/

Double=\$155.00

**Meal; included:** Six—Mealtimes:

8:30am, 12noon, 6pm

If you have any questions please Marti Nicely at: 431-1985.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Resumes Tuesday, April 6th from 7pm—9pm in Room #21

Anyone is welcome to join in at anytime!

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 105.

#### SILVER ANGELS SENIOR MINISTRY SPRING BOUTIQUE!

**SENIORS:** The Silver Angels Senior Ministry will host a 'SPRING BOUTIQUE' on SATURDAY, MAY 1st in the Conference Room from 4:30pm-6:30pm and SUNDAY, MAY 2nd from 7:30am-1:30pm.

We will have a wonderful variety of items, including baked goodies, craft items, and water color paintings. We hope that you will stop by, and we thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions please Marti Nicely at: 431-1985.



**EASTER**

History records that on the way to his death, a woman wiped the face of Jesus. When I think of wiping someone's face, I think of wiping the face of one of my children. Touching them. It is an intimate act.

When I first saw the AIDS quilt, years ago, I felt so close to the stories and lives it represented that my hand involuntarily reached out to touch the cloth. I rolled the velvet from someone's jacket between my fingers, the jacket now permanently sewn onto a square of the quilt. Next to the jacket was a crumpled piece of paper with sequins pasted around it. The writing on the paper ended with these lines: "I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them. I shall use my time." I wonder where that young man spent his last days or whether anyone washed his face and saw in it the hidden presence of the Divine, the sublime presence that labors to evolve in each of us? The radiance that cannot be entombed. The soul in matter that is the real Easter story.



Once on Easter dawn I drove to a small waterfall at the upper end of the city. The grass was soft around the falls, deep and moist. I turned at the sound of voices and realized that a large group of people were arriving. Evidently some church had planned an outdoor service at this very spot. Arms swinging, the makeshift congregation moved toward the falls carrying instruments and song sheets. No one seemed nonplussed by my presence. They greeted me as if I were the first to arrive. I laughed to myself. They must have advertised, and were delighted that a stranger responded.

When everyone gathered together the music began. There were prayers, readings. . . the familiar words of resurrection and victory. I still hadn't moved from my spot. They simply formed their worship around me. The sun was warm on my face. The desert sun. The sun of my forty days and forty nights. The sun of my untamed heart. The sun of the human effort to touch God, of our searching through the dark, limited by dense, primitive ways. Still, we press on, our passages illumined by the very Light we are compelled to know. The one Soul whose vastness has created everything. Daybreaks - Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter - Paula D'Arcy

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**TAKING FAITH TO HEART**

Unless it misses a beat, most of us ignore the rhythm of our own heart, although without it, of course, all the music of life abruptly ends. That sturdy little organ keeps the blood flowing and the oxygen going, even though the brain, which depends on that very muscle, rarely contemplates its palpitations. The heart is faithful, but forgotten.

This analogy of the heart was composed by Saint Teresa of Avila, but it speaks of the disciple Ananias, who in the Acts of the Apostles, lays his hands on Saint Paul and gives him back his sight. And yet it is not Ananias the God plays as his chosen "instrument" for the Gentiles; it is Paul. Like our own hearts, Ananias is always faithful, yet all but forgotten.

Like our hearts, Christians are remarkable only when they are out of tune with life. Good parents are unheralded, while bad ones are notorious. Devoted students who play by the rules are anonymous, even as a demented one who slays classmates gains fame. Fame is as fickle and dispensable as our own appendix, fidelity as forgotten - yet essential - as our own hearts.

Fidelity, not fanfare, is the rhythm of the Christian. Permissible and pleasurable as they are, neither recognition nor success nor gratitude is the measure of a healthy Christian heart. Our hearts are healthy to the extent that they are like Christ's heart: Lanced for love, it does not rave and rage, but bleeds with benevolence. Indifferent to human acclaim, it beats to the rhythm of fidelity, not fame.

Daybreaks - Daily reflections for Lent and Easter - Kenneth G. Davis, OFM, CONV



**Catholic Movies coming to the Big Screen every month!**

Mark the second Sunday afternoon of each month as time to spend with your family at the movies! See great Catholic feature films on the big screen, such as Father of Mercy, Maria Goretti, and Joseph of Nazareth. Participate more deeply in this Lenten season with, The Passion of Christ: Recut, Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 pm at the State Theatre, 1307 J St Modesto. Same inspiring movie, less graphic violence. Tickets are \$6 pre purchased or \$7 at the door. Contact Mary Mother of God Mission at 209-408-0728 for the upcoming movie schedule and tickets. **All proceeds benefit reviving the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Russia.** See you at the movies!

**Join the CP&BC on April 9<sup>th</sup>** to hear Laurel Boylan of Clovis talk about her experiences adopting children from the Ukraine. With the help of several other adoptive families, Laurel and John Boylan founded the Christian-based *God's Waiting Children, Inc.* that orchestrates orphan ministries, hosting programs, and international adoption facilitation services in Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Reservations are required for the April 9<sup>th</sup> breakfast at Pardini's and can be made by calling Lori Krueger at 434-2722.

Doors open at 7 for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30am. The cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for guests.



**Mission Travel to Vladivostok, Russia! Please join us!**

Help to rebuild the Catholic Faith in Russia emerging from the aftermath of over three generations of atheistic Communism!

We are forming mission teams to travel and serve in the mission parishes of Vladivostok, Russia! Give loving attention to the babies of the orphanages, help feed the abandoned and sick elders.

Share meals with our priests and local parishioners, attend Mass together. Experience the history and culture of this great port city, home of the Russian naval fleet. For the more adventurous, help in our building projects on rugged Russian Island! Mission teams are forming from your area for August and September 2010. Join with them or we can help you form your own team.

Contact Mary Mother of God Mission Society, 209-408-0728  
www.vladmission.org.

Spring has sprung! New life is everywhere. Would you like to be a part of bringing that new life, that resurrection hope to those served by the St. Benedict Catholic Worker in front of the Fresno County Jail? If so, the SBCW is in need of the following items:

- Nestea Instant Ice Tea (Large container, Costco)
- Country Time Lemonade (Large container, Costco)
- Styrofoam plates; 12oz Styrofoam plates
- Decorated hard boiled eggs (for Easter, April 4)
- Easter Candy and Ham (for Easter, April 4)

**For the weekend of March 21, 2010**

This week's plate income: **\$22,342.42**

Last year's plate income: **\$23,819.06**

**Difference: -\$ 1,476.64**

**Year to Date Plate Collection:**

7/1/2008 - 2/28/2009: **\$826,420.83**

7/1/2009 - 2/28/2010: **\$817,053.83**

**Difference: - \$ 9,367.00**



**Peter's Catholic Cemetery** would like to invite you to join us on the second Saturday of each month at **10:00am** for Mass in our beautiful St. Anthony Chapel. Our next Mass is **Saturday, April 10, 2010.** For directions to St. Peter's or for additional information, please call 488-7449.

The **Fresno Catholic Singles** potluck meeting will be held at St. Paul Newman Center, 1572 E Barstow, on Monday, April 12, at 6:30pm. Election Night will be the topic for the evening. Average age is 40 years plus. Information on this and other events: (559) 355-4528 or 224-3276.

**Rachael's Vineyard**

If anyone desires the return to Jesus' love and merciful forgiveness which seems lost as the result of an abortion, there is help through Rachel's Vineyard. An English speaking retreat is scheduled for **June 4, 5 & 6, 2010.** To register or for more information, please contact 877-629-6626 or [www.liz7rvteam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.liz7rvteam@sbcglobal.net). You may also visit Rachael's Vineyard website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

During the Lenten Season, please consider answering Our Lord's call to spend one Hour with Him.

Our **Perpetual Adoration Chapel** is in need of more adorers to commit to spending one Hour in His Presence.

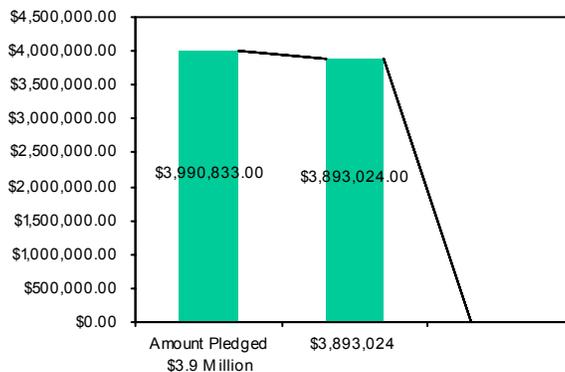
If you would like to be involved in this wonderful devotion, or would like more information, please contact the Parish office at 439-0124.



**Building Fund Pledges & Gifts For Our Community Center**

<u>Amount Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>
<b>As of January 2008</b>	<b>As of 2/15/10</b>
<b>\$3,990,833</b>	<b>\$3,893,024</b>

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support!**





## “HATS ON FOR SPRING”

Queen of the Holy Family Guild’s Annual Spring Luncheon



When: **Saturday, April 17, 2010**  
 Time: 11:00am (Social) 12:00pm (Lunch)  
 Where: Pardini’s Restaurant  
 Cost: \$25 each  
 Raffle Tickets: \$1 per ticket (\$10 for a book of 10) Raffle tickets will be available at the church beginning March 14  
 Contact: Irene Archuleta (431-0167) or Kathi O’Rourke (224-4404)



Please consider supporting this event, all monies raised are used to purchase Sacramental bread and Altar wine.



## EASTER SUNDAY

*FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37-43*  
*RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*  
*SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*  
*GOSPEL: John 20:1-9*

### New Life

New life abounds! Fresh signs of resurrection surround us. The work of Lent is done: hatchets are buried, fences are mended, grudges forgotten. Christ is risen! New life abounds!

### Comment

Compared to the readings of the Easter Vigil, those for Easter Sunday may seem a bit anticlimactic. While the readings for the Vigil build and rise to a glorious crescendo, today’s readings are more subdued, like the stillness before dawn, before the first light. In fact, the joy and excitement of the day come bursting through mainly in the responsorial psalm: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24).

In the first reading, Peter is preaching the fundamentals of faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus to the Roman centurion Cornelius—who observed the Jewish faith but who was not circumcised—and to his Gentile family and friends. Jesus, who “went about doing good and healing,” was crucified, whom “God raised on the third day,” who was seen by “witnesses . . . who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead” (Acts 10:38, 40-41). So much of God’s generosity in Christ Jesus is crammed into so few words, much of the formula of faith from the apostolic community.

Paul’s letter reminds us that we all have a part in the Resurrection. We have all died and risen with Christ. That is why the Resurrection makes an impact on our lives here and now. We’re called to be people alive in Christ, people bound for glory together with him.

John’s account of the Resurrection is not simply low-key. Rather, the evangelist offers a number of details that reveal a “coming to light,” as it were. Mary, expecting to prepare the body of Jesus for permanent burial, finds an empty tomb. She does not understand and hurries to Peter and John with the shocking news. The two apostles come to the burial site. John remembers how the garments of death have fallen and how one is carefully rolled. The men do not know what to make of this. Experience will have to follow. Faith will follow. Light will dawn. New life will come.

### Reflection

Resurrection does not mean—just cannot mean—return to everyday life. Resurrection means a breakthrough to the extraordinary life Jesus promised when he said, “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Jesus rose from the dead to make that abundantly clear. He ascended to “God’s right hand” not only to show us that heaven is our home, but to ready it for our arrival. We look forward to that homecoming and recognize that Jesus himself will be our ultimate “judge.” We anticipate that judgment, believing that Jesus, who knows first-hand our condition—our sufferings, temptations, joys, desires, and trials—and who came to call sinners, refused to cast the first stone, and declined to condemn, will be there to welcome us and to act as a compassionate judge. We look forward to that day as one of hope and ultimate joy, a day of mercy, not merit, a day of grace, not disgrace.

Are we ready to rise? Rise from the dead? Can we put aside anxious and tentative living and embrace life with confidence and surety? Jesus’ resurrection assures us that we can, for Jesus died and rose not for himself, but for us. Easter reconciles us with creation, with ourselves, and with God. Winter is over; the dead time is past. Now is the time for living. Now is the time for embracing one another and the future with renewed humanity and unclouded hope.



DOMINGO DE  
**PASCUA**  
HISPANIC MINISTRIES

MINISTERIOS HISPANOS

COLOR LITURGICO: BLANCO

4 DE ABRIL, 2010

**CALENDARIO**

**CATECISMO y CONFIRMACIÓN**

HOY NO HAY CLASES!  
Próximas clases 11 de abril.

**MINISTERIOS HISPANOS**

Junta del Comité de Ministerios  
Hispanos. Lunes 5 de abril, 6:30pm.  
Salón #21

**GRUPOS Y ACTIVIDADES**

**GRUPO DE JOVENES** de JR. HIGH  
**"ANGELES DE DIOS"**

EDADES: 11 a 14 años de edad  
**Lugar:** Salón #22  
**Hora:** 6:30pm - Viernes

**GRUPO DE JOVENES**  
**JUECSA 'TEENS'**

EDADES: 15 a 17 años de edad  
**Lugar:** Social Hall  
**Hora:** 6:30pm - Viernes

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN**

**Lugar:** Salón #24  
**Hora:** 7:00pm - Miércoles

**ESTUDIO BIBLICO**

**Lugar:** Salón #21  
**Hora:** 6:30pm - Jueves

**GRUPO UNION MUTUALISTA**

**Lugar:** Salón de Conferencias  
**Hora:** 7:00pm - 4to lunes de cada mes.

**FAMILIAS DE FE**

APOYO FAMILIAR, CONVIVIO, Y  
CRECIMIENTO ESPIRITUAL.  
**Horario:** 3:30pm - 4:45pm - Domingos  
(durante las clases de educación religiosa)  
**Lugar:** Salón #24. **Acompañanos!**

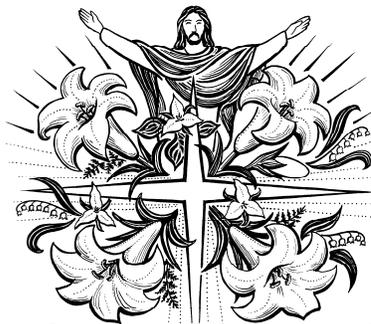
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**EL ROSARIO**

Acompañanos a rezar  
el Santo Rosario  
todos los domingos  
antes de misa  
12:25pm

**ESPERA LO INESPERADO**



**¡Cristo Resucitó!**

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Todos sabemos qué esperar para la Pascua: muchos lirios junto al altar, el cantar una y otra vez nuestros gozosos "aleluyas", tal vez una cena con un rico jamón más tarde, acabando con algunos chocolates de la canasta de Pascua. Pero todo esto empezó, como escuchamos en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando, inesperadamente, María Magdalena encontró la tumba vacía. Es más, en la primera lectura, Pedro, en su discurso en los Hechos podría haber insertado la frase "uno hubiera esperado" en varios puntos... que Jesús bautizara a Juan, y no al revés... que su ministerio de curar y

liberar de los demonios le hubiera ganado aclamación, y no la muerte... que su resurrección lo colocaría en otra dimensión, no de vuelta a la mesa con sus seguidores. En un día como la Pascua, un día lleno de tradiciones, costumbres y expectativas, más que nunca somos llamados a seguir buscando la voluntad de Dios en lugares, personas y sucesos inesperados. De esta manera, podemos continuar dando testimonio, como María Magdalena y Pedro, que Cristo de veras ha resucitado de entre los muertos y continúa viviendo en medio nuestro. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



**FELICES PASCUAS**

*Todos los bautizados,  
eleven su corazón al  
cielo* (Colosenses 3:1-4)



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¿Por qué  
buscan entre  
los muertos  
al que está  
**Vivo?**

**Pascua de Resurrección**

**F**eliz Pascua de Resurrección! Unos a otros nos damos este alegre saludo el Domingo de Resurrección – y sin embargo, para los católicos, la Pascua es mucho más que la celebración de un día. La Pascua es tan importante que no la podemos celebrar en un día. Celebrar Plenamente el Tiempo Pascual toma 50 días, o un Pentecostés. Y cada uno de estos 50 días, en realidad, es Pascua. Es por eso que la Iglesia habla de los Domingos de Pascua, mas bien que los domingos des pues de Pascua. Y que celebramos durante esta Aleluya de cincuenta días? La resurrección de Jesús de entre los muertos, Su victoria eterna y perdurable sobre la muerte, y el don de la salvación derramado en el mundo. Entonces, en verdad, al celebrar el Tiempo Pascual, la vida resucitada de Jesús se convierte asimismo en nuestra vida. *"Ustedes no tienen por que temer. Yo se que buscan a Jesús, que fue crucificado. No esta aquí, pues ha resucitado, tal como lo había anunciado". Mt. 28: 5-6*