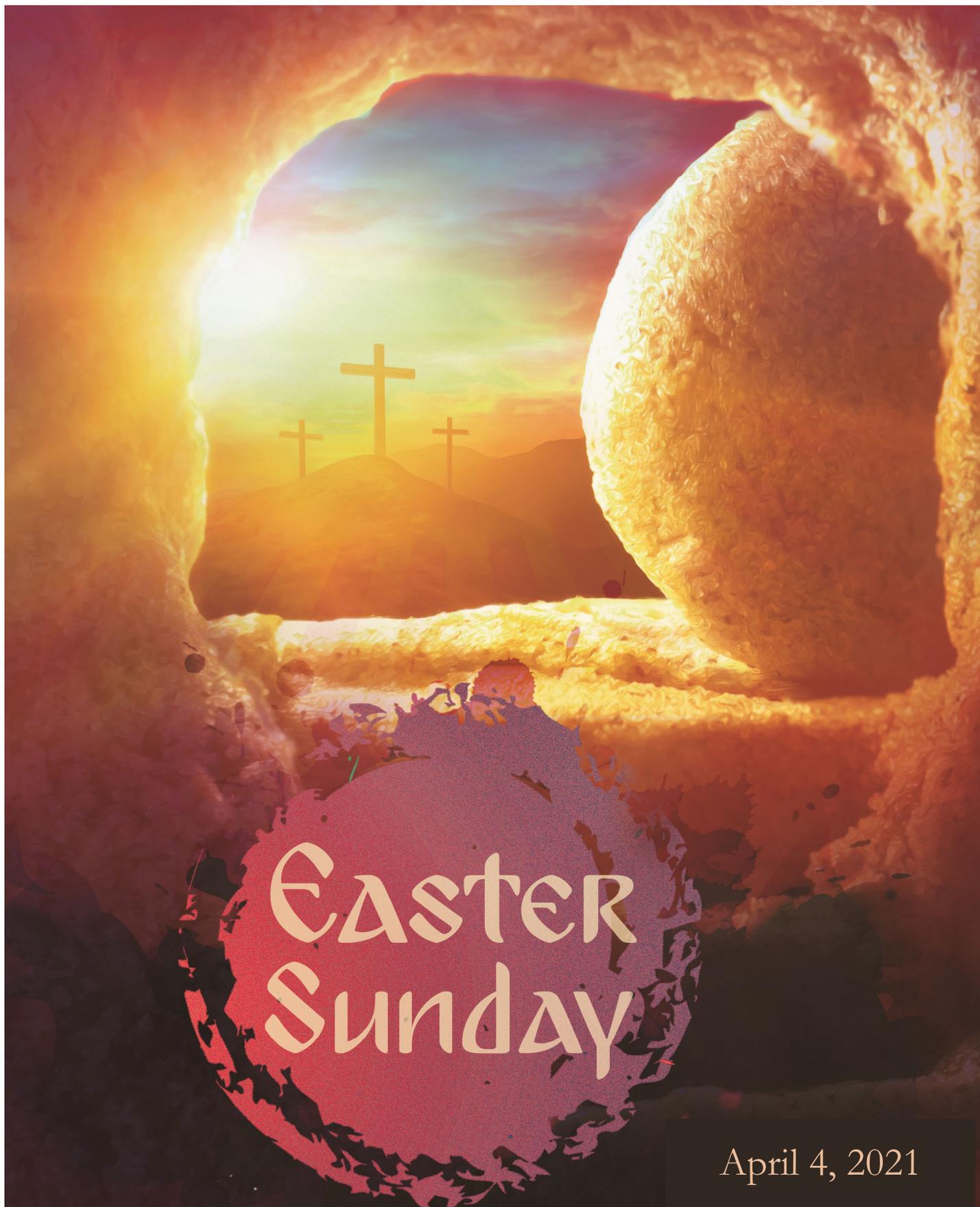


Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Huntington Beach, CA



**Easter
Sunday**

April 4, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Blessings and peace be with you. May Almighty God continue to bless, guide and grant us good health and strong faith in the risen Lord.

As we are joyfully celebrating Easter, let us recall all the blessings that the Lord has bestowed on our families and us. We also remember Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks to Him for bringing salvation to the world. Today, I will share a story which summarizes how much Jesus loves us.

One day, Pastor George Thomas was walking through town when he saw a young boy coming toward him swinging a birdcage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds. They were shivering from cold and fright. He stopped the boy and asked, "What do you have there son?" The boy replied: "Just some old birds." "What are you going to do with them?" he asked. "Take them home and have fun with them," he answered. "I'm going to tease them and pull out their feathers to make them fight. I'm going to have a real good time." Pastor Thomas continued: "But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?" "Oh, I have some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. They will eat the birds." The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?" "Huh? Why, you don't want these birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't even sing. They are not even pretty!" "How much?" the pastor asked again. The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10." The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill and placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash the boy was gone. The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy area. Setting the cage down, he opened the cage door and softly tapping the bars of the cage, he persuaded the birds to come out, setting them free.

By the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God has freed us from the cage of doom. Like those birds we are caged in sin. The sin of immorality, such as pride, greed, revenge, and hatred are abuses of God's creation, and we may not even take the time to

reflect and realize it. Because we are more important to God than the birds of the air (Mt 6:26), God redeemed us from our captivity to sin. God sent his only begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him (Jn 3:17). Through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, God has rescued us from the darkness of sin. Today we remember all that the Father has done for us through, with, and in his Son, Jesus. God has freed us from the cage of sin. We are now set free. We are liberated to fly in the sky of God's freedom in the Spirit and in newness of life.

The Lenten Season has strengthened and prepared us spiritually and physically. So, let us continue our journey of faith with love, peace, and thanksgiving. For EASTER is the special springtime for Christians. An occasion symbolized by hope, renewal, and growth. Let us rejoice by happily living our lives as joyful Christians who are going to proclaim the Good News of our RISEN LORD!

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fr. Thanh-Tai Nguyen



The Week Ahead

Scripture Readings

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Word & Faith Alive

Suggested Reflection and Questions to use with *At Home With the Word* for the Second Sunday of Easter.

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

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).

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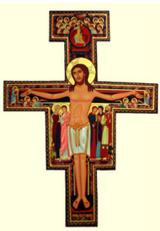
Questions of the Week

Adults: Why do you believe that you will live with Christ for all eternity?

Children: Who has helped you believe that you will live with Jesus forever?

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In Remembrance



Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to parishioners and their family members who have died recently.

SSJ Happenings

Monday, April 5 - Easter Monday

- 8:15 a.m. Mass | † Arturo Cespedes
- Parish Office Closed**

Tuesday, April 6 - Easter Tuesday

- 8:15 a.m. Mass | † Marie Rescigno

Wednesday, April 7 - Easter Wednesday

- 8:15 a.m. Mass | † Scott Travis Hudson

Thursday, April 8 - Easter Thursday

- 8:15 a.m. Mass | Michelle Van Wig

Friday, April 9 - Easter Friday

- 8:15 a.m. Mass | Rosario Rodriguez

Saturday, April 10 - Easter Saturday

- 8:15 a.m. Mass | Phandl Family
- 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation (Confessions in Mondor Plaza)
- 4:00 p.m. Mass (Church) | † Audrey Kelly
- 4:00 p.m. Mass (Tent) | Hannah Landry

Sunday, April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Tent) | † Arthur Halpin
- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church) | † Florence Byars
- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Tent) | Javier Ruiz
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) (LL)
- 11:15 a.m. Mass (Tent) | † Barbara Jennings
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church) | SSJ Parish

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

YC - Youth Center

CC - Community Center

FR - Franciscan Room

LIB - School Library

CH - Colman Hall

FP - Franciscan Patio

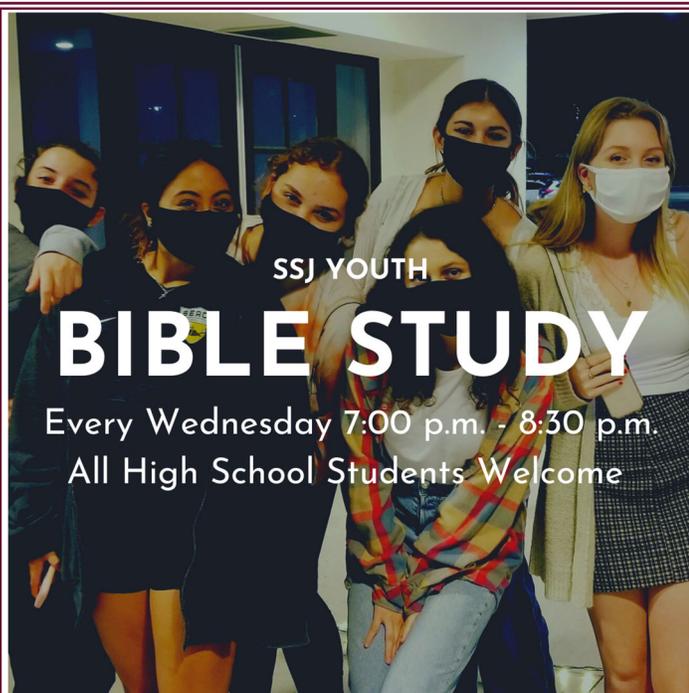
GS - Gathering Space

MPR - Multi-Purpose Room

PLZ - Mondor Plaza

LL - Learning Lane

Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation



SSJ YOUTH
BIBLE STUDY
Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
All High School Students Welcome

Every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. we have a Bible Study for all high school students. This is the perfect opportunity to pause in the middle of the week to reflect on God's word and what He is doing in our lives. It offers everyone a safe and friendly environment to grow in faith and fellowship. And when permitted we can enjoy some dinner as well! You don't need to be in Confirmation or a Peer Minister to attend...all are welcome! As we will be meeting outdoors we ask that you bring your own seat if possible and wear a face covering.



UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Early Childhood & Elementary Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Middle School Faith Formation

Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

High School Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 18 Year 1
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. / 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 25 Year 2
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. / 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (TENT DISMISSAL ONLY)

9:30 a.m. - April 11, 18, 25 / May 2, 9, 16, 23

If you have questions about our Faith Formation programs, please contact one of our Faith Formation Directors:

- Early Childhood & Elementary Faith Formation – Erin Watson ewatson@ssj.org
- Middle School Faith Formation – Chentel Tabbada ctabbada@ssj.org
- High School Confirmation – Andrew Watson awatson@ssj.org



Journey Through RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed specifically for the initiation of the un-baptized person or those who are baptized yet un-catechized (no formal religious training). The process begins with our Inquiry Sessions; a time for you to ask questions about the Catholic faith and for us to lay a foundation in our Gospel values. It is a time of discernment to see what God is calling you to do at this time in your faith journey.

For more information, contact Christine Ivancich at (714) 962-3333 or civancich@ssj.org.

Faith Formation



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 5TH

When: July 19th through July 23rd - 9 am to 12 pm

Who: All 3 year old (potty trained) through 5th Grade children (based on fall school enrollment)

Cost: \$100 per child (able to be an adult volunteer for the whole week of VBS? Cost per child is reduced to \$25 per child)

Volunteers: Middle School through Adult Volunteers*

*Adult Volunteers must be fingerprinted through the Diocese and complete the Safe Environment Training.

For more information please contact Erin at ewatson@ssj.org



Moms Group
of Sts. Simon & Jude

When: Friday, May 7th 9 to 10 am

Where: Franciscan Patio

Who: All moms of babies through college

What: Faith, Fellowship, and Friendship

Any questions?
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Middle School Grades 6-8

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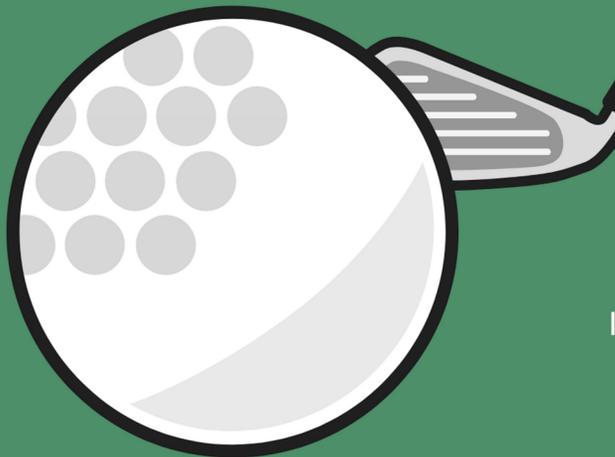


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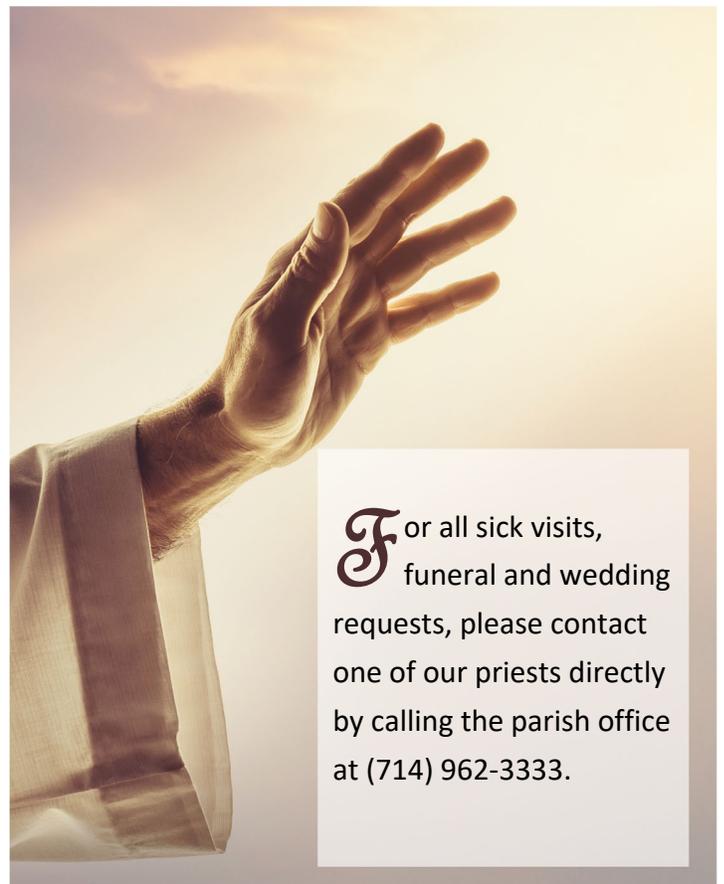
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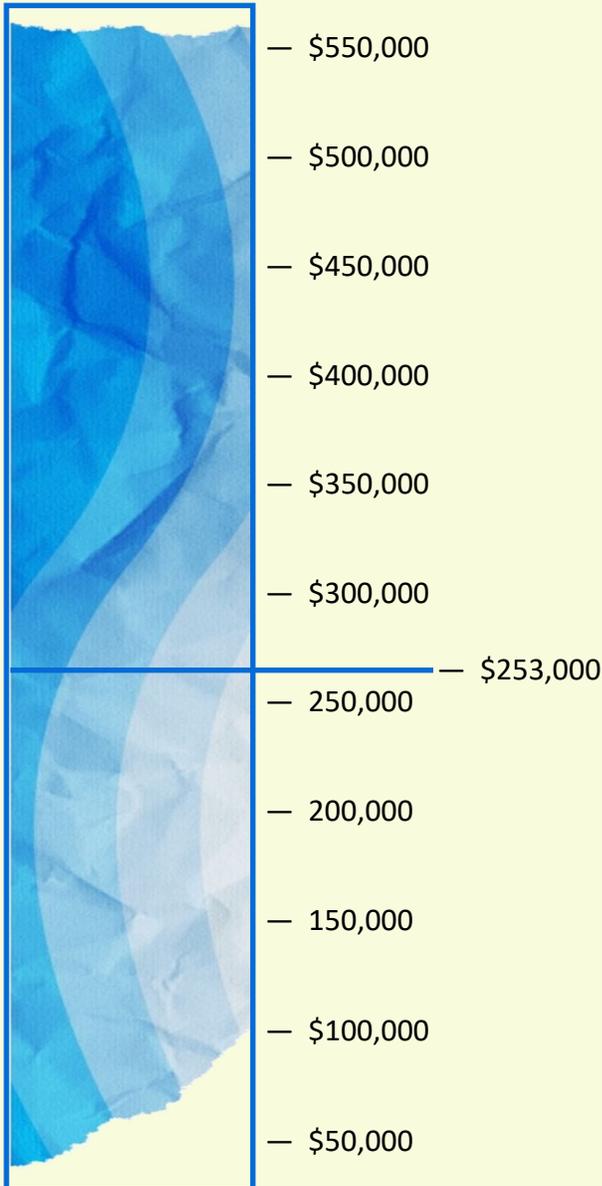


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Hey Ya'll,

Thank you so much for your support of this year's PSA drive. At this time your pledges have met our PSA assessment. We ask that you continue to make payments on these pledges so that our obligation can be completed. If you have not yet contributed to this year's drive, we ask you to prayerfully consider participating in some way. There is an opportunity to use rebates as a mini capital campaign, of sorts, to help with upgrades inside the church.

When we first arrived at the parish, many of you mentioned that there were issues with the church sound system that made it difficult to hear the spoken word. Our sound system is older and the acoustics are not ideal as there is a great deal of echo inside the church. Now that we have started our journey back to the church, the comments about challenges with the church sound quality continue to be made by those attending liturgy. Earlier this year, we suggested that any rebates received from this year's PSA drive be used to address and upgrade the sound in the church, a project that could be very costly.

We, along with many of our parishioners, have looked forward to a full return to the church and currently we are moving closer to that time. We humbly ask you to consider supporting the parish by pledging to PSA, knowing that the rebates will be used for church sound upgrades. The extent to which funds are rebated back to the parish will guide how much work can be accomplished. Ultimately, it is parishioners, through their monetary support, that allow for ministry and projects to continue at our parish. Your strong support will supply rebated funds that will allow for a much more robust upgrade to the sound inside the church.

Pledges can be made online at <https://www.rcbo.org/psa/> or by texting PSA to (714) 622-7877.

Current Pledges - \$253,000
Pledges Paid - \$192,000
Donors - 377

Faith in-Formation

How the date of Easter is determined in the Church

Easter is a moveable feast, which means that it does not occur on the same date every year. Easter is calculated based on the phases of the moon and the coming of spring.

In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea, established a formula for the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the spring equinox. In practice, that means that Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21. Easter can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25, depending on when the paschal full moon occurs.

All Christians *do not always* celebrate Easter universally on the same date. Western Christians, including the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant denominations, calculate the date of Easter by using the Gregorian calendar, which is a more astronomically precise calendar that is used throughout the West today in both the secular and religious worlds.

Eastern Orthodox Christians, such as the Greek and Russian Orthodox Christians, continue to use the older Julian calendar to calculate the date of Easter. The Orthodox Church uses the exact same formula established by the Council of Nicaea for determining the date of Easter only with a different calendar.



Baptism is the First Step of Life in the Body of Christ

We are currently Baptizing children in the church on most Sundays after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

If you would like to have your child Baptized, we would be honored to assist you. Please call the Parish office at (714) 962-3333 and provide your contact information and the Baptism coordinator will send you information on the Baptism process.



Sealed with the Holy Spirit

Prayers, Readings & Music

Call to Worship: Great Things (Phil Wickham)

Gathering: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Gloria: Mass of St. Ann (Ed Bolduc)

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the Baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118 (Ben Walther)

R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice!
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

Reading II: Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Prayers, Readings & Music

Sequence: Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that combat
stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alle, Alle! (John Angotti)

Alle, alle, alleluia! Alle, alle, alleluia!
Alle, alle, alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Rite of Sprinkling: Springs of Water (Tony Alonso)

Refrain:

Springs of water, bless the Lord!
Give God glory and praise forever, forever, give God glory and praise!

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass for Our Lady of Light (Jesse Manibusan & Remi F. Bauer)

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life (Tom Kaczmarek)

Refrain:

I am the Bread of Life broken for the world,
I am the cup poured out for all.
Those who believe in me will never die.
I am the life of the world.

Prayers, Readings & Music

Song of Praise: Cornerstone (Hillsong)

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Refrain:

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all!

Verse 2:

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil! **[to refrain]**

Verse 3:

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne. **[to refrain]**

Sending Forth: He Lives! (Church of this City)

Verse 1:

See the tomb, where He laid, see the stone rolled away.
He is risen, He is risen, He's alive!
See His hands, see His feet, touch His scars, and believe.
He is risen, He is risen, He's alive!

Refrain:

He lives! All honor and power are His!
All glory forever, amen! Jesus lives!

Verse 2:

Hear the shackles, breaking free, hear the song of the redeemed.
He is moving, He is moving, He's alive!
Take this freedom, take this love. Can you feel it rising up?
He is here, He is here, He's alive! **[to refrain]**

Bridge:

You took all our shame, left it in the grave.
We're forgiven, we're forgiven!
The work forever done, only by the blood,
It is finished, it is finished. **[to refrain]**





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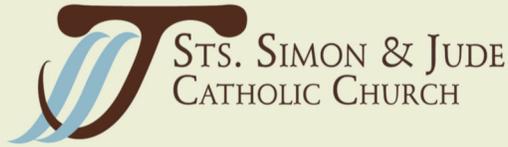
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