



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023

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Collection - Weekend of April 2

5pm -	\$204.00
8am -	\$518.00
10am -	\$1,317.00
6:30pm -	\$222.00
Misc. -	\$1,120.00
Online Giving -	\$1,120.00
Total -	\$4,186.00
Budgeted -	\$4,500.00
Music -	\$1,384.00

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CURRENT WORSHIP HOURS

Daily Mass: M - F 8am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Holy Days: 8am & 7pm

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, April 10

Parish Office Closed

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Saturday, April 15

Vigil Mass - 8pm

Sunday April 16

Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Join us for Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

FACE COVERINGS ARE RECOMMENDED.

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass

on our MHR Facebook page:

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APRIL 10TH - 16TH

Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33, Mt. 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41, Jn. 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10, Lk. 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26, Lk. 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12, Jn. 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21, Mk. 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47, 1Pt. 1:3-9, Jn. 20:19-31

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

How easy it is to say, "I know" someone. Yet, the more we know one another, the more we realize that human beings are ever-unfolding mysteries. So too with our faith. Each Sunday, we recite the profession of faith as if we really understood the words we are saying. On occasion, we even pay attention to them. Today, we hear Peter proclaim a creed describing the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Peter was addressing Cornelius and his household, gentile people who were already following God's Spirit, ready to go where the Spirit would lead.

By telling the story of Cornelius about halfway through the Acts of the Apostles, Luke implies that Resurrection faith is not a one-time event, but a process. This realization helps us as we read John's multilayered account of "the first day."

John opens this story as the very beginning of the new creation: "On the first day of the week ... while it was still dark." This description awakens tremendous admiration for Mary of Magdala as someone who could face the darkness and chaos, if not with hope, at least ready to honor and lament what had been. Unlike the disciples who had vanished from the public eye, she was willing to confront the void in public.

Then the void exploded into an unintelligible chasm: the tomb had been disturbed, the realm of death had been disrupted. The only possible explanation — someone had stolen the body. There was nothing more to do than to search for her friends who had gone into hiding. She announced the unthinkable truth as she understood it: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have laid him." ("Laid" is a literal translation for "put.") When Peter and the other disciple followed Mary's lead and went to the tomb, the scene awaiting them looked nothing like a grave robbery. Who would steal a body and first remove the burial cloths? All of this to hint that Jesus' death was nothing like the death they understood.

Today's Gospel ends enigmatically. On the one hand, the Gospel writer tells us that the other disciple "saw and believed." On the other hand, the last thing we hear is that, "They did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." When we ask, "which was it?" perhaps the best answer is "both."

The first time Jesus speaks in John's Gospel, he asks, "What are you seeking?" When dumbfounded disciples reply that they wish to know where he dwells, he responds, "Come and see." Through the entire Gospel, disciples try to understand who Jesus is; although they continually miss the mark, they remain with him and gradually grow in their knowledge. On the first day, after seeing all their hopes dashed, the disciples were confronted with the mystery. The very best they could do was believe in mystery, open themselves to hope that life was not what they thought it was after the Crucifixion. They believed even while they did not understand.

We would expect a better story for the principal liturgy on Easter Sunday. But that was the work of the Easter Vigil, the most exquisite of liturgical pageants that takes us through salvation history from creation to Christ's resurrection. Last night we heard the announcement, today we begin the joyful pilgrimage of the Easter season that moves us bit by bit, not only into believing, but into understanding better what this feast means for our lives.

Perhaps one exercise to celebrate Easter Sunday would be to listen to a musical rendition of today's sequence, an ancient hymn of praise that invites Mary of Magdala to tell the story from her experience. If you listen to it in Latin, you might first glance at the translation of the sequence, but then let the music carry you into appreciation of beauty that you cannot fully grasp. That is a preparation for the next step.

In an era before YouTube and Renaissance music, St. Paul encouraged the Colossians to let Easter faith permeate them and their outlook. Today, Paul invites us to allow faith in the risen Lord orient our lives. His call to "seek what is above" is not an appeal to abandon this life, but to believe that Christ and his resurrection have revealed that everything is oriented to union with God. That's the mystery we know and try to understand.

Most of us would say that we know what Easter signifies. Today's liturgy invites us to a bit more humility about God's ever-new creation. Today, let us join Mary and the disciples who believed so firmly that they could accept the fact that they did not understand. Remember, the Easter celebration that begins today is 50 days long.—Sr. Mary M. McGlone

Sr. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



***Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions
during the celebration of the Eucharist:***

Saturday, April 8

8pm

Sunday, April 9

8am John Ramon Brent Asuncion (L)

10am

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, April 10

8am Carlos Rodriguez (L)

Tuesday, April 11

8am Jayel Bennet Divinagracia (L)

Wednesday, April 12

8am Julio Villena (L)

Thursday, April 13

8am William Oakes †

Friday, April 14

Marge Lane †

Mass Intentions are celebrated for those to remember a loved one, honor someone on an important date or celebrate a special occasion. To schedule a Mass Intention or sponsor the weekend altar flowers, please call the parish office at 415-863-6259 or email secretary@mhr.org.

Prayer Requests

Jerry Anderson, Ino Austria, Rodolfo Cruz Baclig, Bob Barcewski, Laura Barrera, Nancy Boyd, Joseph Bielanski, Anna Bycholski, Rodolfo Degala, Joy Chase Dickey, Kris Eichorn, Barbara Frey, Carol Furtado, Torchy Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Mary Geracimos, Stella Grivas, Wallace Greene, Marcia Gruskin, Serge Hubert, Donald Jones, Kenny Kehoe, Jill Laufenberg, Michael Leonard, Patricia Ligos, Christine Maierhofer, Anne McDermott, Ronald & Sharon Martinkus, Michael Mitchell, Carol Moilan, Ben Montoya, Cliff Morrison, Peggy Myers, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Modesta Orque, Pamela Pope, Meme Riordan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Pamela Pope, Carlos Rodriguez, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, Yoko Yoshi, Stephen Wakefield, Sr. Teresita Weind, Ryan Zuniga, and †Julie Wind†



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Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm.
Email centering@mhr.org for Zoom login details.

Bible Study on upcoming Sunday readings meets via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.
Email biblestudy@mhr.org for login and for more information.

Christian Healing Prayer Group: Please join us on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the Church. Email markwbass@yahoo.com for information.

An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the women's restroom in Ellard Hall.



Most Holy Redeemer HIV/AIDS Support Group

Volunteers Needed: If you have 1-2 hours a week and can help with one of these needs, please call the Support Group office for more information (863-6259 xt10) or email: asg@mhr.org.

A man who uses a wheelchair and lives in ParkMerced (near Stonestown & SF State) is looking for someone to visit and occasionally go to movies.

A man in his 60s, living on Fillmore near McAllister, is looking for company. He is interested in watching movies, science-fiction, and Buddhism. Good listening skills are required.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

**Carlos Rodriguez, Jim Lonergan, Benjie Enverga,
Susan Mortell, Perry Littrell, Anthony Harrison,
and Joel Gonzales.**



Thank you to all of you who supported our annual Lenten School Supplies Drive for St. James Catholic School! Your generosity makes such a difference not only in the daily lives of St. James students but is also a great help to their parents and teachers!

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE is this month's Peace and Social Justice focus, in keeping with both our springtime Easter season and Pope Francis's consistent message of our call as Christians to care for God's creation.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has devoted himself to raising awareness of our call as Christians to care for our material world which is God's creation and gift to us, and in 2015 issued an entire papal encyclical to the issue in *Laudato S!*. The title of this encyclical is drawn from St. Francis's of Assisi famous "Brother Sun Sister Moon" Canticle **and begins:**

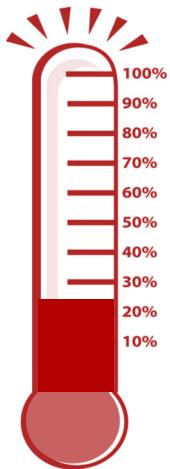
"*LAUDATO SI', mi Signore*" – "*Praise be to you, my Lord*". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs." This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (*Rom 8:22*). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. *Gen 2:7*); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. *Nothing in this world is indifferent to us.*"

And ends with A prayer for our earth:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.



For the full text of *Laudato Si* visit: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

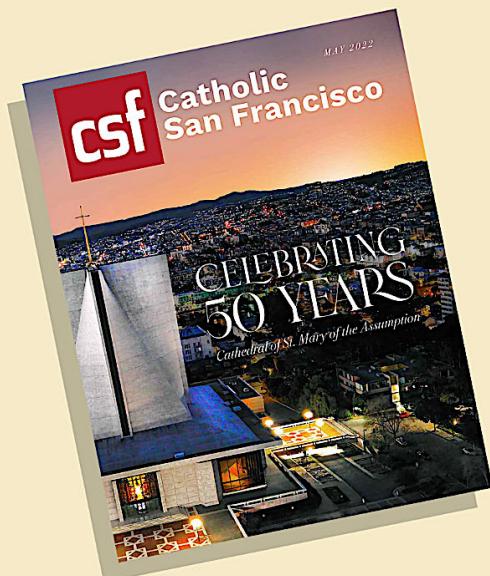


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24% of our goal of \$55,000!**

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A History of the Cathedral complete with vintage black and white photos of its groundbreaking and construction

Several congratulatory notes from parishes and Catholic ministries from across the archdiocese

The Second Vatican Council's influence on the architecture

Other uplifting articles on faith and spirituality

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