THE EASTER OCTAVE

Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020

Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can’t bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: “the marriage of heaven and earth,” as the Vigil calls Jesus’ resurrection; our new members’ baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts’ “divine vacation” (Latin vacare, “to be empty”), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your “paschal candle”), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish’s baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): “Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet.”

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Mass intentions during April 13th-19th

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Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Experiencing The First Easter Today

The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was a dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen. But it seemed to good to be true. They were living in a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really had won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end?

Alone in their homes, they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken, that God’s love was the most powerful of all, even though it didn’t seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth.

This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice we will come out, gathering together singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!

This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like.

Easter Sunday Mass by Bishop Vasa can be viewed on the Santa Rosa Diocese website at santarosacatholic.org

Easter Sunday Mass from the Vatican by our Pope Francis can be viewed at http://www.ewn.com/easter/schedule
CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

—Byzantine Pentekostarion

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Income Tax Day
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Please check out the Mass Videos that are hosted by Fr. David for daily mass and weekend mass in English and look for Fr. Bill Donahue for the Spanish mass for the weekend on our website at svdpetaluma.org.

Rectory Office Front Porch will have copies of the Little White Books of Saginaw, free Spanish bibles and the April Magnificat as well as the Easter bulletin. Feel free to drop by over the weekend.

Temporary Office Hours: Cristina Ruiz and Kim Williams are answering phones in the office from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday while the "shelter in place" is in effect. We are not answering the front door, but we are here to answer all calls. The office will be closed Monday, April 13, 2020.

A Note from Kim and Cristina-

It has been our honor to answer calls from all of you. In a time of such unrest, apprehension, and sharing a longing for our parish community we are so privileged to have been on the other end of the phone line. We wish you a Happy Easter and a big virtual hug!

Easter Flower Donations: We will be decorating the altar for Easter with flowers. A big thank you to all who turned in donations dedicated to their loved ones.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday’s offering:
Sunday Basket: $2370
On-Line Giving: 4110
Total: $6480

Easter: $3759
On-Line Giving: 528
Total: $4287

To all who turned in their weekly donation envelopes we are incredibly grateful. Our community shows their love in many ways.

ONLINE GIVING - To access our online giving with a debit card, credit card, or a check, go to http://www.svdpetaluma.org and on the front page look for the red "donate" button on the far upper right of the page. Once you get there, follow the prompts to create a new account.

Charitable Giving Tax Incentive:

Creates a new above-the-line deduction (universal or non-itemizer deduction that applies to all taxpayers) for total charitable contributions of up to $300. The incentive applies to cash contributions made in 2020 and can be claimed on tax forms next year. Section 2204. The law also lifts the existing cap on annual contributions for those who itemize, raising it from 60 percent of adjusted gross income to 100 percent. For corporations, the law raises the annual limit from 10 percent to 25 percent. Food donations from corporations would be available to 25 percent, up from the current 15 percent cap. Section 2205.

ST. VINCENT’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Registration is underway at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School. We are currently accepting applications. We provide a K-8th grade faith-filled education in a safe and nurturing environment. If you are interested, please visit our website or call the office to schedule a tour. For more information, go to www.svelem.org or call the office at 762-6426.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1586 - Scholarship applications are available at the Rectory. Three $500 scholarships will be awarded by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1586. The award is to be used to meet college expenses. Any senior in good standing who plans to attend a college or university after high school may apply. The final date for filing the application, along with the supporting documentation, is APRIL 20, 2020. There are no exceptions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13TH - APRIL 19TH

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, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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