



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 1, 2018

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

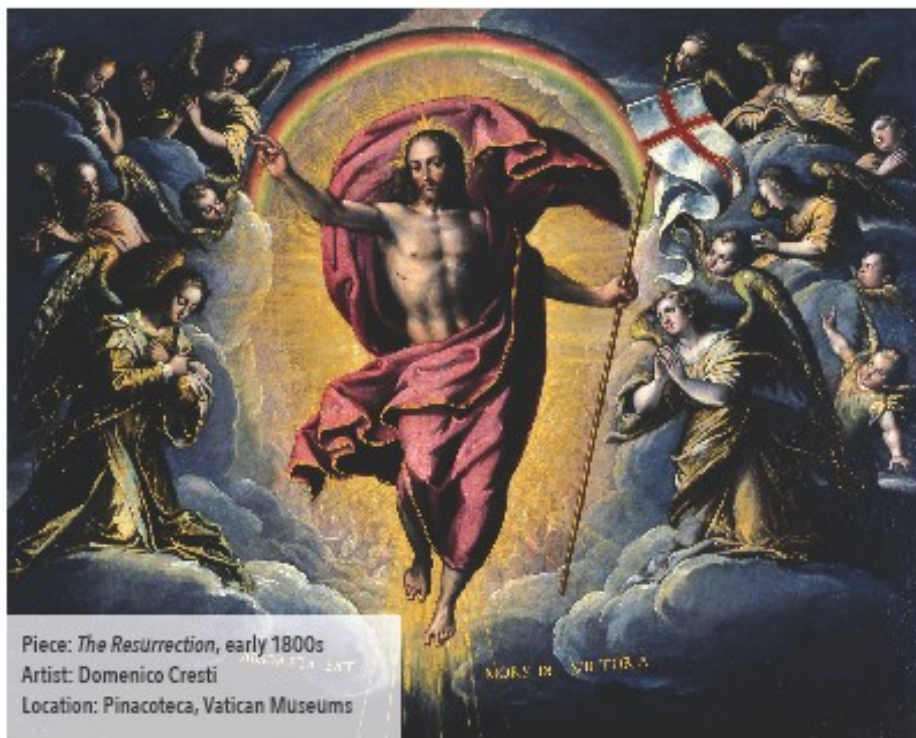
Victory!

Fr. Lorenzo Ricci, SJ, placed this painting in the chapel commemorating the spot outside Rome where Ignatius had a vision confirming his desire to ask the pope to found the Jesuit order. It's significant because Fr. Lorenzo enthroned this painting as a symbolic act just before the order was suppressed throughout the Portuguese and Spanish Empires. It was one of their darkest hours.

We all have dark moments in our histories. It seems death will swallow us; that God has abandoned us, and there is no solution. The darkness in the painting suggests just that—the world of darkness and despair without the light of Christ. The soldiers sleep, the cold world waits below, and a once-strong trunk is dry and sapped of vigor.

Above, the beautiful Christ figure is surrounded in light, while he hoists the victory standard: the blood-red cross of martyrdom set upon the pure white of resurrection. He, like a new Moses, is leading them into the promised land of eternal life.

These contrasting scenes of darkness and light are the message of the painting and of the resurrection itself. Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene had locked themselves at home, engulfed in darkness, fear, and sadness. The next morning they arrive to the tomb only to find it open and the body of their beloved



Piece: *The Resurrection*, early 1800s
Artist: Domenico Cresti
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

Savior gone. Victory was being won even as they slept.

Entrust your ways to the Lord and he will act. God is at work winning your salvation! Do not let hope be vanquished! Hold on. Trust in him. Victory is right around the corner!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I trust in Christ's power, which I cannot see, more than the problems that I can see?

Do I believe God is a good Father and only permits that which leads to greater glory for both of us?

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.

Colossians 3:2

Mass for the Intentions Week

Intention

Requested by

Saturday, Mar. 31	8:30 p.m.	Dick, Helen, and Richard Nelson †	Karen Stevens
Sunday, Apr. 1	8 a.m.	Peter Vietti †	Vietti Family
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
		Queen Sanders †	Sanders Family
	11 a.m.	Esther Taylor †	Taylor Family
	12:30 p.m.	Bernie Juat-Birthday/Thanksgiving	Bernie Juat
	6 p.m.	Nemesia Peralta-Thanksgiving	Nemesia Peralta
Monday, Apr. 2	8 a.m.	Lorna Hebron †	Lota Bautista
Tuesday, Apr. 3	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Wednesday, Apr. 4	8 a.m.	Martha Harris †	Fely Sabares
Thursday, Apr. 5	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Friday, Apr. 6	8 a.m.	Josefina Co †	May Mirabel
Saturday, Apr. 7	8 a.m.	Pat Jeffre †	Mary Dong

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, March 25, 2018	\$ 3,368
Loose Donations	\$ 1,865
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services, March 18, 2018.	\$ 746

Thank you for your generosity.

Let Us Pray for the Sick

Rodolfo Abesamis, Virginia Alday, Gera Assefa
 Evelyn Baker, Niani Barber, Pearl &
 Patrick Batiste Paul Batist, Irene
 Blair, Robert Britto, Richard
 Calapini, Evelyn Canepa, Jeff
 Chavez, Brenna Clark, Jennette
 Cleadenger
 Betty Cooper, Linda Crittendon
 Cora Dongon
 Joann Douglas, Pablo de la Vega Mary Dong, Tami Duncan,
 Juanita Estrellas, Filomena Giese, Mike
 Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau
 Domingos deGregorio, Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez,
 Ruben Gutierrez, Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin &
 Maurice Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann
 Jones, Tom Kennedy, Robin Laws, Maria Impang Lozada,
 Bernice Luckett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Nancy
 McVey
 Francis Mondragon, Ester Oppus, Judith Padilla, Theresa
 Parella, Angelina Patacsil, Pam Paun, Victoria Payless,
 Fely Sabares, Jovita Santos, Linda Schneider, Salvador
 Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Joseph Vidal, Sarah



Gerald Hicks Memorial

Denise Rose, daughter of Gerald Hicks has informed the parish that her father, a longtime parishioner and friend at St. John Church died on March 16, 2018 from a brief illness. His memorial service and interment of ashes will be held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in San Pablo on Friday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

This Week's Service Schedule

Easter Vigil Readings: Genesis: 1:1 - 2:2, 22:1-18, Exodus 14:15-15:1, Isaiah 55:1-11, Epistle: Romans 6:3-11, Gospel: Mark 16:1-7.

Easter Sunday Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liturgy of the Hours, Mon.- Fri. at 7:40am.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, Wed., 8:30am at the Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

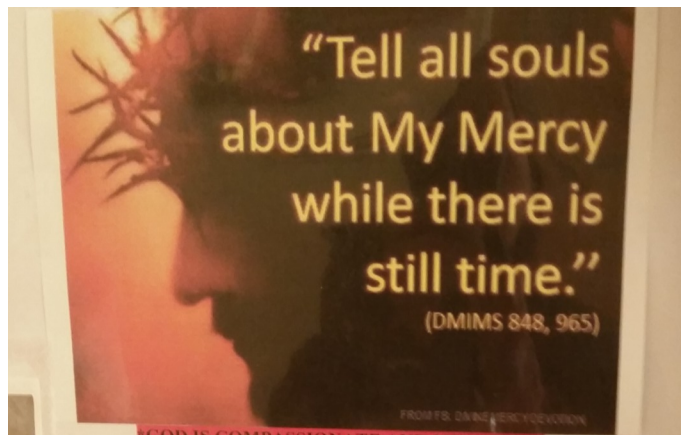
Holy Infant of Prague Novena, Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

Confession, Sat., 4-5pm or At an appointed time.

Adoration and Benediction, Fri., 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick, Sat., 8:30am



CRS Rice Bowl

Almsgiving toward the CRS Rice Bowl campaign is due this Easter. Please bring your Lenten Offering to church. Thank you for your sacrifices toward caring for our brothers and sisters worldwide.

Protecting God's Children

All volunteers and church employees must have completed the training at virtusonline.org.

Volunteers and church employees, who mentor minors, or administer the Eucharist at homes or visit vulnerable adults must be livescanned/fingerprinted.

Send copy(s) of certificates to the Rectory.

For questions, please call the Church or Safe Environment/Diocese, c/o Diana Bitz 267-8315.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of April

Universal: **For Those Who Have Responsibility in Economic Matters.**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Vocation Discernment

Daughters of Charity invites single women, 18-40 years for a weekend retreat at Los Altos from Apr. 20-22. For more information, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C., 26000 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills, Ca. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 or srllagfuna@doc1633.org or DaughtersOfCharity.com

Thank You! -Get On The Bus

Sincere and grateful thanks to all of you for your great generosity to this year's Get On The Bus Appeal. In the last two weeks some of you continued to donate so our amount to date is \$3,321. Where does the money go? As I mentioned before, the first major cost in the bus itself and the insurance. Since our bus leaves so early we need money for meals for the day. We leave Oakland at 4:00 a.m. and arrive in Chowchilla by 9:00 am. The families visit until 3:00 p.m. When the children get back on the bus they are totally exhausted after the early rising, the excitement of the day and of course the sorrow of leaving Mom or Dad. We give them juice or water. We gather letters from the parents in the prison so they read the letters as we travel.

Here are a few comments from the children: My favorite part was -Seeing my Mom walk in the door and running to hug her.
Getting to have lunch with my Dad. I had great fun with my Dad.
Being able to touch and hang out with my Mom.
Doing a puzzle with my Dad. I was allowed to bring it home!
Thank you all for your generosity to these families.
Gratefully,
Sr. Carmel

Senior Center Event

Apr. 3, Tuesday: Guest Speaker at 11:30am/
Lunch at 12:30pm. 6500 Gladys Av/ 237-3808.

Vacation Bible Day Camp, Jun 25-29

Howdy!

Register your kids now for this year's "Avalanche Ranch Adventure" to the Wild West!

Prairie-Dog Pre-School for 3-5 year olds that haven't started kinder,

Morning or all-day campers Completed Kinder to Completed 6th.

Each day they will be able to experience learning where they can see, hear, touch and even taste. They will enjoy Sing & Play Stampede Skits & Songs, hands-on Wild Bible Adventures, create in Cowpoke Crafts & Science, see daily videos about Chadder the Chipmunk, have fun in Horse-play Games and help make tasty treats in Chuck Wagon Chow.

They will enjoy Special Guests and Service Projects, make new friends and much more.

On-line registration with Early Bird Discount: www.sjtbc.us/vbdc.html

Questions, Email: Pam Vincent pam@sjtbc.us

The "Footsteps of St. Paul" Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey will visit the House of the Blessed Mother in Ephesus. Mass will be celebrated daily during the 14-Day Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage includes seven cruise trips to different Greek Islands. The cost is \$4,599 for a roundtrip airfare from San Francisco, hotel accommodations, meals, cruise and island short excursions. Flyers are available at the vestibule and at the St. John the Baptist Office. Due to high demand, please make your reservation early for this pilgrimage from September 20 to October 3, 2018. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen as the Spiritual Director. For reservation and for more information, contact Group Leader, Linfa Belisario, @ (510) 599-4210.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
at Christmas Season
Come and Join this Extraordinary
unforgettable Trip to the
Home Land of Jesus**

**With Fr. Joseph Tran
December 3-13, 2018 \$3,200/person
-Round Trip from USA
-Breakfast / Dinner Daily -Mass, Daily
Hotel Included**



**For more Information, Visit
www.polandmej.com
Contact: Victoria Tannady (510) 847-7773
email: beatitudes8@rocketmail.com OR
Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825 email:
luvilumibao@aol.com**

Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided
a lifeline of help and hope for 42 years.
Call 1-800-833-2900

**Quincentennial Anniversary of the
Catholic Faith in the Philippines**

Kick-Off Celebration & Mass at the Cathedral of
Christ the Light, celebrated March 16, 7pm.
Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., Celebrant.
Dedicating 2018 to St. Lorenzo Ruiz at
St. Isidore, Danville, Sep. 22, 9:30am-3pm.
Devoting 2019 to Our Lady of the Rosary, Oct. 5,
2019. (Venue to be announced).
Dedicating 2020 to St. Pedro Calungsod, Sep. 19,
2020. (Venue to be announced).
Honoring Señor Santo Niño on 2021, March 6.
(Venue to be announced).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Put Spring into your marriage!

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-
end is a chance to look deeply into your relation-
ship with each other and with God. It offers
married couples an opportunity to learn a tech-
nique of loving communication that you can use
for the rest of your lives. Sign up today to attend
one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage En-
counter Weekends on May 18-20th or September
7-9th, San Damiano Retreat Center. Space is
VERY limited! Early registration is highly rec-
ommended. For more information: Contact

Joe & Sue Talarico // Diocese of Oak-
land // [925.680.7767](tel:925.680.7767) // Joe.Sue.Talarico@wwme.org

Or Mike & Jeanne @ [925.672.2016](tel:925.672.2016)

Bishop's Appeal of 2018

The parish is over half way of its goal at
62. 57% as of mar 15, with 70 donors and an av-
erage gift of \$209.17

Make a pledge or send your contributions to the
2018 Bishop's Appeal and every gift counts in
support to increase in vocations, catechesis, care
for elderly religious and priests, social services for
the hungry, homeless, the sick and unemployed in
Alameda and Contra Costa counties

**Oakland Symphony Chorus
Italian Tour 2018**

Sing with the Oakland Symphony Chorus in
some of the finest cities and concert venues in
historic Italy. You will be traveling to Rome,
Venice, Florence, and Pisa from June 21 to July 1,
2018.

Join parishioners Bernie Juat and Cynthia
Webb-Beckford singing in Rome and Florence.

For more information, log on:

[www.oaklandsymphony.org/about-us/chorus/
International Tours Next Stop: June 21-July 1,
2018](http://www.oaklandsymphony.org/about-us/chorus/International%20Tours%20Next%20Stop)