



April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Leaning Upon God

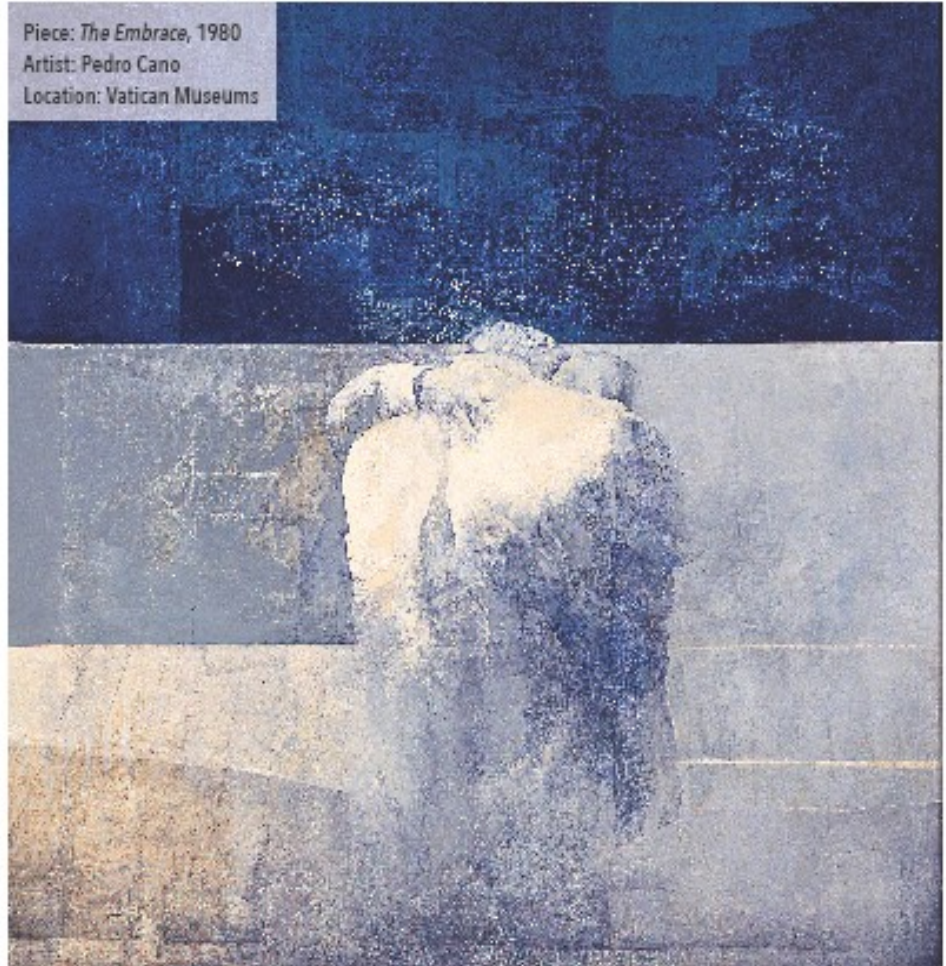
This painting is a powerful image of paternal love and union. It recalls the historic moment when St. John Paul II, at the Mass of his elevation to the papacy, embraced his lifelong mentor, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński. The painting is a moment frozen in time that represents something much bigger than the event that inspired it.

The two figures are barely distinguishable. They seem to be fused, like two figures carved out of one piece of marble. It is the mutual love of giving and receiving that makes this exchange so moving. Indeed, it reminds us of the embrace of love we seek in this life from our loved ones as well as in eternal life. There is no distance between them, rancor, or questioning—only the total happiness of being united with a friend.

The pope's strong, broad shoulders are penetrated by the grasping hands of the one embraced. There is a clenching need to find security in the other. We all search for love, forgiveness, and for strength we do not find in ourselves. We wish our faith were stronger but, the truth is, we need to be constantly turning to God for his mercy.

Yet, he is pleased to be our rock upon which we lean, the one we can touch in our doubt. Turn to him

Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980
Artist: Pedro Cano
Location: Vatican Museums



in need, for he is happy to save you from the trials of this life. He wants to be the risen one who restores our faith. He rejoices that we need him and return to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I find security in the love of another in a healthy way? Is it the fruit of giving and not possessing? Is my strongest foundation in the love and mercy of Jesus?

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

Mass Intentions for the Week



		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Apr. 7	5 p.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Sunday, Apr. 8	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	Torres Family
	9:30 a.m.	For the Deceased Members of the Woo and Dong Families	John and Nancy Woo
	11 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	12:30 p.m.	Maria Fatima Gregorio †	Domingo and Victoria Gregorio
Monday, Apr. 9	6 p.m.	Joshua Jones †	Mila Vargas
	8 a.m.	Maria Fatima Gregorio †	Domingo and Victoria Gregorio
Tuesday, Apr. 10	8 a.m.	Josefina Co †	Rosie Murphy
Wednesday, Apr. 11	8 a.m.	Joseph Kittisak Hunchareonchai †	Supalak Kittisakvanit
Thursday, Apr. 12	8 a.m.	Francisco Martins †	Rosie Murphy
Friday, Apr. 13	8 a.m.	Ramon Regalado † 101st Birthday	Regalado and Panganiban Families
Saturday, Apr. 14	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children

Stewardship

Envelopes & EFT, April 1, 2018	\$ 5,786
Loose Donation	\$ 2,785
Lenten and Easter	\$ 5,871
Rice Bowl-CRS	\$ 2,626
Parish Dev and School Tuition Assistance	\$ 1,439

Thank you for your generosity.

Lay Pastoral Visit to the Sick

Learn about diocesan resources to help prepare parishioners to offer pastoral visits to the sick, elderly and homebound.

This workshop is for lay people and parish staff with leadership responsibilities for parish pastoral ministries.

To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2F4tFo8> or call 510.267.8392.

Workshops will be offered as follows:

- April 12, 7 p.m. – St. James the Apostle, Fremont
- April 21, 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph, Pinole

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, Eric Ewen
 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 Lockett
 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 Vidal, Evodio Walle
 Jan Williamson



Second Sunday of Easter

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Acts 4:32-35, 1Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31.

Monday Readings: Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38.

Tuesday Readings: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15.

Wednesday Readings: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21. Or Rev 12:10-12a, Jn 17:11b-19.

Thursday Readings: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36.

Friday Readings: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15. Or 2Tim 2:8-13, 3:10-12, Jn 15:18-21.

Saturday Readings: Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21.

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.

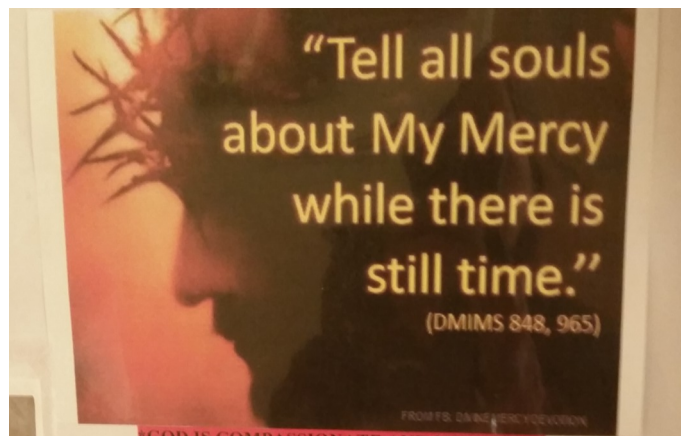
Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mon.- Sat., 8:30am at Church; Daily, 3pm, 9pm, and 10pm (Spanish) and Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish), Chapel.

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.

Charismatic Service, Adoration, Benediction and Healing, Sat., 7:00pm



Building A Safe Environment

All volunteers and church employees must be certified 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.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Apr. 10, Tuesday: Atty. David Brown on Trusts, 11:30am/Lunch at 12:30pm. St John Com Center.

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
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 Luvi Lumibao (510) 918-5825
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Welcome to the Catholic Faith

Our Adult Initiation Team introduced to the congregation the candidates who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and who will receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, namely Matthew Wong and Chan (Chansingh) Amarsingh. Their sponsors are Gabriel Acosta and Thomas Fleming respectively.

Peter Dycus is welcomed to the congregation as a baptized Catholic. Peter will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The sponsor is David Corral.

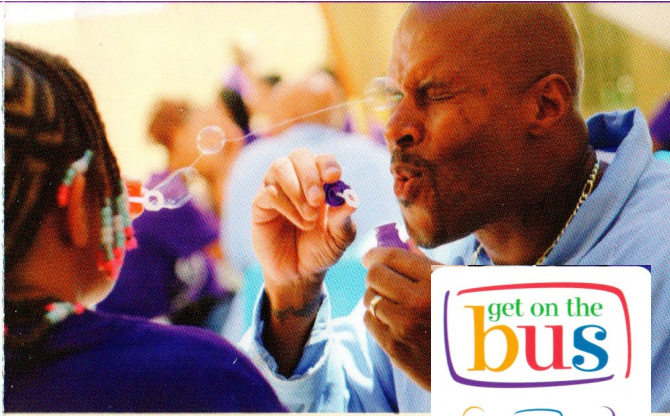
Isabel Nguyen is introduced as a baptized Catholic and will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Her sponsor is Reyline Artiaga.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The mission is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the church and the world! - Joe & Sue Talarico, Diocese of Oakland 925.680.7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org



Christmas 2017. St John Seniors and Event volunteers gathered to celebrate a special Tuesday. A usual Tuesday event begins at morning with fellowship, crafts, canasta or bingo. Later in the morning, an invited guest will speak on a specific topic i.e., finance, health, safety, literature. Followed by a luncheon at 12:30PM. The program changes on the last Tuesday of each month where a festive celebration of birthdays that month take center stage. This includes a Sing Along with parishioner/volunteer, Ligia Britto, at the piano. Parishioners are welcomed to share their talents with our Seniors at the Community Center. Contact Judi at 237-7606 or Tracy at 233-2080.



What Is Get On The Bus?

Get On The Bus was founded in 1999 by Sr. Suzanne Jabro, CSJ. This dynamic program gathers children and their caregivers or guardians from all across California and makes it possible for them to visit their respective mothers or fathers in prison. From beginning to end, the process is a simple, cost-effective, community-based intervention that eliminates the barriers that keep families separated.

With no costs to participating families, Get On The Bus provides the following:

- Submission of paperwork required to visit
- Chaperones for children who have no adult to accompany them
- Transportation on chartered buses to and from prison
- All meals during travel

Most importantly, Get On The Bus transforms the prison visiting room into a fun, non-threatening family environment with child-centered activities. Children eat pizza, play games, or participate in arts and crafts with their mothers or fathers. **The visit provides a positive family interaction and allows children and parents the ability to reconnect after the long separation.**

For more information, please contact Sr. Carmel or the Rectory. Bus U for Richmond/Oakland Area is scheduled for May 11.

Lighting The Way, 2018

Make a pledge or contribute to the Bishop’s Appeal and help increase vocations, care for elderly clergy and religious, feed and care for the poor and the sick in Alameda and Contra Costa.

Victims Assistance Office

The date for the No More Secrets Bi-monthly Support Group meeting, originally scheduled for April 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Santa Maria Parish Library, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda, has been changed to Saturday, April 14. The time and location remain the same. For questions, please contact the office of the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 510.267.8334.

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. Please make your reservation early for this of September 20 to October 3, 2018. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Fr. Thuong H. Nguyen as the Spiritual Director. For more information, contact Group Leader, Linfa Belisario, @ (510) 599-4210.

Vacation Bible Day Camp, Jun 25-29

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

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 Horseplay Games and help make tasty treats in Chuck Wagon Chow. Special Guests. New Friends & More.

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

Questions, Email: Pam Vincent pam@sjtbc.us