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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 27, 2016

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Liturgical/Sacramental Information

+Sacrament of Matrimony

By appointment. Call Rectory at least 6 months ahead. Do not set any specific date without conferring with the Priest.

+Christian Funeral

Should be arranged by Family, Church and Mortuary. Normal Christian Burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should FIRST be discussed with Parish Priests.

+Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Parish Mission

We, the St. Anne Catholic Community, a transformed body of Christ with many parts, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will proclaim and spread the word of God:

- by creating an environment that welcomes all;
- by being faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure;
- by celebrating God's love committed to giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty,
- clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless and
- by being the sign of unity and peace in the kingdom of God.

Holy Mass Schedule

Weekdays	8:00 am
Saturdays	8:00 am 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays	8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00 and 6:00 pm
First Fridays	8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Confessions	Saturdays @ 3:30 pm

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins
through his name
— Acts 10:43



My dear friends in Christ,

HAPPY EASTER 2016!

In a world where violence and hatred against a brother or sister is being preached, where ignorance has become the norm for many, we need to find hope. The world needs to experience hope. Do not let the walls of darkness and isolation to go up. This has to be stopped! This can only happen when we turn to the one who is risen from the dead, Jesus Christ. With Pope Francis, as the pastor of the universal Church, we are experiencing *so much hope and grace*. During the first year of his pontificate, he showed us the face of Christ as someone who cares for the poor! When he visited the Philippines in January this year, our Pope bent down to hear the cry of the poor, bent down to wash the feet of the filthy and the smelly!

I remember a comment by one of the CNN commentators who said that Pope Benedict XVI preached on the person of Christ but Pope Francis will show us the face of Christ. This has been our experience with him during the first weeks of his ministry! In Mexico and in Cuba, he showed the face of Christ.

He is a very simple and humble man whose heart is with the poor and those who are destitute! *Through his actions of love and compassion we have encountered Christ, the risen one! What a moment of grace and joy for the risen body of Christ as we celebrate today this great event in human history---EASTER!* The Son of Man who was tortured, belittled, scourged, crucified and who died has been raised in glory! As the gospel of John puts it, "An empty grave is all there is-- because He lives,"

This great mystery of our faith is still the subject of debate among many people. I remember a discussion between my brother and his friend about this matter. My brother's friend said, "It is all a myth! I don't believe that Jesus has risen from the dead!"

Our faith tells us that "he is Risen!" Our being here today on this Easter Sunday is a clear indication of Jesus' resurrection! It is an encounter of the risen Christ! Today we are celebrating and experiencing the joy of being raised to new life in Christ's rising from the dead! ***HE IS ALIVE, HE IS RISEN, HE IS WITH THE FATHER!***

We didn't touch him! We didn't hear his voice! But we believe! This is the foundation of our faith! It is not that Jesus died on the cross but that "he has been raised from the dead!" St. Paul says, "*If Christ has not been raised, our faith is in vain!*"

There is no question that a life without Christ is a life of emptiness and despair! You know what happened to Mary Magdalene when she found the empty tomb! She felt sadness and her sorrow increased. This reality expresses to us that life without Jesus is empty! That is why St. Paul says, "Christ is our life!"

Of course many people are still asking: If Jesus has really risen, where is he? I don't really experience him! Is he real? I believe the challenge for us is ----***HOW TO MAKE THIS REALITY IN OUR WORLD TODAY?!*** We are challenged to share this GOOD NEWS to the world by being the sign of new life in the world by the way we act and live our life, by living the very life of Jesus---that is a life of love and service to the poor, the homeless, the abandoned through the spirit of charity and compassion, by being the voice of conscience against discrimination and human injustice in the world. And this we have to live it out in our lives. Not just today---because I believe our experience and encounter of the risen Christ is every day! It is not an event in the past but a reality that is present!

On Christmas day we rejoice at the conception and birth of Jesus from spirit to flesh. The empty womb of Mary, our Blessed Mother, became a source of expectation and promise! Now, on this Easter day--- we are joyful! From the womb of Mary to the empty tomb of Jesus we have come to celebrate life! *He is risen! He is here!* The love of God didn't end in the tragedy of the cross! Darkness and death were overcome! On Easter morning, Christ conquered sin and death! St. Augustine said, "*If Christ is alive and in us, then do not be afraid!*" *The love of God is for eternity! Rejoice and be glad!*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter!

In Christ,

Fr. Geoffrey



Mass Intentions
for the Week

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March 26, 2016 - April 2, 2016

Saturday, March 26

8:00 pm



Sunday, March 27 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00pm



Monday, March 28

8:00 am + Gene Edano

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 am + Aurora Abuzman

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 am + Catalina Favis

Thursday, March 31

8:00 am + Lydia Jimenez Milan

Friday, April 1 (FIRST FRIDAY)

8:00 am + Virginia Ruizzorrilla

7:30 pm + Emil Custodio, Jr.

Saturday, April 2

8:00 am + Porfirio Lorenzo

5:00 pm Spe. Int.—Divine Mercy

Please pray for the sick...

Ester Acda, Amelia Agustin, Ping Balingit, Sean Bocato, Michelle Boja, Wilma Canio, Ed Carlos, Jesus Carpio, Juanita Castro, Jem Catapang, Mary Cipriano, Eugene dela Cuesta, Bonifacio Delos Santos, Devon De Vera, Bernardo Dingcong, Pedro Dingcong, Alipio & Dolores Domingo, Maria B. Garcia, Robert Giovanni, Maria Gomez, Erlinda Hernandez, Maria Hocke, Beverly Laniohan, Marvin Llavore, Gualberto Marchan, Jose Mendoza, Cora Paiso, Jun Ragasa, Jr., Roan Ramirez, Alfredo Reyes, Timoteo Reyes, Sr., Dr. Eleanor Reyes, Ernesto Reyes, Agnes Rezentos, Gwen Rezentos, Bob Rodriguez, Joseph Albert Sison, Marlise Schwedhelm, Freddy Sullivan, Cristina Tambunting, Jane Valentin, Lydia Villacorta, Lizzy Wiest.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD NAMES AND GIVE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER SO OUR MINISTRY CAN FOLLOW-UP.

NAMES WILL BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

WE REMEMBER YOU, O RISEN LORD

We remember you, O risen Lord,
New Covenant at the feast of the cross.
Your resurrection dresses the table
for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

Blessed are you!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or*

Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 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 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

CFC Handmaids of the Lord Ministry invites you to a "**Christian Life Program**" for a renewed understanding of God's call, exclusively for women: Widows, Single-Mature, Married, Divorced, Separated, Single-Mothers. Begins on **Sunday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m.** at (Old) **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church**, 40382 Fremont Blvd, Fremont 94538. For more information, please call Gina Delfino at 510.468.1153 or Nini Reyes-Bolinger at 510.928.8943.

BEGINNING AND END

Faith is the beginning and the end is love.

—St. Ambrose



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry will meet on Monday, March 28, the day after Easter. The topic of our meeting will be **“Our Own Emmaus Journey.”** In this session, we will explore the Emmaus story from Scripture as a way to recognize the activity of God in our lives and reflect on how we can be a better friend to those that need help on the journey of life.

Due to Spring Break in Union City, there will be no Youth Ministry meeting on April 4.

St. Anne Confirmation

Saint Anne Confirmation Candidates will meet on Sunday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MERCY CORNER

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:31-32

“We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves.”

Pope Francis, *The Face of Mercy, (No 9), 2015*

Focus Work of Mercy for the month: Forgive All Injuries

It is an act of deep love to forgive all those who have injured us in any way, even deliberately and with malice. Christ demands that His followers have great love and forgiveness for one another and even for our enemies in imitation of His own forgiveness of us and of His enemies as He hung on the cross. In His almighty wisdom, God knows that failing to forgive causes further injury to the person originally injured.

ACTION: Let go of grudges. Pray the Our Father slowly, and let the words “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” sink deep into your heart. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For further study and reflection:

Book: *Confession: Finding Freedom and Forgiveness*, Fr. Paul Warren, Paraclete Press

Website: www.thelightisonforyou.org, a website of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston that offers a variety of resources on Confession.

App: *Confession: A Roman Catholic App*, Little i Apps, includes a personalized examination of conscience and a step-by-step guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1- 8)

REMINDER

St. Anne School of Faith Formation (Grades 1- 8)

Welcome back to CCD! All Faith Formation classes resume this week of March 28.

We welcome to our Church community the newly baptized students who received the Sacraments of Initiation last Easter Vigil...namely: JOSE CARLOS JR., KEONI AHINGA, JALEN THOMAS, OLIVIA ARROLIGIA, VICTORIA ARROLIGIA, VICTOR BARROZO....May God’s grace continue to shine in your Hearts!

CCD MASS (5:00 PM SATURDAY VIGIL every Second Sunday of the month): Our monthly celebration of CCD mass is on Saturday, APRIL 9.

We invite all CCD students, catechists and their families to attend. A gentle Reminder to Catechists, Students & Parents who have volunteered to participate in the CCD Mass, please arrive 30 minutes before Mass for final instructions.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fifty years or so ago, it was popular to teach that every Sunday is a “Little Easter.” Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a “Big Sunday.” On every Sunday of the year, the Church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, *anamnesis*, as the antidote to “amnesia,” the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God’s most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God’s eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a “Big Sunday,” today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord’s Day. We wear “Sunday best” today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a “Big Sunday,” and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives.

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Congratulations and Welcome to the newest
members of the Body of Christ

**Keoni Ahinga
Olivia Arroligia
Victoria Arroligia
Victor Barrozo
Jose Carlos, Jr.
Jalen Thomas**

**Aaron Kwong
Sean Laurel
Cecily Moises
Raul Garcia
Enola Guerrero
Denise Gonzalez**

Albert Sisneros

Please continue to pray for our newest family members
as they continue to journey with the Risen Lord!

