



## Pope's Message for Easter 2015

### Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" ( Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.



With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith. We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent.

We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force,

### This Week of April 5, 2015

- Sun 8:30am Easter Mass (4/05)
- Sun There will be no Religious Education Classes (4/05)
- Sun 11:00am Easter Mass (4/05)
- Sun 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00am Mass (4/05)
- Sun 4:00pm Easter Mass - St. Joseph, Blue Lake (4/05)
- Tues 6:30pm Healing Mass (note: No morning Mass Tues 4/07)
- Wed 7:00pm ICF Meeting (4/08)

### Next Week, April 12, 2015 – Divine Mercy Sunday

- Sun 9:30am Religious Education Classes (4/12)
- Sun 6:30pm Post Confirmation Group (4/12)
- Sun 6:30pm Faith Sharing (4/12)
- Tues 9:00am Altar Society Meeting (4/14)
- Tues 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (4/14)

### Mass Intentions

Please contact the office, 822-7696, if you would like to schedule a mass intention.

- Sat 8:30pm For the Catechumens (4/04)
- Sun 8:30am For the People (4/05)
- Sun 11:00am Jose & Laurinda Mendes + (4/05)
- Sun 4:00pm For the People (4/05)
- Mon 8:30am Leonildo Sousa + (4/06)
- Tues 8:30am Reminder - No Morning Mass (4/07)
- Tues 6:30pm Healing Mass (4/07)
- Wed 8:30am Intentions of Yvonne R. Cunha/birthday (4/08)
- Thur 8:30am Bobby Murphy, Jr. (4/09)
- Fri 8:30am All Souls (4/10)
- Sat 4:00pm Alfredo Valadao + (4/11)
- Sat 5:30pm Tobia & Lena Ghidinelli + (4/11)
- Sun 8:30am For Our Parishioners (4/12)
- Sun 11:00am Deceased Family Members of Carlos & Maria Avelar (4/12)

The Rosary is prayed daily (Monday through Friday) before the 8:30am Mass.

Please let the parish office know of your loved one's illness or recovery so we are able to keep our prayer list current.

### Pray for the Sick, those listed here and others known

to us: Joyce Strahan, Grayson Pitlock, Edward & Angelina Felix, Elsie Naye, Steven Rogers, Nancy Jackson, Rosa Maria, Peggy Dimmick, Arnold Souza, Nina DeVilbiss, and Charles (Chuck) Jennings.



### Healing Mass

On Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, there will be a **Healing Mass** on the occasion of World Health Day. Please join us for this special Mass. Please note, there will be no morning mass that day.

### Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Teresa Silveira, Teresa Madison, Gary McConnell, and Elsie Pjalorsi.

Thank You to our parishioners who contributed to the Sunday offering.

St. Mary's Regular Collection:	\$ 2,126.13
St. Joseph's Regular Collection:	\$ 248.00
Total	\$ 2,374.13

especially against the defenseless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue!

Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

We beg for an end to the conflicts in the Central African Republic and a halt to the brutal terrorist attacks in parts of Nigeria and the acts of violence in South Sudan.

We ask that hearts be turned to reconciliation and fraternal concord in Venezuela.

By your resurrection, which this year we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence and, in a spirit of unity and dialogue, chart a path for the country's future. On this day, may they be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, *Khrystos voskres!*

Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you, who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!

~Pope Francis



### Easter Greetings

I wish you all a Happy & Blessed Easter! May your Easter be filled with the power and the peace that comes from His Resurrection!

~Father Bala.



### Welcome!

This Easter we wish to welcome the following people who are entering the church by First Eucharist and Confirmation: **Francisco Pena, Jr., Rowan Baker, and Kristen Nelson.** We also welcome **Mikenzie Sousa** who enters the church by Baptism.

### Santa Rosa Diocese 2015 Annual Mission Appeal (AMA)

2015 Target: \$20,300. Pledges to date: \$8,447.

### Capital Campaign – The Capital Campaign is a 5 year program.

5-year Target: \$295,000. Pledges to date: \$146,609.



**Baptism class** is held monthly for parents and Godparents on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the Church Meeting Room. Appointments are required. Please call the office, 822-7696, if you wish to attend. The next class will be April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### The basic requirements for Baptism:

- Family must be registered in a parish & be regular Mass attendees.
- One or both parents need to be a practicing Catholic.
- Child must have a reasonable chance to be brought up in the Catholic Faith.
- Parents & Godparents must attend a 'Baptism Preparation' class.
- At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic.
- A three month waiting period (after initial request) is required.



### Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children from infancy through 1<sup>st</sup> Communion age on the church grounds Easter Sunday after the 11:00am Mass. Children 4 years and under may look for eggs on the grass around the Our Lady of Lourdes statue. Children 5 years–1<sup>st</sup> Communion may look for eggs near the Montessori Preschool side of the Religious Ed building. Have fun!

### Parish Maintenance Committee

In effect as of Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, a Parish Maintenance Committee has been appointed. Those appointed are Doug Boileau, Joe Rodrigues, and Pete Stagnoli. We do sincerely thank them for accepting to be on the committee and wish them God's abundant blessings in their efforts.

~Father Bala.



### Faith Sharing Session

Come join Deacon Jon Pedicino in a Faith Sharing Session next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:45pm in the church. We will look at the Sunday scripture readings and share how we see God in our lives.



### Parish Outreach Ministry 707-499-3331

Please let us know of any parishioner who would appreciate being brought Communion or would like contact via telephone calls or home visits.



### Thank You

St. Mary's Parish would like to thank all those who contributed to a successful Bake Sale last weekend by working, donating, & purchasing delicious baked goods. All of the proceeds, \$1,364.00, were donated to the St. Mary's maintenance fund. Thank you!



### Operation Rice Bowl Hungering for Celebration!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms – and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord – and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Tanzania, Nicaragua, Niger, Lebanon, the Democratic Republic of Congo and all over the world! **It is time to return your Rice Bowl. Please place it with your donations in the wheelbarrow in the Narthex. Thank you!**

### Scrip

Scrip sales resume on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you need scrip during the week from April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, you may call Alice at 822-6850. Thank you for all your support. Through your Scrip purchases, another \$1,000 has been generated to contribute to the St. Mary's maintenance fund. We wish everyone a Blessed Easter and Happy Spring!

**April 12<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday.** You are invited to the Cathedral of St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 3:00pm. Confessions will be heard beginning at 1:30pm, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:40pm. Following Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Life Center."

### Christ the King Parish Mission

**April 13-16, 2015 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

You are invited to join Fr. Patrick Foley, PhD, as he presents "The Beatitudes, Jesus' Eight-Step Plan for Happiness".

**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!** Whether you are a long time parishioner, a returning Catholic, or a new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience. If you haven't registered, please complete this form and return it to the rectory office or place it in the offertory basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner yes/no  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ New Address yes/no

