



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Week of April 12, 2015

- Sun There will be no Religious Education Classes (4/12)
- Sun There will be no 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)

Next Week of April 19, 2015

- Sun 9:30am Religious Education Classes (4/19)
- Sun 6:30pm Post Confirmation Group (4/19)

Mass Intentions

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

- 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)
- Mon 8:30am Teresa Silveira + (4/13)
- Tues 8:30am Joe Nevis + (4/14)
- Wed 8:30am Teresa Silveira + (4/15)
- Thur 8:30am Leona Leitheiser + (4/16)
- Fri 8:30am Teresa Silveira + (4/17)
- Sat 4:00pm Alfredo Valadao + (4/18)
- Sat 5:30pm Gary McConnell + (4/18)
- Sun 8:30am Manuel Matos + & Deolinda Freitas + (4/19)
- Sun 11:00am For Our Parishioners (4/19)

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

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Teresa Silveira, Teresa Madison, Gary McConnell, and Elsie Pialorsi

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

St. Mary's Regular Collection:	\$ 5,383.32
St. Joseph's Regular Collection:	\$ 363.00
Total	\$ 5,746.32

CRS Rice Bowls:	\$ 2,649.48
2 nd Collection: Holy Land	\$ 611.00



Coffee Hour will be hosted by Religious Education in April. The ICF will host in May.



Four Lessons of Easter

(Excerpts from an article, "Proclaiming Easter Faith", by Pat Marrin, in "Celebration" magazine of April 2015)

What can we learn about life and death from Easter?

First, we learn that Easter faith is harder alone than in community. The first step toward the promise of resurrection occurs when we enter webs of relationships that enrich our small stories with the stories of others....

Second, we learn that resurrection, like crucifixion, happens all the time, but in small, manageable patterns of life that teach us generosity and patience....

Third, we learn that some realities are so shocking they are best handled indirectly, with rituals and symbols. Death is one of them....A favorite hymn says it so well: "We come to share our story, we come to break the bread, we come to know our rising from the dead." All the elements of Easter are here, showing us how to live out the implications of our union with Christ.

Finally, we learn that "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." The Resurrection is not about protecting us from death, but about freeing us from the fear of death....

Blessed are Easter people – those who dare to live, who act courageously on behalf of truth and justice, and who risk everything to follow their dreams. Timid Christians have done more to postpone the coming of God's reign in the world than any enemy of the Church. Resurrection is less about reassuring us of heaven after death than about freeing us to live now without fear. This is the joyful, compelling message of Easter.



Witnesses

The apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, even Saint Thomas, the doubter. This witness is recorded "that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God" (John 20:31). Tradition is the handing on of this firsthand witness by those who saw from the beginning to each of us now. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). Our faith is based on witnesses. We cry with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" May the Lord strengthen us and give us his peace.

(Taken from "Today's Liturgy–Lent–Easter-2015")



Faith Sharing Session

Come join Deacon Jon Pedicino in a Faith Sharing Session today, Sunday, April 12th, 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 homebound parishioner who would appreciate being brought Communion or would like contact via telephone calls or home visits.



Operation Rice Bowl

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say **THANK YOU!** **It is time to return your Rice Bowl.** **Please place it with your donations in the wheelbarrow in the Narthex. Thank you!**

Thank You

St. Mary's Parish is blessed with many faithful, dedicated and talented volunteers. They work quietly and effectively to provide a rich spiritual experience and maintain a beautiful church and grounds in which to worship. We extend a big **Thank You** (in alphabetical order – and I truly hope I haven't forgotten anyone) to our Altar Society, Bulletin Folders, Choir Members & Musicians, Coffee Group, Computer Specialist, Counters & Copiers, Deacons, Finance Council, Flower Designer, Grounds Crew, Italian Catholic Federation, Knights of Columbus, Liturgical Planners, Maintenance Crew, Mass Preparation Group, Outreach Ministry, Pastoral Council, Portuguese Community, Religious Education Teachers, Scrip Group, and all the invaluable individuals who step forth to help when they see a need. Many of the lovely flowers which were arranged so beautifully were donated by Sun Valley Group. We are all thankful for such dedicated parishioners who work together to foster a lovely church community.

Santa Rosa Diocese 2015 Annual Mission Appeal (AMA)

2015 Target: \$20,300. Pledges to date: \$11,512.

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 25th.

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.

Saint Gregory the Great's EASTER PRAYER

Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!

It is only right,
with all the powers of our heart and mind,
to praise You Father
and Your Only-begotten Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ:



Dear Father, by Your wondrous
condescension of loving-kindness toward us,
Your servants, You gave up Your Son.

Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam
for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured
forth in loving-kindness.
You cleared away the darkness of sin
By Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection.
You broke the bonds of death
and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.
You reconciled heaven and earth.

Our life had no hope of eternal happiness
before You redeemed us.
Your Resurrection has washed away our sins,
restored our innocence and brought us joy.
How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love!

Parish Retreat

We have had much positive feedback from our parishioners who attended the Parish Retreat led by Fr. Ed Shea, OFM, from Chicago. He spoke with hope, humor, kindness, and depth, and we appreciate his spiritual guidance.



Scrip

We hope to see more parishioners & their families using scrip in the coming months. The funds generated go directly to the parish. If you have not tried scrip, please do so. It is a very effective fundraiser with no extra costs to you. Local businesses participate along with nationwide retailers. Please stop by the scrip table to purchase scrip today! If you have questions, please ask the scrip sellers. Planning for summer?...Use Scrip!

Scrip Sellers: Marge will be scheduling sellers soon for the months of May, June, July & August. Please let her know if you will not be available during these months. There is a need for more sellers. Please consider helping. As a rule, sellers only have to work one weekend a month and training is available. Thank you to all of our faithful sellers. God bless you all. Please contact Marge at 707-822-0539 or marged@suddenlink.net.

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