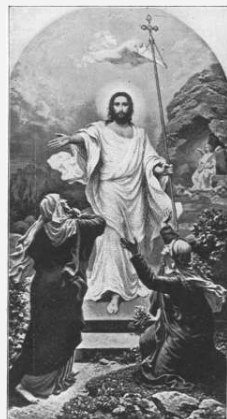


**Sunday, April 16, 2017**  
**Easter Sunday**



- Sun. 16 Apr. Easter Sunday, I Class**  
8:00 am Agnes Costa  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Paz & Eli Gonzalez  
6:00 pm Marina Lucina
- Mon. 17 Apr. Easter Monday, I Class**  
7:00 am †Jeannie Warrick  
12:15 pm Tomoko McDonough & Family
- Tues. 18 Apr. Easter Tuesday, I Class**  
7:00 am Ola Peju Adesanya  
6:30 pm Stella Zapata & Family
- Wed. 19 Apr. Easter Wednesday, I Class**  
7:00 am †Nancy Polino  
12:15 pm Estefania Sandoval
- Thurs 20 Apr. Easter Thursday, I Class**  
7:00 am Amy Rutschow  
6:30 pm Deena Arango & Family
- Fri. 21 Apr. Easter Friday, I Class**  
7:00 am †George Greenwood  
12:15 pm †George Greenwood  
6:30 pm †George Greenwood
- Sat. 22 Apr. Easter Saturday, I Class**  
7:00 am Deena Arango & Family  
9:00 am Donna Hopkins
- Sun. 23 Apr. Low Sunday, I Class**  
8:00 am †Mercedes Baccay  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Mike Hays  
6:00 pm Hays Family

**...In Memoriam**

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
†Margaret Melusky, †Robert O’Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
†Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
†Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho, †Mike McGrath,  
†Sarah Vierra

**Important Upcoming Dates**

April 19—Men’s Holy League  
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”  
May 6—First Holy Communion  
May 13—Annual Great Marian Procession  
May 25—Ascension of Our Lord  
June 18-24 Camp Sacred Heart  
June 23—Feast of the Sacred Heart  
June 29—Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul  
July 1—Feast of the Precious Blood  
July 23-27—Annual Retreat  
August—Registration for Confirmation classes open  
August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**The Living Water**

Jesus stated on several occasions that He was the fountain of living water for all who believed in Him, and He invited souls to draw near this spring because, as He said to the Samaritan woman, “He that shall drink of the water that I will give him, shall not thirst forever.” The most solemn invitation to drink from this fountain, however, was given by Jesus, during the last year of His ministry, to the crowd which thronged the Temple on the Feast of Tabernacles. Standing erect in the midst of the crowd, He said in a loud voice: “If any man thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He that believeth in Me. . .within him shall flow rivers of living water. The thirst of which Jesus was speaking is the thirst for truth, for justice, the thirst for peace and true happiness, and above all the thirst for God, the keen, ardent desire for Him. The soul who has tried to drink at the spring of earthly delights has found that they do not serve to quench its thirst; instead, if they have given the soul a tiny drop of truth, justice, peace, and joy, they have left it more thirsty than before. Only then does the soul understand that God alone is the fountain which can quench its thirst. But what is this water of which Jesus declares that He is the source and which He promises to all? It is the life-giving water of grace, the only water capable of quenching our thirst for the infinite, because, by making us sharers in the divine nature, it permits us to enter into intimate relations with God; it permits us to live with the Trinity dwelling in our soul; in a word, it opens the door to divine intimacy.

St. John Chrysostom teaches: “When the grace of the Holy Spirit enters a soul and is established there, it gushes forth more powerfully than any other spring; it neither ceases, dries up, nor is exhausted. And the Savior, to signify this inexhaustible gift of grace, calls it a spring and a torrent; He also calls it gushing water, to indicate its force and impetus.” The power of grace is so great that it can cast the soul into God and bring it to divine intimacy and union, first in this life, by faith and love, and then in heaven, by the Beatific Vision.

(Divine Intimacy by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

**From the Pastor**

The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! May the thought of Our Lord’s resurrection always serve to remind us of the hope we have in our own resurrection when He comes again in glory.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who helped to make Holy Week a beautiful one. Thank you, too, for your prayers and gifts.

**Wishing all of our parishioners a joy-filled Easter!**

Fr. Lyons  
Fr. Curtis  
Fr. Savoie

**Catholic Home Mission Appeal**

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses.

**Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

**Priest:** Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.

**All:** O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.

**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children.

**All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:

**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.

(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

**Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.

(Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

**Camp Sacred Heart 2017**

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 18-24 this year. Registration is open to boys age 9-18. Boys unknown to the chaplain must get a letter of recommendation from a priest.

For more information call the parish office or 916-223-3112. You may stop by the parish office or bookstore for registration forms.

**Sponsors needed for Camp**

If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, please consider doing so. There is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

**Around the Parish**

~ **A Funeral** Mass for Sarah Vierra will be held this Wednesday, April 19th at 10 am. The Rosary will be prayed at 7 pm, on April 18th at Andrews & Greilich Mortuary on Fruitridge Rd.

**Annual Retreat—July 23-27**

This year’s retreat will be preached by Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, CSJ. Father Brown preached the retreat for the FSSP deacons’ retreat the year Fr. Curtis was ordained to the diaconate. Father Curtis says that it was the best retreat he ever went to! Let’s have a full house in order to take full advantage of having such a wonderful priest.

Secure your place at the retreat by filling out a form and leaving a deposit as soon as possible. Forms are available in the parish office or bookstore.

If you are unable to go on the retreat, but would like to help make it possible for someone else to go, stop by the parish office or bookstore.

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
 10:30 a.m. High Mass  
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

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Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

**ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING**

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