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CHANCERY NEWS

NEW – Archbishop Statement on Serra Statue Vandals ‘Not Guilty’ Pleas

sfarch.org/letters-and-statements

On Friday, February 19, five of the vandals of the St. Junipero Serra statue at Mission San Rafael last October entered please of not guilty. The case now proceeds toward trial. Archbishop Cordileone issued the following statement:

“The justice system is working. The matter of what happened on the night of October 12, 2020 at Mission San Rafael will soon rest in the hands of a judge or jury.

“We live in a time of tumultuous change and angry division. Junípero Serra lived a life of sacrificial devotion to the poor, the weak and the marginalized in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. To Catholics, that means that he is a great saint. It is for good reason that Pope Francis canonized him on American soil in 2015.

“While St. Junipero’s dedication to protecting the native peoples of California is documented by historians, nevertheless – sadly and falsely – to some St. Junípero has become a symbol of the terrible human rights abuses committed against California indigenous peoples by Spanish conquerors and later the genocide perpetrated on them by the Anglo Americans who governed California. To heal and unite is not easy; it requires dialogue with good will, honesty and humility, and above all putting aside violence as a response.

“If a crime caught on videotape and witnessed by the police were not to have been prosecuted, it would have sent a profoundly disturbing message to the hundreds of thousands of people of faith in Marin County: churches, synagogues, mosques and temples are at the mercy of small mobs. Even more, this would set an extremely troubling precedent in that no one could be secure that those who perpetrate crimes against them will be prosecuted for their wrongdoing.

“I want above all to thank the San Rafael Police Department and the Marin County District Attorney’s Office for recognizing that social justice requires justice: that all of us enjoy the equal protection of the laws.”

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NEW - First Saturday Mass and Rosary Walk for Life March

Saturday, March 6, 8:00 am

St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

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sfarch.org/events/monthly-prayer-for-life

The monthly First Saturday Mass and Rosary Walk for Life takes place March 6 beginning with 8:00 am Mass in the Cathedral, followed by a rosary walk to the site of the new Planned Parenthood clinic on Bush Street, just one third of a mile away. All are welcome to join. For more information, please email prolife@sfarch.org.

NEW - Restorative Justice School Project

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sfarchdiocese.org/rjministry-schoolproject

The Restorative Justice School Project, formerly named Pen Pal Jr. Project, was launched in 2016, and gets under way this year again and invites all students to participate.

This Project brings messages of hope to prisoners in San Francisco County Jails from public and Catholic schools and faith formation students. It helps young people "reach out to the imprisoned" as a corporal work of mercy, and helps students learn the concept and practice of restorative justice. The prisoners and students remain anonymous to one another; this connection is made possible through the Archdiocesan Restorative Justice Ministry, which collects and delivers the messages. Hundreds of locally incarcerated men and women have received handmade cards and messages of hope in the past five years.

The planned 2021 opportunities are available now for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Visit the web page above to see information, photos, videos and how you may be able to support this effort.

NEW - Lenten Resources from EWTN

ewtn.com/lent

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) is making available several resources for Catholics this Lent. Visit their website above to find a variety of items including a comprehensive look at the Church's teaching about Lent, daily readings and reflections, special Lenten programming, popular devotions, video-on-demand and much more.

Series on Human Trafficking Continues

February 25 and March 9, 6:30 pm via Zoom

Maria Martinez-Mont, Respect Life Coordinator 415-988-5708 martinezmontm@sfarch.org
sfarch.org/seminars

"Become a Shepherd in your Parish"

March 9

This workshop will offer pragmatic, fresh, and creative responses to operationalize a growing Catholic hunger to effectively fight human trafficking. Diocesan and parish leaders will be equipped with an engaging three-pronged approach to transform empathy for victims into action that is effective and long-lasting. Register at sfarch.org/seminars.



Respect Life Essay Contest Mass & Awards

Sunday, March 14, 11:00 am

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

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sfarch.org/essay-contest

Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate a special Mass honoring the winners of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Essay Contest on Sunday March 14. An Awards Ceremony will follow, in accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols in place on that date. This year there can be no reception following Mass (due to COVID-19) but it is hoped that contest winners and their families will attend the Mass and receive their awards. The Mass will also be livestreamed.

More information about participating in future contests can be found at the link above.

EVENTS

NEW - Reading Room Discussion on "The Secret Scripture"

Thursday, February 25, 7 pm online

linktr.ee/sfiipc

Join the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center (IIPC) community for their next discussion this Thursday. The book is "The Secret Scripture" by a Dublin author, Sebastian Barry. The IIPC announcement says "A finalist for the 2008 Man Booker Prize and winner of the Costa Award for Best Novel, "The Secret Scripture" encompasses not only some of the most painful episodes in Irish history, but also delves deeply into the emotions of love, passion, and soul-destroying prejudice. Casting doubt upon the reliability of human perceptions and, indeed, the very nature of truth, it also upholds the possibilities of dignity and redemption."

Register for this event or any of the many offerings of the IIPC at the link above.

CONCERTS

St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday "Musical Meditations" Livestream

[St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube](#)

Enjoy the longest continuously running organ concert series in San Francisco, and other instrumental and vocal recitals as well, Sundays at 4:00 pm. For the time being, these Sunday Musical Meditations are not open to the public but are being livestreamed on the St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel, above.

February 28: Jin Kyung Lim, organ; with Kathy McKee, mezzo-soprano, and Colby Roberts, tenor

March 7: Federico Andreoni (Italy), Organ

March 14: David Hatt, Organ. Celebrating 50th Anniversary of the artist's first recital

March 21: Hans Uwe Hielscher (Germany), organ

March 28: Diana Stork and Cheryl Fulton, harps



Livestream Concerts at Mission Dolores Basilica

Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th St., San Francisco

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Mission Dolores Basilica presents the Second Sunday Concert Series via Livestream on Facebook. All concerts are at 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. More information, and links to the livestream, are available at the website and Facebook page above. The next concert is **March 14 – Allison Lovejoy, piano.**

RETREAT HOUSES

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park

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vallombrosa.org

All public retreats are now online.

Private Retreats: Vallombrosa Center currently offers Private Retreats for those who want private rooms for alone time, with Spiritual Direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens. There are both Day retreats and Overnight (no food or coffee service available in either case) – please visit <https://conta.cc/3gldQtl> to learn more.

Exploring the Roots and Meaning of Religious Fear: Trusting in a Wise, Prodigal, and Fully Empathetic God with Fr. Ron Rolheiser

Saturday, Feb. 27, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Most of us live with too many fears in our lives. And all of us live with religious fears, fears about God, about life, and about our eternal destiny. What kind of fear is healthy in our lives and what kind is unhealthy? From where do our religious fears originate? How do we tell healthy fears from unhealthy ones? This retreat will examine the origins and the complexities of religious fear and, after giving fear its proper dues, will examine some biblical principles which invite us to live with less fear. Presentation includes Q&A; registration fee \$25. Registrants will have access to recording post-presentation.

El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos

300 Manresa Way, Los Altos

jrclosaltos.org

The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, has developed an array of spiritual resources that are available online during this time of social distancing requirements, including virtual retreats. You can look at upcoming retreats by clicking [here](#). The Center is also offering virtual Individually Directed Retreats now. If interested in an individual retreat, please email retreat@jrclosaltos.org.

Live Stations of the Cross (virtual)

Fridays of Lent, 3:00-4:00 pm, Free

Pastoral Staff



Pray the Examen

Wednesday, February 24
Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, SJ
Virtual Communal Prayer

Our Lenten Journey into Wholeness and Holiness

Friday, February 26
Ms. Mary da Silva Abinante

Is God Enough?

Friday, February 26 – Saturday, February 27
Fr. John Auther, S.J.
Virtual Silent Retreat for Men

Conversion Journey through Lent (Session 3)

Thursday, March 4
Pastoral Staff

Coffee with St. Joseph (Retreat for Men)

Friday March 5
Fr. John Auther, S.J.

38th Annual Retreat for Members of the Legal Profession

Saturday, March 6, 2021
Fr. Felix Just, S.J.

Rostros de Cristo: Abriendo Nuestros Corazones a Todos los Hijos de Dios

Saturday, March 6, 2021
Fr. John Auther, S.J.

Mercy Center Retreats and Events, Burlingame

Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame
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mercy-center.org

Mercy Center's campus remains temporarily closed until further notice due to the pandemic, and looks prayerfully forward to the day when the doors can be opened once again. There is now a variety of offerings for online and at-home use. Please visit the website and sign up for the e-mail list to be informed of all upcoming programs and updates. Current offerings include:



Recurring Free Events:

East-West Meditation
Centering Prayer
Prayer in the Style of Taizé
Cancer Prayer Group

JOBS

All employees of the Archdiocese of San Francisco shall be employed without regard to race, color, sex, ethnic or national origin and pursuant to the San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance, we will consider for employment, qualified applicants with criminal histories.

NEW - Religious Studies Teacher, San Francisco

Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory is a Lasallian Vincentian Catholic, co-educational college preparatory secondary school located in the heart of San Francisco. They are seeking a dynamic religious studies teacher with a strong theological background to teach in a variety of Religious Studies courses. The Religious Studies curriculum integrates the U.S. Bishops Framework in developmentally appropriate ways, reflecting the Lasallian pedagogy of serving as older sisters and brothers in faith. The Religious Studies faculty engage the diverse student body through active learning, critical thinking, spiritual self-reflection, and vibrant co-curricular and service programs. To view full job description and necessary qualifications please click [here](#). To apply, please click [here](#).

Controller, Chancery

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has an opening for a Controller. The Controller reports to the Chief Financial Officer. Primary objective of this position: Manage the financial activities of the Central Administrative Finance Office with respect to: the accounting and reporting functions and services provided to the four Archdiocesan high schools and seminary. Primary attributes of the successful candidate: Strong mentor and manager who is detail-oriented. Must be comfortable with all types of systems; Excel, PowerPoint and GL packages. Strong understanding of Non-Profit, Fund Accounting and GAAP. Effective presenter and communicator. For a complete job description and instructions for applying, [click here](#).

Elementary Teachers, San Francisco

Stella Maris Academy is seeking to recruit passionate and engaging teachers who share our vision of forming young minds and hearts through a classical liberal arts curriculum for the journey of life. We are committed to providing students with a rigorous, integrated, and authentic Catholic education. Theology integrates and the active life of faith animates our parish and school community. We seek teachers who have a strong background in the liberal arts, a passion for sharing their faith with young people, and a talent for engaging and helping students to grow in the classroom.



Candidates must have at least a Bachelors degree in a related subject. Advanced degrees and an appropriate California teaching certification are preferred. A full job description and application instructions can be found [here](#).

Various Teaching Positions for 21-22 school year, Marin Catholic

Marin Catholic, Kentfield is taking resumes for teachers to be hired in English, Math, Theology, Science, History and Spanish. For complete job descriptions and instructions for applying, please [click here](#) to visit the school Employment Page.