

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

— *Colossians 3:4*

SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygmata*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these *kerygmata* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

St. John's will reschedule all Mass intentions when we begin celebrating Masses again.

We encourage you to visit St. John's website at stjohnbaptistfolsom.org. It is updated daily with information on St. John's parish, when Parish School Of Religion will start up again, letters from the Archbishop, information on live streaming masses and much more.

Church is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for private prayer.

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole, Dot Willie, Scott St. Romaine, Freddie Addotto, Fred Kopfler, Louise Cashmere, Florence Hoffman, Nita Addotto, Joseph Hadad, Richard Atkins , Roy M. Piazza, Ruthi Olson, Pam Addotto

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Envelopes	\$ 2,527.00
Loose	\$ 3,354.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 305.00

Thank you to all who continue to send in their contributions at this trying time. This is most needed as we continue to maintain the workings of our Church parish

CANDLES WILL BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Perry Armstrong (L)
Blessed Mother	Lorie Grimes (L)
St. Joseph	Todd Milsap
St. Ann	Roxanne Troxclair (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call [796-3806](tel:796-3806).

Please pray for **Anne Montgomery**, wife of Monte Montgomery who entered peacefully into eternal rest. **Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. [John 11:26]**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	4:00 p.m.
Good Friday Passion	<u>3:00 p.m.</u>
Holy <u>Saturday</u>	<u>8:00 p.m.</u>

Masses and Passions will be live-streamed on St. John-the Baptist Catholic Church Facebook. St. John's now has a youtube channel. Search stjohnbaptistfolsom on YouTube or click the link: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCe4axaxnnrYAh91aqlliag>. The live-stream video will be upload to youtube as quickly as possible. It is also available on St. John's facebook from our website: stjohnbaptistfolsom.org

RICE BOWL

Happy Easter! We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share what we have with our global family.

Please continue to participate in the Rice Bowl and return the Rice Bowls when we return to Church.

The office is open for normal business, on Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – noon, closed on Friday. Please do not hesitate to call **796-3806 if Joy can be of any assistance to you. Even though the office is open part time, she is still checking messages. Fr. Vincent continues to be available if needed for anointing and confessions.. His emergency contact number is **985-474-9898**.**

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)

THE EASTER OCTAVE

Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: "the marriage of heaven and earth," as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' "divine vacation" (Latin *vacare*, "to be empty"), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your "paschal candle"), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."