

# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 4, 2021

On this day of days, we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised Jesus from the dead. Especially in these difficult times let us place our focus on the life Christ offers us.



*The Lord is Risen!*

## Readings for April 11, 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Acts 4: 34a, 32 - 35  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1 John 5: 1 - 6  
Gospel John 20: 19 - 31

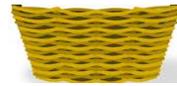


## MASS INTENTIONS:— April 4 – 10, 2021

8:30 AM	Sp. Int. – Susie Foronda + Rocklyn “Rocky” Urriarte + Lolita Caluya
10:00 AM	+ Debbie Kapina + Romana Ballesteros + Kristen Garcia
12:00 PM	+ Alberto and Corinne Jimenez + Kristen Garcia
Monday	8:30 AM – + Thongsy Phovixay and + Emiliano & Praxedes Sabandal
Tuesday	8:30 AM – + Thongsy Phovixay and + Gerardo de Jesus
Wednesday	8:30 AM – + Phyllis Green and + Thongsy Phovixay
Thursday	8:30 AM + Thongsy Phovixay and + Alice Miranda
Friday	8:30 AM - + Pascual Caluya + Thongsy Phovixay and In Thanksgiving – Maria Ragusa
Saturday Vigil Mass	8:30 AM + Thongsy Phovixay 4:00 PM + Charles B. & Dorene Ravera

Whether in person or online

Welcome, and a  
Joy-filled Easter to you!



## PLATE COLLECTIONS

Parish Offering (3/28) \$ 10,688.<sup>00</sup>  
Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 1,930.<sup>00</sup>

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 4 Diocesan Assessment  
April 11 St. Luke School

## MAKING TIME FOR GOD

Need a little quiet space, time for yourself, your thoughts, and God? The Church is open for Eucharistic Adoration...  
**Each Tuesday, 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.**



## STAYING SAFE

In order to maintain social distancing we can only seat a little over 100 parishioners per mass!  
It is “first come, first seated.”  
**Come early for sign in and temperature check and please wear your mask from the time you leave your car until you return.**  
We invite you to bring a folding chair in case we reach our capacity and weather permits. When Masses are full the doors will be open and speakers will be set up outside.  
***Outside benches are reserved for elderly or disabled!***

## GOD’S GRACE ABOUNDS

Congratulations to all the children who recently made their First Penance and to all the Jr. & Sr. Highers who were confirmed last Saturday by Bishop Cotta. Also a big congratulations to all who are receiving the “Easter Sacraments” at the Easter Vigil. As the song says, “All Are Welcome, All Belong!”



## PARENT SUPPORT CLASSES

Nurturing Parenting Classes!  
Strategies & skills in parenting!  
Referrals to other programs & services.  
Virtual services based on your schedule.



**(209) 444-5915 to register / para registrarse**

## PROGRAMA DE APOYO PARA PADRES

Clases de Crianza con carino!  
Estrategias y Habilidades en la crianza de los Hijos!  
Referencias a otro programas y servicios!  
Servicios virtuales basados en su horario.



## THE CHURCH & THE COVID VACCINE

The Catholic Bishops of California urge all Californians to receive a vaccination to prevent the continued spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus.

For details about the different vaccines and their levels of moral permissibility go to the diocesan website, [stocktondiocese.org](http://stocktondiocese.org) and read Bishop Cotta's statements on the COVID-19 vaccines.



**JOB OPENINGS** - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church is hiring:

**FACILITY MANAGER** ... directs major projects for remodeling; and maintaining, and improving the physical plant and grounds. The Manager is responsible to supervise and assist with the upkeep of parish facilities as well as establishing a preventive maintenance schedule.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**... oversees the business and administrative functions of the parish in collaboration with the Pastor. The ideal candidate will have a business mindset, will be able to see the "big picture" in a variety of settings, and will lead and motivate subordinates to advance employee engagement and develop a high performing managerial team.

View full job postings at <https://www.presentationchurch.net/employment-opportunities.html>

**The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday!**

## THE LESSON OF THE EGG...

Little Peter Tran was a favorite student with his school instructors as well as his catechism teachers at church. He always wore a smile and was both kind and polite. Some of his classmates were not so kind. To them he was different. It wasn't his polite manners, his ethnicity, or smile that made him different. He was teased on a regular basis because of having Down Syndrome.

It was the last catechism class before Easter. After a lesson on its meaning, the teacher handed each student a large plastic egg and announced, "you have 15 minutes to roam the church grounds and find something that reminds you about what Easter means."

When time was up the kids excitedly ran back to class. The teacher invited them to show what they had in their eggs. One of the boys opened his egg and a clump of green grass fell out. One of the girls, already dressed in a pastel Easter outfit opened her egg and a monarch butterfly flew out to the gasps and awe of the class. One little guy had a half-eaten jelly-bean with pocket lint in his egg.

Finally, the teacher invited Peter to share what was in his egg. He opened it. There was nothing inside. One boy shouted, "See, I knew he wouldn't know what he was supposed to do." The other children began to laugh at Peter. The catechism teacher knew better and softly asked him, "Peter, why is there nothing in your egg?"

Peter looked up, smiled and quickly replied, "Because the tomb was EMPTY!"

Peter knew what Easter was all about.

The Easter Vigil announces:

**"...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life."**



The pandemic brought loss, sadness, and isolation, and an uncertain future may bring a "new normal" with its own set of difficult challenges. The "newness of life" brought about by Christ's death and resurrection uplifts us and gives us hope. God does what He promises. How can we be sure? THE TOMB IS EMPTY. A joy-filled Easter to all.

*St. Luke's priests, sisters, & staff*