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APRIL 07, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of April 07, 2024:

Sun: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
 Mon: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tue: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thu: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
 Lk 24:35-48



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THE POPE TWEETS MARCH 31, 2024

May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected and loved. A happy Easter to all!

Franciscus

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

Stewardship	\$ 39,139
(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
Building Fund	\$ 1,835
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 254

Thank you for your generosity!



*To sign up for Online Giving go to bit.ly/3LHHg76

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS WITH A PARISH PICNIC IN OCT' 2024 IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

A 2024 Parish Picnic Coordinator is Needed!

Last year's picnic was fun and there were many volunteers to help with food, decorations, set up, and break down. Here is an opportunity for a parishioner to organize this year's event. The coordinator will have plenty of support.

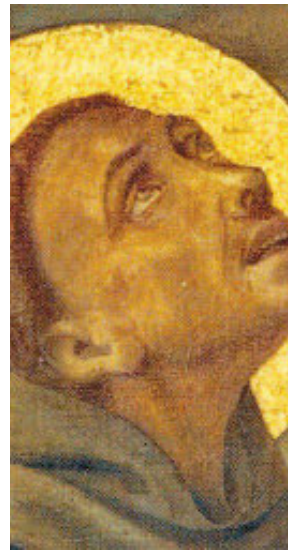
If interested, please contact **Richard** at rah95816@aol.com or **Melba** at stepping2016stones@gmail.com for more information.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS



Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**;
 where there is hatred, let me sow **love**;
 where there is injury, **pardon**;
 where there is doubt, **faith**;
 where there is despair, **hope**;
 where there is darkness, **light**;
 and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to **console**;
 to be understood, as to **understand**;
 to be loved, as to **love**;
 for it is in giving that we **receive**,
 it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
 and it is in dying that we are **born to eternal life**.

Amen.

While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.



TAIZE FOR EASTER

EACH WED AT 6:00PM IN THE CHURCH
 (IN PERSON OR VIA YOUTUBE AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/37XEFK3](https://bit.ly/37XEFK3))

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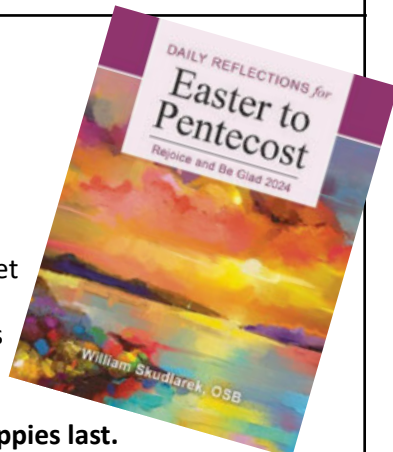


PRAY

REJOICE AND BE GLAD: DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER 2024

Pick up a copy of this booklet of reflections for the Easter season, available after Mass starting on Easter Sunday, and available until sold out. **\$1 donation each, while supplies last.**

Continue the journey!



The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord Monday, April 8, 2024

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

THIS SUNDAY!



*Iftar Dinner at Salam Center Mosque,
April 07, 2024*

**4545 College Oak Drive,
Sacramento
Sunday, April 07, 2024**



IN THE YEAR 1219 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI went to Egypt to visit the Sultan, Malik-al-Kamil. In April of 2017 Pope Francis also visited Egypt, urging Christians and Muslims to walk together not as enemies but as **“fellow travelers.”**

Following their examples of interfaith understanding, the **Pathways for Justice Ministry** invites parishioners to join them in serving an Iftar meal for our local Muslim sisters and brothers. Iftar is the meal of fast-breaking at sundown during the holy days of Ramadan (March 10-April 9).

For more information, to make a donation to defray costs, or volunteer serving in this act of inter-religious fellowship with Muslim families, please email pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com.

Iftar is the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast. Muslims break their fast at the time of the call to prayer for the evening prayer. This is their second meal of the day; the daily fast during Ramadan begins immediately after the pre-dawn meal and continues during the daylight hours, ending with sunset with the evening meal of Iftar. (Wikipedia)



NEW INFORMATION! SCRIP PRESALE!

FRANCISFEST

April 28, 2024

Our second annual FrancisFest is Sunday, April 28. Please make plans to attend this important fundraiser and Celebration of Community! The festival starts at 8:00 a.m. and runs continuously until around 1:00 p.m. Admission is FREE.

FrancisFest is cashless. Purchases of food, drink and items from the Treasure Chest, Book Nook, Plant and Bake Sales all require scrip which will be offered as you enter the event. Credit cards are welcome!

Who loves a deal? Committee members will be offering scrip presales after all masses on April 13/14 and 20/21. \$10 will get you \$11 in scrip. Spend \$20 and receive \$24 in scrip – cash or check only, please.

At the scrip table you can pick up preregistration information from Safeway who will be onsite offering many vaccines like the latest COVID booster, RSV, pneumonia and shingles. Be sure to bring your health insurance card on April 28. Most vaccines are covered. Plus, you'll get a 10% off coupon for your next visit to Safeway with every vaccine.

The FrancisFest Committee seeks volunteers and donations of items for the Silent Auction, Plant and Bake Sales. Inquire at the scrip table.

Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity for food, fun and camaraderie. Tell your family and friends. All are welcome!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

April 6-7, 2024

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering:

Halle, Halle, Halle

Tony Alonso, Gabe Huck, John L. Bell

REFRAIN

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!___

Cantor: Glory ...

All: Halle, hallelujah!

Cantor: Glory ...

All: Halle, hallelujah!

Cantor: Glory ...

All: Hallelujah, hallelujah! (Refrain)

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Kyrie:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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Gloria:

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will._____
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. **(Refrain)**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **(Refrain)**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **(Refrain)**

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Psalm: Psalm 118: "Give thanks to the Lord"

Tom Kendzia

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is ev - er - last - ing. Give
thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is ev - er - last - ing.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Owen Alstott

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Renewal of Baptismal Promises:

Response: I do.

Sprinkling Rite:

Wade in the Water

M.D. Ridge

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter chil - dren now.
Wade in the wa - ter, God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

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Preparation of Gifts:

O Triune God

Ken Canedo & Genevieve Glen, OSB

REFRAIN
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, How they had seen the
2. "My wound - ed side, O Thom - as, see; Be - hold my hands, my
3. No long - er Thom - as then de - nied, He saw the feet, the
4. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has
5. On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and

1. ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia.
2. feet," said he, "Not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia.
3. hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia.
4. con - stant been, for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia.
5. voi - ces raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise. Al - le - lu - ia.

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Communion:

Let Us Be Bread

Thomas J. Porter

REFRAIN

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

I am the bread of life, broken for all.

Eat now and hunger no more. **(Refrain)**

You are my friends if you keep my commands,
no longer servants but friends. **(Refrain)**

See how my people have nothing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you. **(Refrain)**

As God has loved me so I have loved you.
Go and live on in my love. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Join in the Dance

Dan Schutte

REFRAIN

Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation! This is the feast of the
love of God. Shout from the heights to the ends of creation:
Jesus the Savior is risen from the grave!

Wake, O people sleep no longer: greet the breaking day!

Christ, Redeemer, Lamb and Lion, turns the night away. **(Refrain)**

All creation, like a mother, labors to give birth.

Soon the pain will be forgotten, joy for all the earth! **(Refrain)**

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