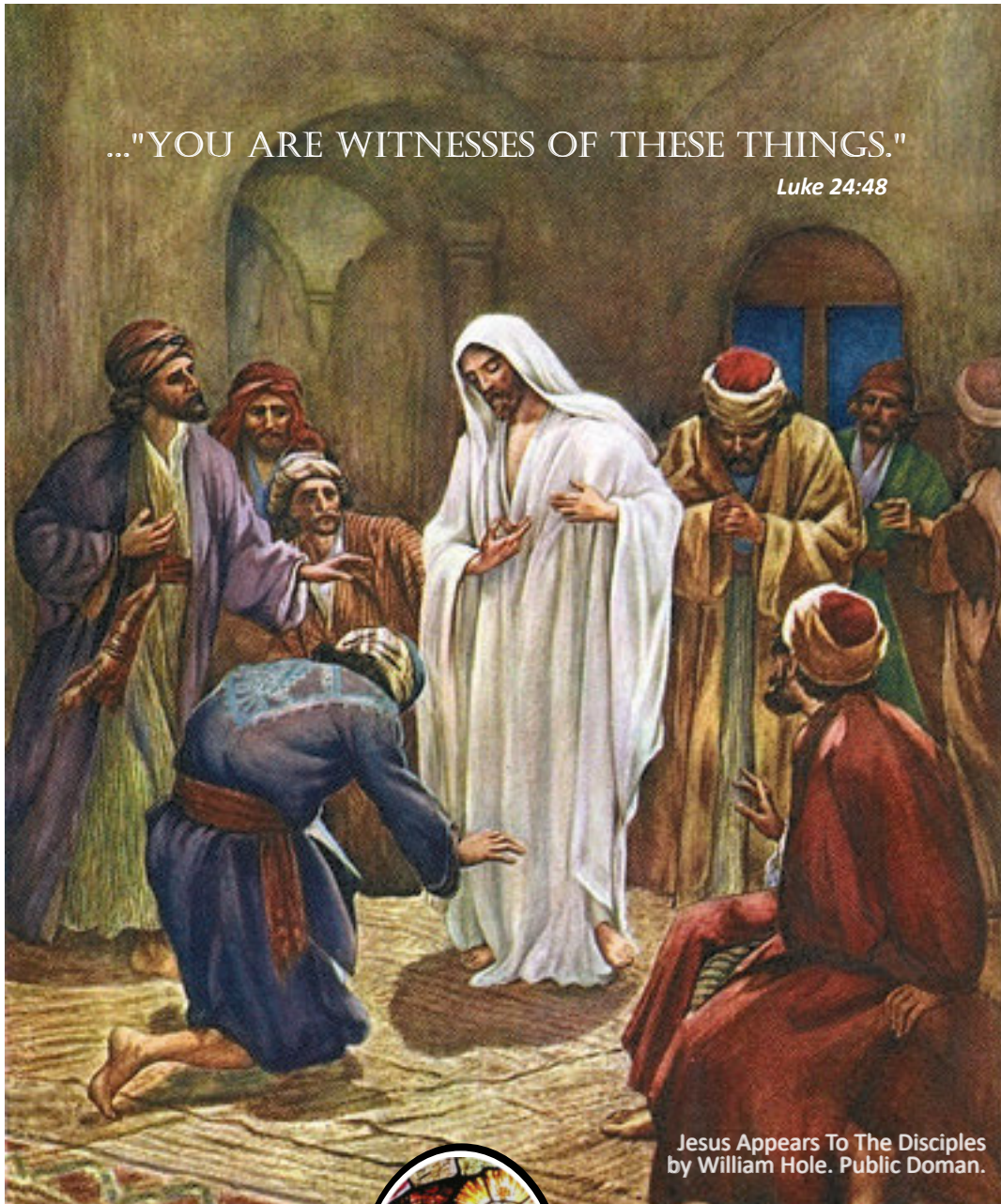


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APRIL 14, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## Weekly Readings

### Readings for the week of April 14, 2024:

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/  
Lk 24:35-48  
Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
Tue: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and  
21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
Thu: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
(22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

## 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!



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## THE POPE TWEETS

APRIL 07, 2024

In the #GospelOfTheDay (Jn 20:19-31), the Risen One appears to the disciples and shows them His wounds, which have become channels of mercy and forgiveness. The disciples see that life prevails with Jesus as death and sin are defeated.

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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!



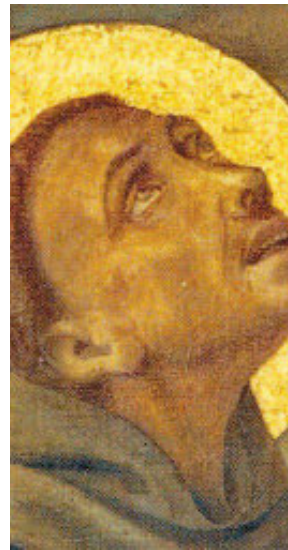
Here is an opportunity for a parishioner to organize this year's event. The coordinator will have plenty of support. If interested, please contact **Richard** at [rah95816@aol.com](mailto:rah95816@aol.com) or **Melba** at [stepping2016stones@gmail.com](mailto:stepping2016stones@gmail.com) for more information.



## 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  
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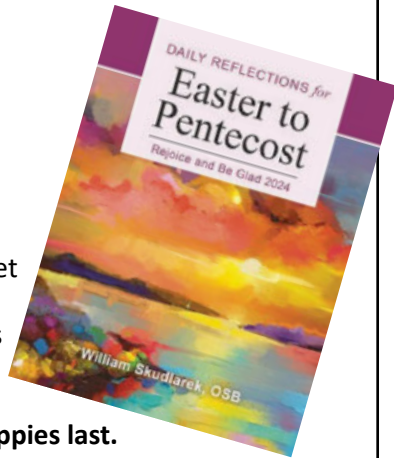
# PRAY

## 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!*



## FRANCISCAN CROWN ROSARY

On the **third Saturday of each month, 9-10am**, we will pray the Franciscan Crown Rosary, followed by conversation and fellowship. In the Parish Center (across K Street from the church). Please sign up by emailing Louis at [louisvasquez123@hotmail.com](mailto:louisvasquez123@hotmail.com).

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Jan Wildens: Christ on the Road to Emmaus (1640s). Public Domain

## April 14, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir  
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## Friary Courtyard Garden Renewal

The **St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity of Sacramento**, the “**Secular Franciscans**” are leading the effort to clean up and beautify **the courtyard garden behind the high wall in the breezeway**. This courtyard garden is a gem waiting to be polished and beautified. What better way to honor our beloved St Francis and St Clare to renew and use this beautiful space during the good weather months?

There are four, planned phases to this garden renewal and many have already volunteered to be part of the effort:

- **Phase I, Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**, raking, cleaning up, pruning, clearing out unnecessary or old items, etc.
- **Phase II, Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**, BEAUTIFICATION! Planting pots of flowers, hanging lights, works of garden art or statues, etc.
- **Phase II, a CELEBRATION of the reopening of the garden!** This reopening will occur sometime in May, more to come on this so be on the lookout for bulletin, Face Book, and website announcements.
- **Phase IV**, ongoing monthly maintenance, led by the Secular Franciscans.

If you wish to make a donation, please send a text to Melba Hinojosa at 916-997-3319 or call the office and talk to either Manny or JD, 916-443-8084. Questions? Reach out to Melba Hinojosa via text or call 916-997-3319. Thank you for your support!

Peace and All Good, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity,  
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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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April 13-14, 2024

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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.

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## **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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## **Psalms: Psalm 4: "Let Your Face Shine Upon Us..."**

Marty Haugen

Lord, let your face shine up-on us, \_\_\_\_\_ shine up-on us, \_\_\_\_\_ shine up-on us. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Gospel Acclamation:

Marty Haugen



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## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN+

## Preparation of Gifts:

### **O Triune God**

Ken Canedo & Genevieve Glen, OSB

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

**VERSES**

1. O tri - une God, en - throned on high, all saints and an - gels
2. O tri - une Fount of liv - ing light, your glo - ry spills from
3. O tri - une Cloud of burn - ing fire, in - flame our hearts with
4. To you, Most Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, in god - head One, in

1. awe - struck cry, and earth sings back in glad re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia.
2. heav - en's height to fill our spir - its with de - light, Al - le - lu - ia.
3. your de - sire: no great - er joy could love re - quire, Al - le - lu - ia.
4. per - sons Three, glo - ry and praise for - ev - er be, Al - le - lu - ia.

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## 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:

### **In the Breaking of the Bread**

Michael Ward

In the walking on the road, we saw him. In the telling of our hopes, we saw him.

In the burning of our hearts, we saw the Lord.

At the meal he took the bread and then he blessed it, broke it, offered it.

In the breaking of the bread, we saw him! Suddenly our eyes were opened, and we knew he was alive!

We set out to find his friends to tell them. We went to Jerusalem to tell them;

And with joy we told them, "We have seen the Lord!"

And as we were speaking, there he stood among us, blessed us, said to us,

"Now my peace I leave with you." We saw him! Suddenly our eyes were opened, and we knew he was alive!

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But then we became afraid without him. In the darkened room we stayed without him,  
waiting for the one he said that he would send.

Then the Spirit of the Lord came down upon us, filling us, changing us,  
Giving us the strength to say: We saw him! Suddenly our eyes were opened, and we knew he was alive!

We ran out into the street to tell them, everyone that we could meet, to tell them,  
“God has raised him up and we have seen the Lord!”

We took bread as he had done and then we blessed it, broke it, offered it. In the breaking of the bread, we saw him!  
Suddenly our eyes were opened, there within our midst was Jesus, and we knew he was alive!

In the breaking of the bread, he is here with us again. And we know he is alive!

Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

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## Come and Eat this Bread

Marty Haugen

**(Refrain) Come and eat this bread, come and drink this cup,  
come and share the feast our God has spread.**

**You have promised us, you are here with us, in the breaking of the bread.**

This is the bread of life, for all to share, bread of hope and redemption, bread to feed a world of hungers. **(Refrain)**

This is the cup of Christ’s own sacrifice, blood of love and compassion, blood to heal the world’s divisions. **(Refrain)**

Just as the scattered grains become one bread, make us one in your Spirit, all one Body in Christ Jesus. **(Refrain)**

And as we share one cup of covenant make us one in communion at the table of Christ Jesus. **(Refrain)**

Each time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we remember your death, Lord and we celebrate your rising. **(Refrain)**

*Now from this table to the ends of earth, Gather all of your people in this feast of all creation. (Refrain)*

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## Sending Forth:

## Alleluia! Give the Glory

Bob Hurd & Ken Canedo

Musical score for "Alleluia! Give the Glory" in 12/8 time, featuring four staves of music with lyrics. The first staff is labeled "REFRAIN".

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -

- ia! Give the glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu

- ia! Give the glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!

Make your word plain to us, Lord Jesus; may our hearts burn with love as we hear your voice. **(Refrain)**

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