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The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 5:15pm, with Bishop Soto
Livestreamed at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of April 21 2024:

- Sun: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/
Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
- Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wed: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thu: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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THE POPE TWEETS

APRIL 15, 2024

Jesus has triumphed over evil. He turned His cross into the bridge to the resurrection. Raise your hands to Him daily to praise and bless Him. Tell Him the hopes of your heart and share with Him your deepest secrets. God loves this kind of living, concrete, and heartfelt.

Franciscus

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Stewardship	\$ 31,545
(Stewardship budget for the month)	\$ 40,221
Easter	\$10,232
(Easter Budget)	\$10,000
Building Fund	\$ 4,185
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 898

Thank you for your generosity!



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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.

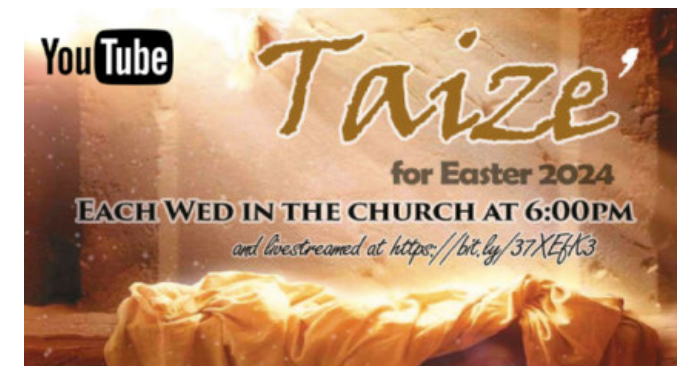
PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS



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.



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))

~ EARTH DAY IS MONDAY APRIL 22 ~

ALL POWERFUL GOD,

... you are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of your creatures.



Sagittarius C by the James Web Telescope

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* - A Prayer for our Earth

O MOST HIGH, ALL-POWERFUL, GOOD LORD GOD, TO YOU BELONG PRAISE, GLORY, HONOR AND ALL BLESSING.

Be praised, my Lord,

for our Brothers Wind and Air
and every kind of weather
by which you, Lord,
uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for
Sister Water, who is very useful to us,
and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord,

for Brother Fire, through whom you give us
light in the darkness: he is bright and lively
and strong.

Be praised, my Lord,

for Sister Earth, our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us,
bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many
kinds and flowers of many colours.

- St. Francis of Assisi (*The Canticle of Creation*, 1225)



ARISING FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

*The environment
is God's gift to
everyone,*

and in our use of it we have a
responsibility towards the poor,
towards future generations and
towards humanity as a whole. . .
Our duties towards the



environment are linked to our
duties towards the human per-
son, considered in himself and
in relation to others. It would be
wrong to uphold one set of duties
while trampling on the other.

- Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth*
[*Caritas in Veritate*]. . . , nos. 48, 51



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,
St. Junipero Region www.stfrancisfraternitysacto.org



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
April 20-21, 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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Psalm: Psalm 118: "The Stone the Builders Rejected..."

Ken Canedo

The stone re - ject - ed by the build - ers has be - come the cor - ner - stone.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Acclamation:

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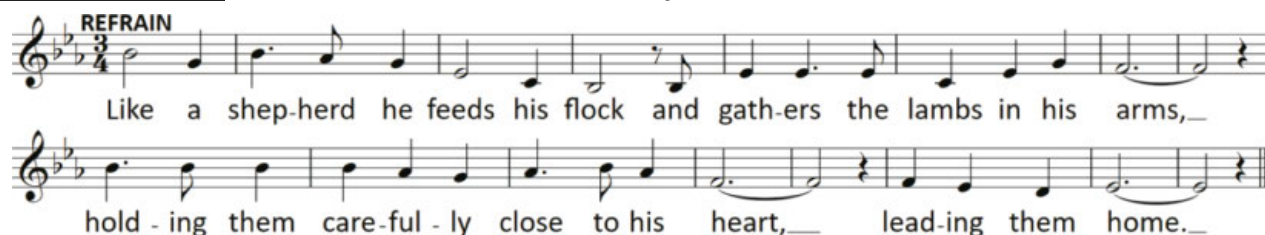
APOSTLE'S CREED

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:

Like a Shepherd

Bob Dufford, SJ



Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice; Jerusalem, here is your God. **(Refrain)**

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest. **(Refrain)**

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders, I will give you rest. **(Refrain)**

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

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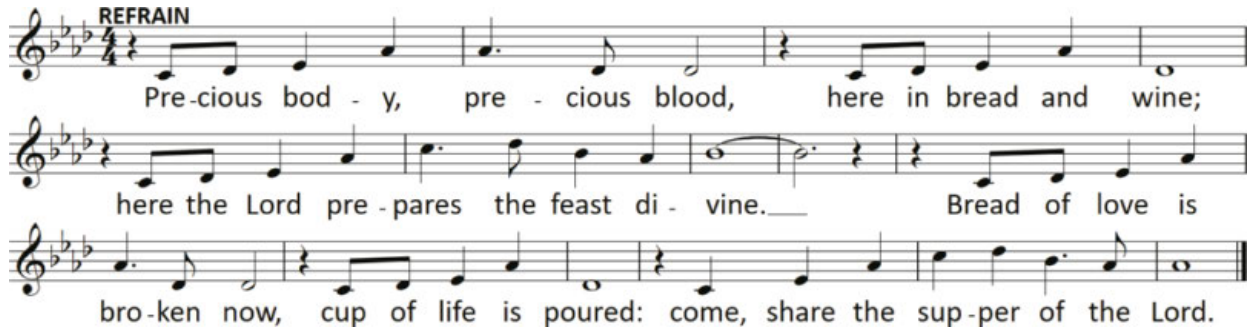
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Communion:

The Supper of the Lord

Laurence Rosania

REFRAIN



Pre-cious bod - y, pre - cious blood, here in bread and wine;
here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine. Bread of love is
bro-ken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the sup-per of the Lord.

This is the bread of God coming down from heaven,
giving life to us, to all the world. **(Refrain)**

“I am the living spring of eternal life;
you that drink from me shall not thirst again.” **(Refrain)**

“I am the bread of heaven giving life to you;
you that eat this bread shall never die.” **(Refrain)**

“All those who feed on me have their life in me,
as I have my life in the living God.” **(Refrain)**

All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast,
in this bread we share in one life, one Lord. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Canticle of the Sun

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN



The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and all cre-a-tion is
shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for-est, come, play in the
field, and sing, sing to the glo-ry of the Lord.

Praise for the sun, the bring of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne. **(Refrain)**

Praise for the rain that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
from death unto life her mystery revealed springs forth in joy. **(Refrain)**

Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, the creatures you made to let your life show;
the flowers and trees that help us to know the heart of love. **(Refrain)**

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