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CONFIRMATION - SATURDAY APRIL 27 AT 5:15PM
APRIL 28, 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



BISHOP ELECT
REY BERSABAL

A large blue rectangular graphic containing a central arched portrait of a man in clerical attire. Below the portrait, the text "BISHOP ELECT REY BERSABAL" is written in gold. A small gold icon of St. Francis is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

See the announcement on page 4

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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 28 2024:

- Sun: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Fri: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3,
3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



- Sun: 5th Sunday of Easter
- Mon: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
- Tue: St. Pius V, Pope
- Wed: St. Joseph the Worker
- Thu: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church;
National Day of Prayer
- Fri: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Sat:
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

St. Catherine Of Siena, Pray For Us



THE POPE TWEETS

APRIL 23, 2024

The love we receive from the Lord is the force that transforms our lives and enables us to love. We are able to love only because He has loved us, because He pours His own Spirit of holiness into our hearts. His Love heals and transforms us.

Franciscus

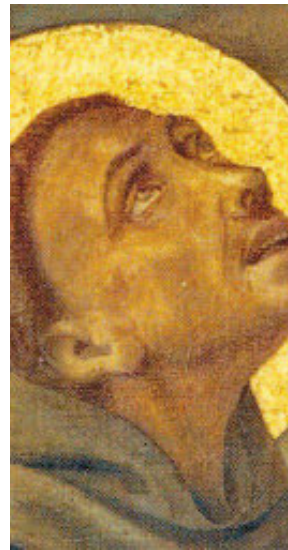
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Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Women in Conversation



HONORING OUR SPIRITUAL MOTHERS

Please come to our next gathering at 8:45 AM on Saturday, May 11th. (Our program starts at 9:00 AM.) We will feature song, prayer, storytelling, and small group discussions (tables of 6). Masks are optional and light refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend and no RSVP necessary. We'd love to see you for coffee and conversation.

Saturday, May 11, 2023 / 8:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Brunsmann Hall



BISHOP ELECT REY BERSABAL!

With prayers of gratitude and joy for your appointment as Bishop Elect, as well as for your 33 years of faithful work.

Ordained 04.29.1991 / Episcopal Ordination 05.31.2024



THIS SUNDAY !!

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.

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

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF MARCH 2024

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



Thank you for your generosity!

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

Mother's Day Morning

Coffee and Pastries
All are Welcome!

Celebrating and Honoring the women in our lives, be it a grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, aunt or godmother, etc. who we acknowledge and recognize for their nurturing, caring, and loving qualities.



"Blessings to them on this Mother's Day!"

**Sunday, May 12, 2024 / 8:30 AM-9:30AM
In Front of our Church**

Year To Date Report to the Parish (July 1, 2023 To March 31, 2024)

Operational Income

Offertory Collections	\$ 323,161.00
Sacramental Services	\$ 8,105.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 10,251.00
Building Fund	\$ 25,106.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 2,050.00
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 6,518.00
Parish Programs	\$ 629.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 3,769.00
Religious Education	\$ (1,500.00)
Other Receipts	\$ 11,166.00
Total Operational Income	\$ 389,255.00

Operational Expenses

Salaries, Wages, & Related Expenses	\$ 174,095.00
Assistance to the Needy *	\$ 298.32
Parish Programs	\$ 629.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ ---
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 92,602.00
Parish Center - Office Supplies	\$ 6,889.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,320.00
Property & Liability Insurance and Property Taxes & Assessments	\$ 87,869.00
Religious Education	\$ ---
Other Expenses	
Church Utilities	\$ 20,421.00
Church Supplies	\$ ---
Parish Center Utilities	\$ 15,044.00
Rectory Utilities	\$ 4,852.00
Friary Utilities	\$ 7,908.00
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 411,927.32

Net Income/(Loss) from Operations

\$ (22,672.32)

Note: Beginning in 2024, this Financial Report will be published on a quarterly basis.

** Assistance to the Needy paid through Harrington Fund*

Pope Francis has appointed Father Rey Bersabal auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento

April 20, 2024 - Diocese of Sacramento

The Vatican Press Office has announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Rev. Rey Bersabal, a priest from the Diocese of Sacramento, as auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Sacramento. He will take up his appointment on May 31, following his ordination as bishop in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

“I am grateful to His Holiness for giving me a faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus as an able co-worker in this favored part of His vineyard,” said the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento.

“Bishop-elect Rey came as an immigrant priest bringing the rich cultural heritage of the Filipino people. He became part of a presbyterate and people that is a global Catholic kaleidoscope of faith and charity radiating the historic credal customs from Portugal, Italy, Ireland, China, Poland, Africa and more.”

Bishop-elect Bersabal, 59, the youngest of three children born to Juanita Guzman Bendijo and Ananias Amparo Bersabal, grew up in a small town in Mindanao, Philippines. His vocation to the priesthood began with the lived Faith of his parents and family. He attended both Catholic and public schools before entering the diocesan seminary of San Jose de Mindanao. He obtained his degree in Philosophy from Ateneo de Cagayan Xavier University. On April 29, 1991 he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro.

In 1999, at the invitation of Bishop Emeritus William Weigand, Bishop-elect Bersabal came to the Diocese of Sacramento. He was incardinated into the diocese in 2004. In the 25 years since his arrival, he has served in several ministerial and administrative positions. Since 2022, he has served as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento and is currently a member of the Priests Personnel Board and the Independent Review Board. Previous assignments include chaplain of the Davis Newman Center and pastor assignments at St. Paul Parish, Sacramento, St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom, and St. James Parish, Davis.

“I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Holiness Pope Francis and to Bishop Jaime Soto, for the recognition and trust bestowed upon me.” said Bishop-elect Bersabal. “I am humbled to be chosen to serve God’s people in this capacity. I vow to uphold the responsibility to demonstrate Christ’s holiness to the people of the Diocese of Sacramento.”

As Auxiliary Bishop, Bersabal will also serve as Vicar General for the Diocese of Sacramento while remaining Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



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 I RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER)*
- **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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
April 27-28, 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

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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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 22: "I Will Praise You, God..."

Tom Tomaszek

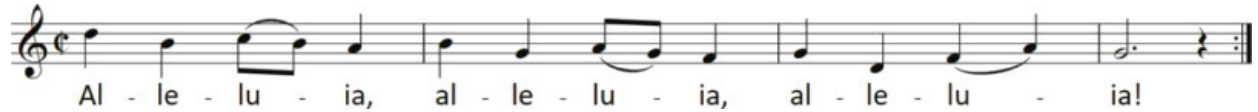
I will praise you, Lord, in the as - sem - bly of your peo - ple.
I will praise you. I will praise you.

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FIFTH 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 (5:15 Mass):

Holy Spirit

Ken Canedo



Give us a spirit of wisdom, an understanding heart. Give us a spirit of knowledge, and lead us to the truth. Give us a spirit of courage, and judgment that is wise. Give us a spirit of reverence, of wonder and of awe. Spirit of love and compassion, give hope to all the poor. Spirit of justice and mercy, come open every door. Spirit of all consolation, O lift our hearts this day. Spirit of all understanding, O help us know your way.

Spirit of light and of wisdom, O lift us from our sorrow. Spirit of peace and forgiveness, O help us face tomorrow.

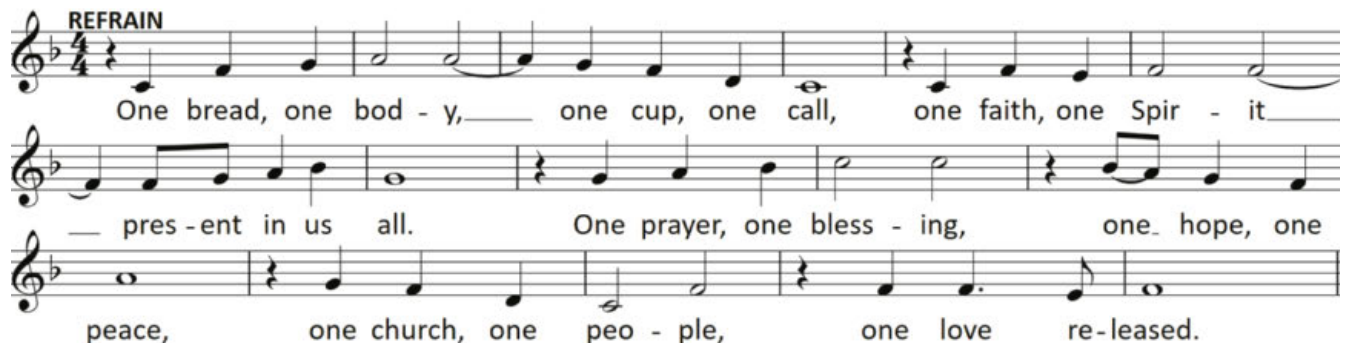
Spirit of strength and of healing, bend stubborn heart and will. Spirit of trust and of caring, O melt us, warm our chill.

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Preparation of Gifts:

One Love Released

Bob Frenzel & Kevin Keil



Is not this bread we share the body of our Lord? Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ outpoured? **(Refrain)**

I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live. To those who share this meal, my strength I'll always give. **(Refrain)**

I am the living bread, as manna from the sky. This bread I give to you, that you may never die. **(Refrain)**

No one will come to me, unless our God has led. And I shall raise them up, raise them from the dead! **(Refrain)**

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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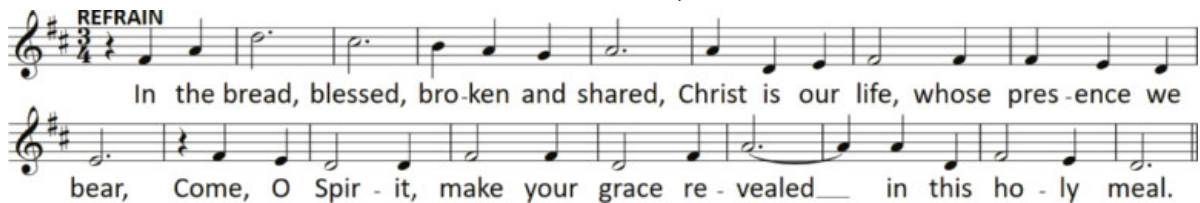
Communion:

Spirit and Grace

Ricky Manalo, CSP

1. Spirit and grace, here in this meal; you are the wind that breathes through the field.
Gather the wheat and form us in Christ. Come, be our source and breath of life.

REFRAIN



In the bread, blessed, broken and shared, Christ is our life, whose presence we
bear, Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in this holy meal.

2. Spirit and grace, here in this *wine**; you are the life that flows through the vine.
Gather this drink and form us in Christ. Come, be our source and blood of life. **(Refrain)**

3. Spirit and grace, here in this place; you are the light that shines in this space.
Gather your people and form us in Christ. Come, be the heartbeat of our lives. **(Refrain)**

4. Spirit of God, sending us forth; we spread your wisdom throughout all the earth.
Gather the nations and form us in Christ. Come, be the presence in our lives. **(Refrain)**

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* the original text for Verse 2 is "here in this meal" which does not match the rhyming scheme of the rest of the verses. Waiting for composer to confirm.

Sending Forth:

Our God is Here

Chris Muglia

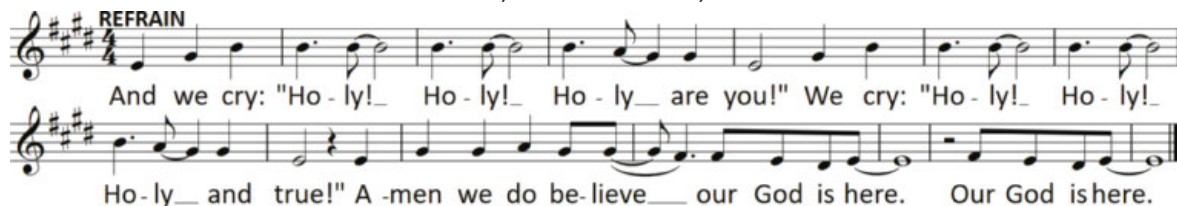
Here in this time, here in this place, here we are standing face to face.

Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.

Here for the broken, here for the strong, here in this temple we belong.

Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.

REFRAIN



And we cry: "Ho-ly! Ho-ly! Ho-ly are you!" We cry: "Ho-ly! Ho-ly!
Ho-ly and true!" A-men we do believe our God is here. Our God is here.

Here in the Word, God is revealed, here where the wounded can be healed.

Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.

Here we become what we receive, here in this Eucharistic feast.

We are his body, living as one; our God is here. **(Refrain)**

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