



Happy Easter to You and Your Loved Ones

From the Pastor As we celebrate the liturgical remembrance of our salvation, Easter, freely given by the eternal sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, it is fitting that I conclude the Lenten Lecture Series with the sixth and final covenant - the Eternal Covenant of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. Throughout the six weeks, it was encouraging to see such a great turnout of parishioners and others from the Diocese of Oakland who want to deepen their understanding of God's love contained in the history of salvation. More importantly, it fosters a deeper love and relationship with God. This is the final synopsis of the covenants for those who do not attend our adult catechesis lectures. Again, please realize that what's provided below is only a cursory understanding of the final and eternal Covenant of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, and the importance of God's unconditional love for all people.

Eternal Covenant of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior

We have discovered over the past six weeks God's love for his people contained in the six covenants God made with his people as found in Sacred Scripture. I have shared scriptural insights and well as Catholic tradition in opening the history of salvation, God's plan for his people. We've learned that five of the covenants God made with the nation of Israel. Five are unconditional in design, that is, regardless of Israel's obedience or disobedience, God still fulfilled these covenants with the nation of Israel. One of the covenants is conditional in nature. It is this covenant that brought either blessings or curses depending upon Israel's obedience or disobedience. The final and eternal covenant is made and ratified in the blood of God's only begotten son, Jesus Christ, opening the Kingdom of God to the faithful.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, §763

It was the Son's task to accomplish the Father's plan of salvation in the fullness of time. Its accomplishment was the reason for his being sent. "The Lord Jesus inaugurated his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures." To fulfill the Father's will, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of heaven on earth. The Church "is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery."

The 12 Characteristics of the Davidic Kingdom Fulfilled by Jesus Christ, Son of God

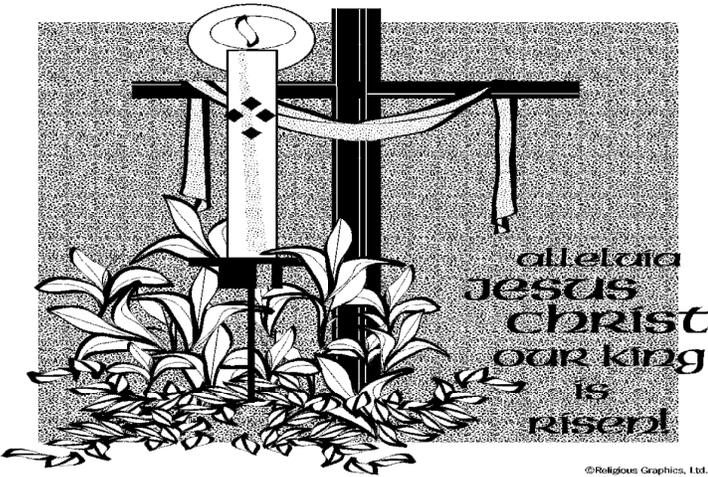
We need to reexamine the characteristics of the Davidic Kingdom in the Old Testament. Since the New Covenant is a renewal and extension of the Davidic Covenant, we find these characteristics fulfilled by Jesus, Mary, Peter, and the Church in the New Testament. The Catholic Church is the Davidic Kingdom redeemed, restored, and transformed. It primarily resides in heaven with the Church Triumphant centered upon her king: Jesus the Anointed One (Messiah/Christ). The Church on earth or "the Church Militant" is the Kingdom in transit. She is in a pilgrim state as her members are purified and as they shed their sin by the means of transforming grace.

The 12 Characteristics of the Davidic Kingdom:

1. A Monarchy governed by its representative head: the King Jesus is our King, and the Church is a monarchy, not a democracy.
2. The Davidic Covenant is made with David's seed (Hebrew: zera'h). This is fulfilled in Jesus who is a direct descendant of David.
3. The King is anointed by a Levite, making him Messiah or Christ; Jesus is anointed by the Holy Spirit when baptized by John the Baptist, a Levite.
4. The Son of David is the Son of God. Jesus bears both of these titles throughout the Gospel narratives.
5. Jerusalem is the capital city with its own center located at Mount Zion. The Redemption begins in the Upper Room on Mount Zion; the Church is the New Jerusalem.
6. The Temple is the architectural symbol of the Davidic Covenant. Jesus and his Mystical Body (the Church) are the New Temple.
7. It is worldwide in scope, incorporating other nations. "Catholic" means "universal" and is composed of every nationality.
8. It is everlasting in duration, according to God's promises. It continues in the Church, which is the Kingdom restored: a Kingdom without end.
9. Its Law is found in the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. The Psalms play a central role in Catholic worship
10. The King's personal representative was the Majordomo or Prime Minister. Jesus establishes this office by giving Peter "the keys of the kingdom."
11. The King's own mother reigned as Queen. Jesus' mother, Mary, was assumed into heaven where she reigns as Queen Mother
12. Principal sacrifice is the Todah or "Thanksgiving" sacrifice in the Temple The Eucharist (which means "Thanksgiving") fulfills this sacrificial offering.

May our loving Lord shower you and your loved ones during this holiest of seasons, Easter.

In Christ Jesus and St. Augustine,
Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2014

Christ is truly risen, Alleluia!

ICF ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE



Time to get out your dancing shoes, the ICF will celebrate their 35th anniversary with a dinner dance and auction on Saturday **April 26th**, in Stack Center. The fun begins with cocktails at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at 7:00pm with dancing beginning at 8:00pm and the auction. Tickets are \$35.00 each, for reservations please mail checks payable to ICF Br. #343, to Rosalind Crudo, 5228 Tyler Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546. Deadline for reservations is **Sunday April 20th**. Hope to see lots of you there!

THANK YOU FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Special thanks to all those who joined in helping to take down Lent and decorate for Palm Sunday. We are also grateful to Holy Sepulchre for arranging the delivery of the large palm branches. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of all who helped to make our church environment so special during the Lenten season.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The last Sunday of every month our St. Vincent de Paul Society members are outside to receive your financial donations. Your generosity enables this ministry to help the less fortunate in our parish community. With your support our community families will be more able to handle the economic challenges that are impacting their lives. Thank you for your past support and current generosity.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, **April 21st**, and re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, **April 22nd**. The entire staff wishes all of you a very Happy and Holy Easter.



MAY 17th, 2014 Live & Silent Auction Dinner & Dancing

Our Lady of Grace Spring Auction is the biggest one night fundraiser of the year for the school and Parish. Please join us to raise funds for the Parish and school while having a great time! Tickets to the Auction are available in the Parish Office for \$28.00 buy early --ticket prices go up to \$30.00 after **May 1st**.

Don't miss out on this adults only evening -- dinner catered by Miraglia, No host bar; Live and Silent Auction, dancing and much more!

To make an Auction Donation contact Colleen Lindberg at the Parish office, 537-0806.

GOT AN AUCTION ITEM?

100% of our auction items are donated. Do you have a vacation cabin? Connections with a local sports team? Frequent Flyer miles? In the past we have received donations for vacation rentals, automobiles, hosted dinner, fine wines, and spirits, spa days and sports and concert tickets. Please be creative and consider what you can donate. Please contact Patricia Larriega at (510) 984-8374 or Colleen Lindberg in the parish office with your donation items.

**REGISTER TODAY FOR FESCO'S
17th ANNUAL SHELTER SHUFFLE
STRIDING HOME
San Leandro Marina--May 3rd**

As coalition members of FESCO Our Lady of Grace is grateful to support FESCO in striding toward home at their 17th Annual Shelter Shuffle. FESCO continues to provide homeless families with shelter, nutritious meals and a hand up in becoming self-sufficient. With your help and support, FESCO can continue to help homeless families. Register today for the annual walk-a-thon Saturday, **May 3rd**, this is a family, pet friendly event. OLG Team Captain's, Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg are asking for your help in support of FESCO, you can walk, be a benchwarmer cheerleader or make a donation to Team OLG. Registration materials are available in the parish office or contact Colleen at olgcv@sbcglobal.net

**ST. IGNATIUS' PRAYER
FOR GENEROSITY**

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that
I do your will.
~AMEN

**FAITHFUL STEWARDS
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014**

Following is the status of our Annual Bishops Appeal through **April 9th**:

\$ 16,857.00 – Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2014:	\$25,139.00
# of Registered Families	1,555
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	124
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$21,372.00

We are currently at 77% of our goal for this years Bishop's Appeal. We are most grateful to all those who have contributed and look forward to completing this appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution consider doing so today.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity for example, God will help you live on the rest.

In gratitude for God's gifts of "Treasure" to us, we gratefully returned to God's church in the,

Offerings of April 13th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,484.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,169.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$120,851.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$109,703.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Connie Deitrick | Vernon Rodrigues |
| Kathleen Denning | Joan Scarlett |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | Pat Silva |
| Byron Griffith | Carolynne Steen |
| Raymond Lowe | Nancy Swinyer |
| | James Van Wert |

As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:

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| KEVIN DIAS | DAVID SANCHEZ |
| | MICHAEL SANCHEZ |

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

- EMILCE ARCHBOLD**
HELEN MAES

Gospel for Divine Mercy Sunday (APRIL 27th)
John 20:19--31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

WINGS

We invite all women to join us for—
WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)
WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages Spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community.
 We meet at Transfiguration Church
 Marion Room
 Next Meeting: Thursday, **April 24th**,
 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.
 Speaker: - Deacon Lance Vivet
 Topic: Esther

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 20th:

EASTER SUNDAY

Spanish Mass
 2:00pm--Church

Monday, April 21st:

Parish Offices Closed

Women's Bible Study
 7:00pm--Parish Office

Tuesday, April 22nd:

Bible Study
 9:30am--Parish Office

Men's Fellowship
 5:30pm--Stack Center

Thursday, April 24th:

Serenity Group
 8:15pm— Augustine Center

Saturday, April 26th:

ICF Dinner Dance
 6:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, April 27th:

Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, May 17th:

OLG Spring Auction
6:00pm--Stack Center

YA SPRING RETREAT

Saturday, **May 3rd** (9:30am-3:30pm) for college age to 40. Theme: *"Paying Attention to the Four-Hearted Way & the Love Languages of God"* (full-hearted, open-hearted, clear-hearted, strong-hearted & how to feel and reflect Divine Love) Presenter: Sister Rebecca Shinas, OP; day includes lunch; freewill donation; at Dominican Sisters of MSJ Motherhouse, 43326 Mission Blvd. (Entrance on Mission Tierra Pl) Fremont, CA 94539 RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th at [blessings@msjdominicans.org](mailto: blessings@msjdominicans.org) or 510-933-6335

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: During the school year, our 8:30am Monday mass will be celebrated in the church. Unless otherwise noted all other weekday masses will be held in the Chapel.

MONDAY, APRIL 21st (CHURCH)

8:30am Harriet Bowrah (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd (CHURCH)

7:00am Jose Daniel Tellez (D)
Vincenzo Latora (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd (CHURCH)

7:00am Manuel Jardim (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24th (CHURCH)

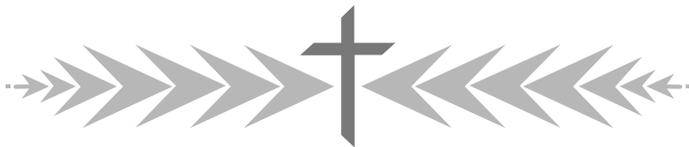
7:00am Don Thomas (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 25th (CHURCH)

7:00am Kenny White (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th (CHURCH)

8:30am Ramon O. Periquet Sr. (D)



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:30 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

April 22nd	Nikolus Johnson	TN
April 22nd	Clayton Lockett	OK
April 23rd	William Rousan	MO
April 28th	Robert Hendrix	FL
April 29th	Charles Warner	OK

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 21st through April 27th

- Monday: Acts 2:14,22-23; Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



JESUS CHRIST
is truly risen

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SATURDAY, APRIL 5th



Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:
Saturday, May 3rd
From 3:30pm--4:30pm
Followed by Benediction in the Church
All are welcome.

Misa en Español 3er domingo del mes A las 2.00pm SPANISH MASS

Fr. Greg will be offering a mass in Spanish one Sunday of every month at 2:00pm in the Church. The next Spanish Mass will be Sunday, **May 18th** at 2:00pm.

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