



"I am the resurrection and the life."

"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida."

John/Juan 11:25

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

What a joy it is to celebrate this most holy day together. Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, has risen from the dead and now lives forever. This is the foundation of our faith—the glorious, earth-shattering moment when light triumphed over darkness, life over death, and hope over despair. As we gather this Sunday, we step out of the shadows of Good Friday and into the bright light of resurrection joy.

The early Church, as told in the Acts of the Apostles, was not a comfortable group of people; it was a movement! It was a community that was "*filled with the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:4), sharing a faith that made them joyfully endure hardships and stand firm in truth. Their power did not come from their own strength, but from the reality that Jesus is alive, active, and Lord of the Church. We are called to spread the Easter joy not just one day, but a 50-day celebration. Let us be grateful for the gift of faith and the blessings of life and share this great joy with our neighbors.

I am particularly filled with joy to welcome our new members who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. It is a reason for joy because our cluster parish now has more members. Let us also congratulate and welcome the brothers and sisters who received the sacrament of confirmation and made their profession of faith, and now have full communion with us in the Catholic faith. You bring new life to our community. And your journey reminds us that we are a living, growing family, reborn in the Spirit. I also want to extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. Whether you have been a lifelong member of this parish or are joining us for the first time, your presence is a blessing to our community.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers of our parish for Easter decorations: ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, sacristans and musicians, who in communion with our priests, deacons, and the parish staff, have made a great effort so that the liturgy on these special days of Holy Week and Sacred Triduum were all done beautifully and with great respect. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for being a part of our Easter celebration. Your presence and prayers made our community complete.

Happy Easter!

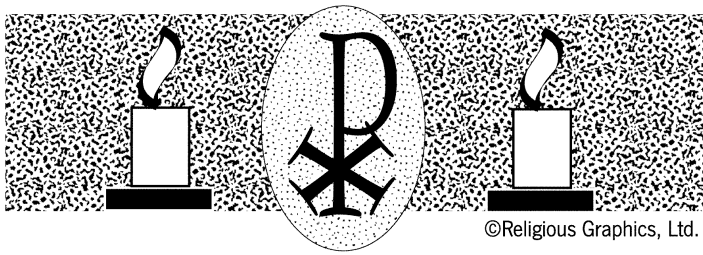
Fr. Luke



Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy (April 12th)

John 20:19-31

To access next week's Gospel in full text, please visit the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Daily Readings at <https://bible.usccb.org/>.



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EASTER OFFERING

We are deeply grateful for your faithful and ongoing support of our Parish. Your generosity—through both your Easter and regular Sunday offerings—helps us meet the essential needs of our parish community and operational needs. This year, our special Easter Offering goal is **\$23,000**, and with your help, we believe we can reach it together. May the joy and hope of Easter fill your heart, and may God bless you abundantly for your generosity.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HOSTED OUR LENTEN SOUP MEALS!

We wish to thank all our wonderful ministries and OLG School for their time, talent and hospitality! We are most grateful for all who hosted these delicious meals during Lent and in creating an atmosphere of community here at Our Lady of Grace. Have a blessed Easter!



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Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God bless you!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 12th**

You are invited to the church on **April 12th** at 3:00pm. We will recite the prayers in honor of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



**WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE
Begins on April 14th**

Have you ever wanted to get more out of the readings you hear at Sunday Mass? In this study with Dr. Brant Pitre, we will focus on the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings and how the Gospel reading connects with the Old Testament reading and Responsorial Psalm. This study includes questions for discussion and personal reflection.

This Study will begin on Tuesday **April 14th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. We will meet every Tuesday through June 9th. After a summer break, the study will pick up again on September 1st and take us through the end of the year. Total cost for both sessions is \$10. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850.

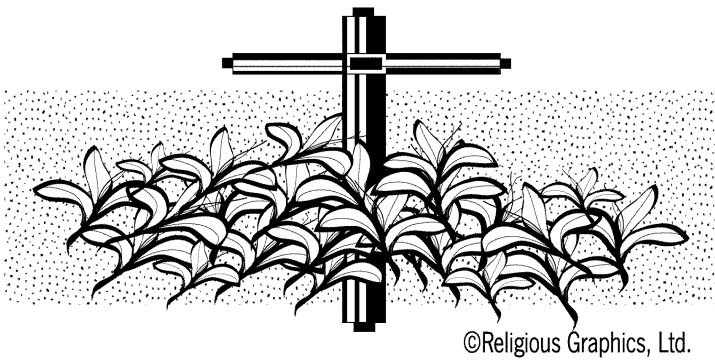
**MEMORIAL MASS FOR
EUSEBIA RODAS**

All are invited to attend Fr. Angel's mother's Memorial Mass on **April 11th** at 1:30pm in Spanish. A reception will follow immediately in Stack Center.

May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her



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1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION May 1st

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Our next class will be held on **April 8th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

Join us on Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation and on Saturdays, immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

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Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 46,002.22
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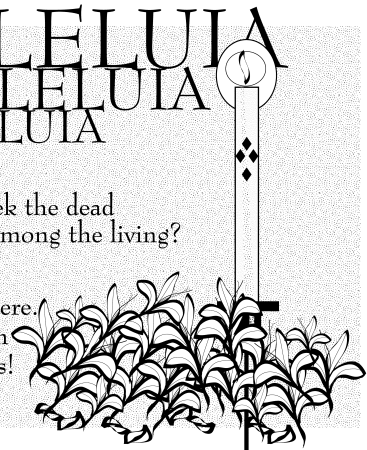
Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Jeff Brown | Catherine Lucas |
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ALLELUIA
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Why seek the dead among the living?

He is not here.
He is risen
and lives!



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

In Memorial

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Alleluia, Alleluia



The Lord is risen!

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COME VISIT OUR PRAYER GARDEN

We welcome all parishioners who seek a bit of time away from the hustle and bustle for prayer and spiritual reflection in our lovely Prayer Garden, located between the Parish Office and the rear entrance to the church. Come to the Parish Office during our business hours so Jay may let you in.



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus and volunteers who have consistently cleaned the Prayer Garden with care once a month! We are grateful for your time!



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MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. All men of the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We pray that the Immaculata become as soon as possible...the Queen of the whole world, because there are still many pagans, many poor souls."



Do this in memory of me

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, & 11:00am—Church

Spanish Mass
1:00pm—Church

Monday, April 6th:

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7th:

Men's Cursillo Meeting
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, April 8th:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, April 9th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Saturday, April 11th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Eusebia Rodas' Memorial Mass
1:30pm—Church

Sunday, April 12th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Whole Family Class-Year 1
10:15am—Stack Center

Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00pm—Church

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

April 21st Chadwick Willacy Florida

April 30th James Broadnax Texas

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

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, April 5th
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
7:30am~9:00am~11:00am~1:00pm (Spanish)

MONDAY, April 6th
8:15am Maria Que Nguyen – D

TUESDAY, April 7th
8:15am Anty Zaldivar – D

WEDNESDAY, April 8th
8:15am Marcelino Perdido – D

THURSDAY, April 9th
8:15am Maria Ha Vo – D

FRIDAY, April 10th
8:15am Agosto & Edwina Silva – D

SATURDAY, April 11th
8:15am Ellen Family
5:00pm Lilia Sousa – D

SUNDAY, April 12th
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)
7:30am Maddie Fagalde – L
9:00am OLG Community
11:00am Maria Que Nguyen – D
1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D



TRANSFIGURATION CLEAN-UP DAY! April 18th

Our sister church needs your help! Transfiguration is looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up their church grounds. Join them on Saturday, **April 18th, 8:30am-Noon**. Bring your gardening tools, gloves, hat and water. See you there!

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

Flower donation envelopes may be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 6th through April 12th

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



his word and gospel
are our light

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DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY April 8th

Join us for our monthly *Dress-a-Girl* gathering and help make sundresses for young school girls in foreign countries. We will meet on **Wednesday, April 8th at the Transfiguration Church Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm**. If you're interested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email: Yarredondo747@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Everything that is in the heavens, on earth, and under the earth is penetrated with connectedness, penetrated with relatedness."

-St. Hildegard of Bingen, 1152

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