



Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

*"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"*
— Jn 10:11

LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH INDOORS!

We have **two masses each weekend indoors:**
Saturday at 5:00 PM & Sunday at 10:15 AM.

Due to social distancing requirements we have limited seating, and reservations are required. **To reserve a seat for weekend masses please [click here](#).**

- **Please arrive at least 10 minutes early for screening. Surgical masks or 2-ply cloth masks with a bendable nose band are required for everyone. Two masks recommended. Contactless temperatures will be taken.**
- **If you are unvaccinated & have been exposed to someone with COVID you must quarantine for 10 days before coming to church.**
- **If you have been fully vaccinated and are exposed to a COVID-19 positive person you do not have to quarantine; however this only applies if no more than 3 months have elapsed since the date of your last (or single) shot.**
- **It is recommended that you quarantine for 10 days if you have traveled out of state, but it is not required.**

Click [here](#) for a letter explaining all the safety protocols. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and amazing support as we continue to safely adapt to living with the COVID-19 virus. The Bishop has suspended the Sunday mass obligation until further notice, and we will continue to live stream our 9:00 AM weekday and our 10:15 AM Sunday masses.

"LIVE FROM RESURRECTION! IT'S SUNDAY MORNING!"

Our live stream Sunday mass is at **10:15 AM.**
Anytime after 10:00 AM on Sunday, here's how to join us:

Option 1: YouTube (non-interactive)

Go to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-OOaTsxzpSPs60Qt0C1KQ>) (or simply search YouTube for Resurrection Church, Aptos) and look for the "Live Now" video. You'll be able to see and hear everything, but we won't be able to hear you if you want to share a prayer intention or peace greeting (but God will hear you!)

Option 2: Zoom (interactive)

From a computer:

1. Go to: <https://zoom.us/j/429472279>
2. Enter your name (so we'll know you're there!)

From a smart phone or tablet:

1. Download the Zoom app (if you don't already have it)
2. Start the app and select "Join a Meeting"
3. Enter Meeting ID 429 472 279

From any phone: (audio only)

1. Dial 1-669-900-6833 (a San Jose number)
2. Enter Meeting ID 429 472 279 and #
3. (Enter # again (no "Participant ID" needed))

An email will be sent each Saturday with a convenient one-click link and a link to a worship aid. Links are also on our website. A Zoom Visual Aid is available on our website as well.

You may wish to have a trial run by logging on ahead of time. If you get to a page that says "This meeting has not started" then you've succeeded!

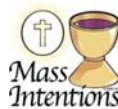
The mass will be available for on-demand viewing immediately on our parish YouTube channel (search "[Resurrection Church Aptos](#)")

WEEKDAY MASS (Tuesday—Friday) 9:00 AM
Live and On-Demand on our YouTube Channel
Live on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98470808627>

MORNING PRAYER (Mondays) 8:00 AM
On-Demand on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-OOaTsxzpSPs60Qt0C1KQ/>

NIGHT PRAYER (Nightly) On-Demand on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-OOaTsxzpSPs60Qt0C1KQ/>

WOULD YOU LIKE A MASS OFFERED FOR A LOVED ONE? We are still able to take mass requests for daily mass or for the weekend. Please email Jolene at jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net and she will be happy to set up a date for you. The donation per mass is \$10.00. You can mail in a check or pay with your credit card. Thank you!



Resurrection Church—Aptos, California



Resurrection Catholic Community

Mass Intentions for April

Saturday, 4/24

5:00 PM (RE) +Albert Silva, +Brian Madula

Sunday, 4/25

10:15 AM (RE) The People of the Parish,
+Richard Taylor, +Carmen Brunner,
+Jose Manuel Quintero,
+Joan E. Feci, +Steve Vomvolakis,
+Paul McGillicuddy, +Bill McDow,
+Estelle Turner

Monday, 4/26

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Tuesday, 4/27

9:00 AM (LP) +Br. Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.

Wednesday, 4/28

9:00 AM (RE) +Joyce Anne Asmussen,
+Kathy Zuffanelli



Thursday, 4/29

9:00 AM (LP) +Br. Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.

Friday, 4/30

9:00 AM (RE) +Kathleen Bossio

Saturday, 5/01

5:00 PM (RE) The People of the Parish,
+Br. Patrick D. Dunne, C.F.C.

Sunday, 5/02

10:15 AM (RE) +Steve Vomvolakis, +George Smith,
+Harry Reichstein, +Estelle Turner,
+Kathy Osmonson, +Cliff Knudsen,
+Joanne Rodriguez

Celebrants: RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista, LP=Fr. Larry Percell

GOOD NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,
28-29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28,30-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



THE MASS NEVER ENDS—IT MUST BE LIVED!

We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (John 10:11-18) and homily as we live out our Eucharist this week. Reflect upon it in your heart and mind, and discuss it with your family, friends and faith community members.

- How do you find guidance in your life? Do you ever experience Jesus guiding you through prayer, scripture, conscience or other life experiences?
- How do you guide, lead or influence others? Does your leadership echo what you yourself receive from Jesus?
- In what ways would you like to have life more abundantly? How do you let Jesus, the Good Shepherd, guide you to greener pastures?

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR CATHOLIC ADULTS

Please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net for more information.

K-12 FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS

For information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL Pope Francis doesn't write many encyclicals, but when he does, they're game-changers! *Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All)* is his first since *Laudato Si'* in 2015, and it's a powerful pastoral statement and critique of many disturbing trends in our world today. You can read/download the entire 92-page document [here](#), or you can read/download a 21-page overview [here](#). A two-page summary is available [here](#), and Questions and Answers [here](#). We encourage you to read and reflect on this important letter!

OUTREACH

COPA COLLECTION — This weekend April 24 & 25.

We are a founding member of COPA (*Communities Organized for relational Power in Action*), which is made up of 28 churches, synagogues, schools, unions & non-profit organizations who work collectively to address problems afflicting our communities. The COPA collection funds our membership dues, which help provide our lead organizers, secretary & operational expenses, and help to create a community of justice and peace. Thank you for your faithful support of the work of faith, hope, and love! For more information about COPA, visit www.copaiaf.org



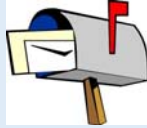
MANTLES OF CARING: The members of Mantles of Caring are occupying their isolation time with knitting and crocheting. There is a lovely array of handmade items available for your selection. Would you like a lovely, soft cap for a cancer patient? Perhaps, a baby blanket for a new grandchild? Or a prayer shawl for a Covid-19 patient? These items and more are available now. Contact Sue Panches (831) 661-0783 to find exactly what you are looking for and how to get it. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY: Our Food Pantry continues to serve the needs of the poorest of our community each Monday and Friday morning from 10:00 AM to noon. Thanks to being an official distribution center for the Second Harvest Food Bank, and your generous donations, we have plenty of food to offer those who need it. We are able to purchase what we need from the Food Bank at a fraction of retail cost thanks to your generous donations, and we receive many free things from the Food Bank as well. We are so grateful for our generous volunteers who come each week to serve the clients and to make the food bags and keep everything organized. Truly Christ is revealed in the breaking of the bread!



UPDATE ON THE PARISH OFFICE:
As a reminder the parish office remains closed. Most of us are working remotely. Please call the parish office at 831-688-4300 or email us and we will be happy to get back to you. If you need to drop off or pick up something, you'll need to make an appointment. *Thank you for your patience!*

Parish Mailing Address: If you are mailing anything to the parish please send it to our PO Box 87, Aptos CA 95001 (rather than our street address). We are not receiving mail at our street address since our office is not open (the post office eventually puts the mail sent to our street address into our PO Box but there is a week or two lag time). Thank you.



PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Karen Victorino: kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net
Jolene McFeely: jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net
Erma Coty: elcoty@att.net



PRAYER LINE PRAISE REPORT!

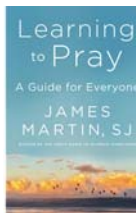


Have your prayers been answered? Have you experienced a sign of God's love? Please let us know so that we can give thanks and praise to God with you! You can email us or send your praise report to our PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001.

Recommended Reading

*Learning to Pray:
A Guide for Everyone*

By Fr. James Martin S.J.



**PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE
in NEED OF HEALING**



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| Cyrella Ashley | Sean Enright | Zoe Nink |
| Cross/Boettcher/
Burghart families | Alicia Enriquez | Leo Olson |
| Lorenzo Abeyta | Irma Enriquez | Teresa Orosco |
| Gregory Ackerson | Terry Erwin | Gabe P. |
| Marc Adato | Dee Feci | Connor Paulbitski |
| Javier Anaya | Trent Feliss | Dave Peasley |
| Baby Luke | Greg Finegan | Anita Perry |
| Becki Bailey | Mark Emmet Fisher | Gabe Ponce |
| Emi Baldenegro | Roy G. | Oliver Potts |
| Adeline Bautista | Jen Garvey | Pablo R. |
| Dennis Berbach | Andre Grier | Chris Randolph |
| Maria Bernstein-
Brumbaugh | Lita Hebert | Dawn Renz |
| Stacy Bischoff | Kelly Jo Hebert | Mary Repetti |
| Jeraldine Boger | Heike Hempel | Joel Rivera |
| Lillian Bombardieri | Mary Ann Herlihy | Chellie Roberts |
| Vera Borroel | Robert Higgins | Suzie Roberts |
| Tracy Boyd | Debra Hightower | Jose Rufino |
| Rick Braun | Bea Holmes | Valerie Ruschke |
| Michelle Brown | Rick Housouer | John Sargetis |
| Betsy Burrows | Barbara Howley | Joseph Saucier |
| Wren Buse | Patrick Howley | Anna Seely |
| Carlos C. | Allan Hughes | Kim Sessa |
| Tony Cacache | Jim Jackson | Jill Schauf |
| Dante Calcagno | Johnathan | Kelly Scott |
| Ardith Campbell | Ariel Johnson | Alisha Smith |
| Delores Carano | John Jones | William Smith |
| John & Marion
Cernac | D.B.K. | Diane Spoto |
| Lucy Chacon | Tony K. | Martina Sprenger
& Family |
| Chelsea & Family | Cameron Karleen | Wilfried Sprenger |
| Mary Church | Geri Karleen | Greg Stewart |
| Dr. Abraham
Cordova | Dylan Kinion | Agnes Subbiondo |
| Trish Cronin | Kathy Klapheke | Kathleen Tavares |
| Ralph Cross | Mary Klaus | Paul Thompson |
| Edith Cuevas | Joshua Kobinski | Sharon Turner |
| Nancy Daves | Marion Kusanovich | Amy V.F. |
| Larry Davis | Michael Laflin | Mark Vaught |
| Carrie deHart | Matt Lane | Vlad |
| Tavish deHart | Joan Lawlor | Lawrence W. |
| Maria Romo de
Soto & Family | Eric Lee | Stephanie Walsh |
| Lynnette Delgadello | Frank Leonetti | Mike & Pauline
Whalen |
| Sr. Joan Derry | Carrie Levin | Mary Ann Wright |
| Ralph Desmond | Donald Lowery | Michele Wright |
| Mary Donatoni | Matthew Ludlow | Tannis Welch |
| Sharon Dougan | Danny Lucas | Thom Windsor |
| Mark Duggan | Michael Lucas | Maggie Young |
| Robert Duggan | Eileen Mathwig | Rosemary Zamora |
| Wyatt Duino | Ginny Solari Mazry | |
| Pat Emard | Jackie McDow | |
| Sophia Emmons | Connie McGill-Fergus | |
| Peter Empson | Kathleen McGinley | |
| Annie Enright | John McLeod | |
| | Mary McMenamy | |
| | Lisa McMenamy | |
| | Elaine McMenamy | |
| | George Mungai | |
| | Joleen Munoz | |
| | Judy Navarro | |

Please let the office know when a name can be removed from this prayer list. Thank you.

PRAYER LINE: Please call Rosalie Flores-Aguon (831-359-9799) or Mary Soltis (688-8326) if you or someone you know is in need of prayer or email resurrection.aptos.prayerline@gmail.com

Stewardship of Treasure PLATE COLLECTION April 17 & 18, 2021	
Weekly Plate Collection:	
• Mailed In & All Masses	\$5,253.89
• Electronic	\$7,399.53
• Total	\$12,653.42
Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)	\$10,000.00
Plate Collection Average	\$10,182.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!

If you miss a week your donation can be mailed to the parish office at P.O. Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087 or you go to <https://resurrection-aptos.org> and

Remember Resurrection Catholic Community in your will.

Contact Karen Victorino in the parish office.

My Weekly Offering

Your weekly offering can be given securely to Resurrection via our website

<https://resurrection-aptos.org>

or by scanning the QR Code



GIVE PLUS+ or by downloading the free app **Give Plus+** in the Google Play Store or Apple Store

or by mailing your donation to Resurrection Church, PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001

Your weekly offering helps pay for 70% of our operating expenses, expenses which continue even during the shutdown. Our staff is still working for you "behind the scenes". We thank you for your patience and for your continued support of the parish!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The Association of Faith Communities (AFC) has a job opening for the Faith Community Shelter Program Manager caused by the retirement of Debbie Bates. This position organizes the rotating shelter, supervises staff and assists FCS participants in developing plans to improve their housing situation by securing employment, earned benefits and better housing. This is a half time position. We also have a Program Assistant opening This position helps screen applicants to our programs, does data entry into the HMIS database, schedules our volunteers and sites and assists in buying supplies for both the rotating shelter and our safe parking program. This is a half time position. If you are interested, look for the job announcement on www.indeed.com beginning April 9th.



SHOWER THE PEOPLE (Mobile Shower Ministry):

Resurrection Church is looking for a volunteer to serve as the Shower Program Coordinator. Parishioner, Steve Sage, has been instrumental in running the "Shower the People" program since the beginning of operation in September 2016. He will be moving out of the area in May. Steve will be available to assist with any on-the-job training needs until May 5.

Basic activities are:

- Represent Resurrection in the MCHC Showers program meetings (between 1 and 4 per year)
- Quarterly scheduling for volunteers (via emails or U.S. mail). Four schedules per year. A volunteer pool is already available.
- Physical setting up the Tuesday showers (A trained substitute (Jay Galster) is available to alternate Tuesday's)

For more information, please contact Steve Sage at (831) 761-5869 or stephensage@hotmail.com

SHELTER PROGRAM: Our round-the-clock shelter continues to operate smoothly in Markey Community Center. Our little "family" of 18 beautiful people are able to shelter-in-place thanks to the gift of our center. They spend their time quietly reading, doing puzzles, keeping everything spotless, watching TV and movies, and enjoying our beautiful grounds in the lovely spring weather. Meals are being brought in by local caterers and restaurants, and we thank them for this wonderful, compassionate service! Shelter staff are onsite 12 hours each day to provide support, and one of the guests serves as the overnight monitor. Our mobile shower unit is on-site three days a week, and we thank our faithful and generous volunteers for providing this service. Our guests are so very grateful for our hospitality and want you to know it! Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish which makes it possible for us to be of service to others!

SHELTER SUCCESS STORIES!

Thanks to the stability provided by our round-the-clock shelter, several of our guests have been able to work and save up enough money to move into their own homes. Here are some of their stories:

Grace and Brian— They were with us for a bit over a year and fell in love while each of them was recuperating from a serious medical condition. Through a volunteer from one of the churches, they were able to move into her home - from there, they were able to save money and recently moved into their own place.

Robyn— A long-term member of the shelter and a real leader in the group. She saved money from an in-home health care job and was able to move into a shared housing situation, paying her own rent.

Krystal and Connor—This mom and her adorable -year-old son were able to get into the Rebele Family Shelter and she is working diligently with her case manager to find her own housing.

Songhai came to our program through another shelter member. Within four months, he found a good job, saved money and was able to move out to his own place. There are many others who have passed through our shelter since COVID began and we are proud of their efforts. In fact, the number of people we have helped move to employment and/or better housing has gone up dramatically. We think it is largely due to the stability of having a place to call "home" during these stressful COVID times, as well as the extra time that Debbie Bates, program manager of the Faith Community Shelter, and her staff have to spend working on housing plans with each of them.

“SAFE SPACES” PARKING HOSPITALITY Some people without homes live in their vehicles, whether they be cars or vans or RV’s. Resurrection has joined with other faith communities and organizations in Santa Cruz County to provide safe and supervised overnight parking for some of these brother and sisters. The program is managed by the Association of Faith Communities, of which Resurrection is a founding member, and which also manages our shelter program. We currently have six guests staying in their RV’s at night, safe and secure. We had electrical outlets installed in two of our lamp posts to provide power for our guests. Please keep them in your prayers!

RESURRECTION CARD-CRAFTERS: The parish Card-Crafters continue to sell a wide array of hand-made cards: Birthday, New Baby, Thinking of You, Thank You, Sympathy, Congratulations, etc. - we've also added several new Wedding Wishes designs. The price is 3 cards for \$10.00, then \$3.00 per card after that. We have Please contact Pat Lorenzo for further information: e-mail at pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com or phone (831)708-2068. She will make arrangements to safely meet you in the church parking lot after Mass or at another time. As always, materials are donated, so all of the profits from card sales go to support the Faith Community Shelter at Resurrection.



**Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA)
“Building a Family of Faith”**

**We’ve reached our Diocesan Goal!
We are over 1/2 way to our overall goal.**

You are invited to join our 2021 Annual Ministries Appeal, Building a Family of Faith. Your impact is felt every year, as your support maintains the ministries and parish communities that contribute to our vibrant spiritual life. But now, as we endure this pandemic together, your gifts to the AMA will do even more good, to hold up even more people than ever. Resurrection Parish and the Diocese have had to rethink and transition the way that we communicate, celebrate liturgies, respond to the needs of the poor and continue providing spiritual and faith formation support to individuals and families. We began live streaming the very first weekend of the shut down in March 2020 and continue to do so. Because of YOU, we were able to respond. You helped reinforce the promise of God and our family of faith, delivering hope to so many.

This year, it is once again time to embrace our family of faith and consider making a meaningful gift to this year’s AMA, as we continue to lift up our Catholic community throughout our Diocese.

Thank you for your prayerful response and generosity.

WE’VE REACHED OUR DIOCESEAN GOAL OF \$38,00 AND NOW EVERYTHING WE RECEIVE WILL BE RETURNED TO OUR PARISH TO HELP SUPPORT & GROW OUR PARISH MINISTRIES!! THANK YOU!

Our total goal is \$68,900.

Please make a donation envelope, mail your envelope back to the Diocese or return it to the parish via the collection if you attend mass in person.

To pledge over several months or make a one-time donation online please go to <https://dioceseofmonterey.org/giving>

[Click Here](#) to Watch Bishop Garcia’s message about the AMA.

**Bishop’s Annual Ministries Appeal
as of April 19, 2021**

# of households participating	Amount Pledged	% of total goal
107	\$42,123	61%

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION UPDATE

Due to popular demand, a new round of virtual sessions of Ministry to the Sick, Dying and Hospitalized is being offered. The dates are May 15th, June 5th and June 12th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This specialization offers formation and training in serving the sick and dying as Lay Ministers of the church, in homes, hospitals and care facilities. A Ministry of presence and providing the Sacrament of the Eucharist is covered. Practical skills for pastoral visitation, a theological appreciation of sickness and suffering, use of the Communion Ritual, ministerial aspects of visitation of homes, hospitals and care facilities are all reviewed. Please go to the Diocese of Monterey's webpage under School of Ministry for more information and to register, or contact Program Coordinator, Ann Ventura, at aventura@dioceseofmonterey.org or 831-645-2848. Space is limited, so sign-up ASAP.



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BULLETIN ADVERTISERS! This week we are giving a shout out to our Catholic Schools: Good Shepherd, Salesian Sisters Elementary & Junior High & St. Francis High School. See the attached advertising page for all our advertisers. We are grateful for our advertisers continued support of the parish.



ATTENTION CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE USERS: If you have been receiving contribution envelopes in the mail but **haven't used them in a long time** because you either are now giving online or you have just stopped using them we have temporarily suspended your envelopes in an effort to create less waste and save the parish funds. When or if you would like to receive them again please email Jolene McFeely at jamcfeely@sbcglobal.net or Karen Victorino at kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net or leave a message for us at the parish office 831-688-4300. Thank you!

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Come join us study Acts and see how the first Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Gather with us as best we can during these times, via Zoom. Facilitated by Kathy Pappas:

Tuesdays, starting April 6 from 7:00—8:30 PM: **Ascension Press' Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom** by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Fridays, starting April 9 from 9:00—10:45 AM: **Beth Moore's Study To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul**

Please email kathywp21@yahoo.com or call/text me at 831-818-3034 so that I can order a book for you.

TRAVEL-SIZE TOILETRIES NEEDED!

We currently have a need for travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, and disposable razors. If you have some of these items, please drop them off at the main door to the hall (the door will be open) when our Food Pantry is open: Monday & Friday from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM. Our volunteers will be happy to accept them. Thank you!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY EXTENDED TO PARISH WOMEN IN CONTINUING EDUCATION AND COLLEGE STUDENTS – NEW DEADLINE: MAY 9, 2021

Resurrection Women's Guild has extended their "Annual Pat Garske Memorial Scholarship" to include women who are re-entering educational programs for new careers and those who are currently attending schools of higher learning. This will be in addition to high school senior girls who are committed to entering college or community college in 2021 and are members of Resurrection Catholic Church. If you applied for the scholarship in previous years, you are eligible to apply again this year. Applications for the \$2,000 award can be found on our website <https://resurrection-aptos.org> under "Resource Center – Events". **The new deadline is May 9, 2021.** For continuing education and college students, please fill out the application as much as it applies to your current situation and especially fill out your contact information, write the essay, and include a resume.

For more information, contact Resurrection Women's Guild Scholarship Coordinator, Sandi Olivier by email slolivier@hotmail.com. Applications can be mailed to Sandi Olivier, 104 Lamanda Dr, Aptos, CA 95003



ATTENTION COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Resurrection Council of the Knights of Columbus will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified student who is a member of Resurrection Parish and is graduating from high school this year. Application forms are due by June 1st, and are available from the parish website <https://resurrection-aptos.org>, under Resource Center, under Events and from Larry Young, 831-818-5083, lyoungaptos@gmail.com

INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

April 28, 2021 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Conference Room, Madonna del Sasso Church in Salinas.

You are invited to learn the tools to live God's plan for love and life, through Natural Family Planning. This free two hour Intro Session will explain the use of the FertilityCare System to avoid or achieve pregnancy, overcome infertility, or address health issues such as PCOS, PMS, miscarriage, etc. All are welcome---engaged and married couples, those experiencing infertility or miscarriage, single women charting for health management and all those curious to learn more about scientific methods for observing and charting the fertility cycle. FREE--but advance registration required as attendance limited, to allow for social distancing. Masks required of all attendees Email sheila@canfp.org or call 831-443-3743 landline, no texting. More info on NFP and God's plan for love and life, and Spanish services, at: www.canfp.org

DID YOU KNOW?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.usccb.org/> has a wealth of information to help you in your daily walk with God.

- You can find the daily readings to read, listen to them via podcast or sign up to have them sent to your email address.
- Movie Reviews
- Find a Parish and the mass times
- Information on Prayer & Worship
- Bible Information
- Issues & Action
- Resources



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The Easter Challenge by Joyce Rupp

"You believe because you can see....Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." – John 20:29

Every year it happens:
earth shakes her sleepy head,
still a bit wintered and dull,
and feels new life stirring

Every year cocoons give up their treasures,
fresh shoots push through brown leaves,
seemingly dead branches shine with green,
and singing birds find their way home

Every year we hear the stories

empty tomb, surprised grievers,
runners with news and revelation,
unexpected encounters,
conversations on the road,
tales of nets filling with fish,
and breakfast on the seashore

And every year
the dull and dead in us
meets our Easter challenge;

to be open to the unexpected,
to believe beyond our security,
to welcome God in every form,
and trust in our own greening

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A Reflection by Erma Coty

The season is transitioning from winter to spring. We have had a mild winter while other areas of the country are having April snow falls. We may again be facing true drought conditions that require us to practice efficient water use in our personal habits as well as in our outside surroundings. We will be choosing what to plant in our gardens and what behaviors we can alter to best conserve water in our personal lives.

On April 22 we celebrated Earth Day. Pope Francis chose to write an encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, teaching us the responsibility we all share in caring for our common home. And we must acknowledge that even though we just witnessed a 4 pound helicopter successfully fly on Mars, we are far from creating a long term habitat on the red planet. We are reminded that for the near future we must respect and care for our home planet. This year, caring for our home may mean judicious use of the water resources.

We are beginning to enjoy life again as the COVID requirements are finally easing. It feels like it's time to follow our bliss and "take a moment" to think about what we can do to be happy during the sometimes trying times we live in. So perhaps we can revisit the moments during the past year that brought us joy.

What brings us happiness? For many the answer may be different today than it was 18 months ago, before a virus compelled us to reassess our priorities. I can only retell stories I heard from folks who found happiness in the ordinary experiences of life.

Early in the pandemic, just being outside for a walk was an event, an occasion to rejoice. Taking a walk is still more meaningful and appreciated than in the past. Those days when every moment was taken for granted are part of that past. A walk can be enjoyed and savored for the happiness it brings.

Many have found increased pleasure in tending their gardens. First, we had extra time, time which we may have spent driving long distances to work, running back and forth shopping and doing errands. Many of these tasks are still being done but with less frequency. Each trip outside the home is planned and organized to minimize our time spent at risk for exposure to COVID 19. With a possible water shortage our gardens will need to be planned more carefully than before, with water conservation in mind. I believe it will be viewed as less of a burden to do the extra conservation planning now that we have an altered perception of what can make us happy.

A friend found great joy as she was clearing weeds from her garden. A stubborn weed with a long tap root resisted being pulled. Yet with persistence and careful digging the root slid from the ground. A job well done. And hap-

piness from an unexpected moment. Who would have guessed that this simple moment could elicit a pure sense of joy and satisfaction?

Now is a good time to reflect on all the small moments that give us pleasure. Those that we began to notice while we were forced to "sit back and smell the roses". Those moments when we planted a flower or contacted and old friend. The sense joy at returning to Mass outside after experiencing the sense of loss at being unable to receive the Sacraments. We may have a better understanding of "integral ecology" and Pope Francis' message in *Laudate Si*. We are able to move forward in our lives, conserve the earth and the resources, and appreciate small moments of happiness.

We celebrate Earth Day, transition to Spring, and gradually return to our old activities with a new gratitude for our many blessings.



Concert 4: *Coming Home*

Livestreamed or In-person to be determined
May 22 and May 23

Our season finale for this most unusual year features three very different compositions and great stylistic variety. The main course is Beethoven's Septet for Winds and String, a magnificent 40-minute work in Beethoven's early style harkening back to the best of Mozart and Haydn. This piece was Beethoven's single most popular composition during his lifetime, so much so that it was responsible for starting an entire genre of large ensemble music from his time to today.

The concert starts off with Gustav Holst's Fugal Concerto, featuring two of your favorite principal soloists, Oboist Peter Lemberg and Flutist Lars Johannesson, accompanied by a string ensemble. This is one of Holst's' most enjoyable compositions so don't let the word "fugal" scare you. For dessert: a piece by living American composer Clark McAllister called Lou's Mountain Bread, which is an ingenious arrangement of American folk tunes (including Skip to My Lu and She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain – hence the title) as you have never heard them before. Please join us for a most intriguing concert. As always, we won't start without you!



Program

Gustav Holst: Fugal Concerto
Clark McAllister: Lou's Mountain Bread
Ludwig van Beethoven: Septet for Winds and Strings
Music Always Matters!