

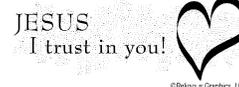
# PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018

Give thanks to God!

Saturday, April 7	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 8	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>
		<b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Leadership Meeting - Church
Wednesday, April 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, April 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, April 14	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

***Acts:3:13-15, 17-19: Peter proclaims Jesus' role and call for repentance***

***1 Jn:2:1-5a: Knowing Christ is to keep his commandments.***

***Lk:24:35-48: Jesus' final words are of forgiveness and repentance.***

***Living Catholic in the 808:  
Why Easter Matters to Me***

*Easter is Joy. Joy in Christ Jesus who has conquered death for us. Joy in the resurrection of Jesus is joy in "new life" in him. But what does the new life look like?*

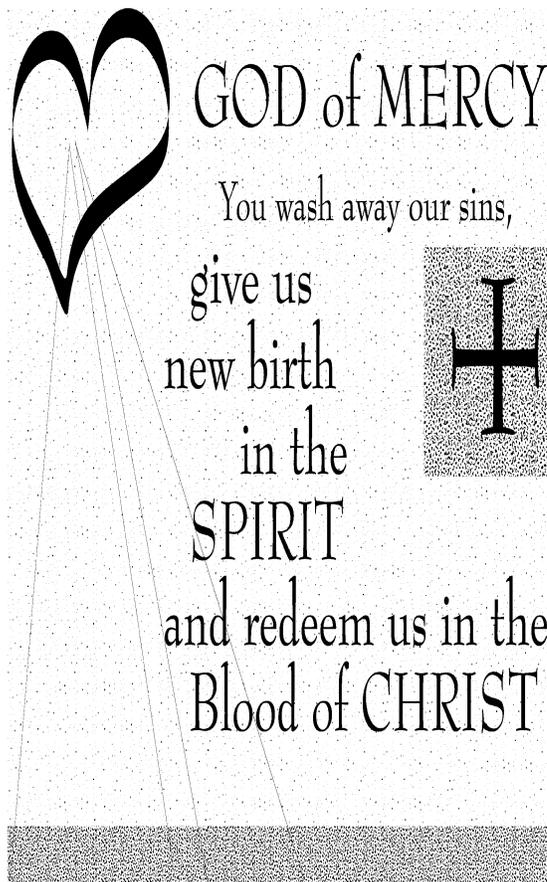
*Daniel 3:52-90 is a song of praise blessing the Lord and also calls all of creation to join in blessing him. The sun, rain, mountains, and birds all freely and joyfully praise and bless the Lord. What's amazing about this song of praise is its context. Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael are glorifying and blessing God from inside of a furnace!*

*Unlike the rest of creation, humanity is given free-will. Like Daniel, we must choose to praise and bless the Lord above all forever!*

*New life in Christ means being a living testament to this joy that is within you. New life is choosing what keeps us in right relationship with God. Even when it means being placed inside a fiery furnace.*

*Easter tells us that joy transcends suffering. Our joy is more than feelings or personal preferences. Our joy is in our Savior, his name is Jesus Christ. Our joy is in the Holy Spirit whom Jesus has sent us to guide us to the truth of "new life." Blessed be God forever, Alleluia!*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPERATION RICE BOWL: THANK YOU:** We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! **If you have not turn your Rice Bowl, it's not too late! Just drop it in our collection basket Mahalo.** Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more information.

**PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA: (BOOK FAIR):** The Daughters of St. Paul will be here next weekend at the Saturday 5 p. m. Mass and both at the 7 a.m. & 9 a.m., Masses. They will have books and Religious items on sale.

**PRO LIFE: Are You or someone close to you Hurting from a Past Abortion?** Experience God's merciful love & healing on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Women and Men of All Faiths are Welcome! **APRIL 27-29, 2018** Arrival on Friday at 5:45 pm Departure on Sunday on Sunday at 5 pm **CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRATIONS.** Please call Lisa Shorba at (808)349-5071 or Sr. GERALYN SPAULDING OSB at (808)741-3819.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "While many Catholics want to help women and me heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin." Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy. At [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy). **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing"**

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Apr 8 Sun: Easter Sunday

Acts:4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn:20:19-31

### Apr 9 Mon: Annunciation of the Lord

Is:7:10-14, 8:10; Ps: 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb: 10:4-10; Lk:1:26-38

### Apr 10 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts: 4: 32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn:3:7b-15

### Apr 11 Wed: St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr

Acts:5:17-26; Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn:3:16-21

### Apr 12 Thu: Easter Weekday

Acts:5:27-33; Ps:34: 2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

### Apr 13 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn:6:1-15

### Apr 14 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts:6:1-7 Ps:33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 16:16-21

## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist which strengthens and sustains them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities. **(International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)**

## Reflection

Any artist who has ever painted a picture or created a sculpture of the risen Lord owes a debt to "doubting Thomas." Thomas wanted an absolutely clear image of the risen Lord; he wanted to see and touch the wounds of Christ. Ever since, artists have been in sync with Thomas' visual and tactile demands and have provided us with such images. Even so, the image of the "wounded" Lord is not simply a matter of artistic representation or taste. It is, rather, a matter of faith. Lacking those wounds, the risen Lord is not the crucified Lord. Thomas has helped artists and all the rest of us recognize that before a resurrection, there comes a death. Thomas has helped us feel in our bones that our God is a God who takes human suffering seriously and out of it—even out of its seeming meaninglessness—can bring wondrous significance and new life.

The risen Lord whom Thomas demanded to behold and examine is the only Lord worth believing in. That Lord wears the wounds of death yet promises the healing of life. That Lord assures us that our faith in him is not misplaced, that hope in him will be fulfilled, and that loving him even in suffering is what resurrected life is all about.



We welcome **Ethan Hoppe-Cruz** into our Christian family. They have been preparing for the last two years for the Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Ethan has receive the life-giving waters of **Baptism** and the anointing of **Confirmation**. He also received his **First Eucharist** at the Easter Vigil.

We also welcome **Grayson & Isa Marie Hoppe-Cruz**, into our Christian family both children were also baptized at the Easter Vigil

## Resurrection Faith

When daffodils and crocuses crowd the garden walk, when the sun breaks over a clear spring morn, when all around is blossoming or in bloom, it's almost too easy to believe in the goodness of life, in the resurrection of the world. But when a child dies at the hands of an abuser, a family suffers the loss of a farm it has long tended, or a whole people become victims of human greed and cruelty, we wonder. How can this happen? How can God allow this to happen? How can we believe in resurrection with all these "deaths" around us? Resurrection faith demands such belief. Resurrection faith calls our attention to the fact that life comes out of death. There, in the passage from death to life, we encounter the risen Lord. The sign of Easter and its abiding joy is not the lily, not the newborn babe, but the empty tomb. A sign of meaninglessness, death, and contradiction, yes. But clearly, the most powerful sign of life. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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