

Our Lady of the Sierra Parish



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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RISE IN HOPE

Our Lord Jesus is our Hope and our Resurrection. Indeed, He has risen as He said!

Throughout the beautiful Easter liturgy, we are reminded to place our HOPE in the person of Christ Jesus – His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Our hope and salvation rests on Him alone!

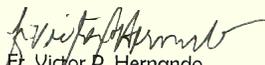
HOPE IS A CONSTANT AND CONTINUOUS THEME throughout the Church's liturgical season because hope in Christ is the central message of the Good News of every Christian life.

At the start of Lent, Pope Francis reminded us that even amidst the looming uncertainties, the holy season is a time of hope. This is the second year in which we celebrated Easter in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. A year ago we were under lockdown. We are still in the midst of this pandemic, BUT THERE IS HOPE. Things are becoming better now. We were able to reopen our churches for the Easter triduum, and the vaccination program has already begun. These events signal a glimmer of hope that the pandemic will soon be over.

Our Lord Jesus's Easter triumph was not won without the Cross. He didn't run away from His Passion and Death. He embraced it and that made all the difference. That is why HE IS OUR LORD AND MASTER. At Easter we are reminded by St. Paul "that if Christ has not been raised...then our faith is futile." And so indeed, if we hold fast to this faith in our risen Christ, then we too must rise in hope through Christ. We must continue to cling unto Christ who continues to bear our Crosses joyfully daily through our struggles, and wait actively in joyful hope for Christ's Second Coming. He will redeem us; He will save us. He is our Hope and Resurrection!

My dear friends, despite all that we may have gone through during this pandemic, let the Easter experience of the Risen Christ bring Hope to all of us. We are an Easter people. Let the Alleluias continue to be our song. I wish you a blessed Easter. May our experience of the Risen Christ be our source of Hope, so that we in turn, can rise to the call to be missionaries of hope to those around us.

BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!


Fr. Victor P. Hernandez
Administrator

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A DAILY PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Tue 13	8:30 AM Mass for Marie Diener DeMera req by Howard J deMera
Wed 14	8:30 AM Mass for Isaias Mendez req by Patricia Arce
Thu 15	8:30 AM Mass for James V deMera Jr req by Howard J deMera
Fri 16	8:30 AM Mass for Edith Scully (RM) req by Janet Scroggins
Sat 17	4:00 PM Mass for Chris Pistoresi (RM) req by Janet Scroggins
Sun 18	8:00 AM Mass for Chilo Garcia (RM) req by Mike Garcia
	9:30 AM Mass for Roy Oldham (R) req by Mary Oldham
	11:30 AM Mass for All Parishioners

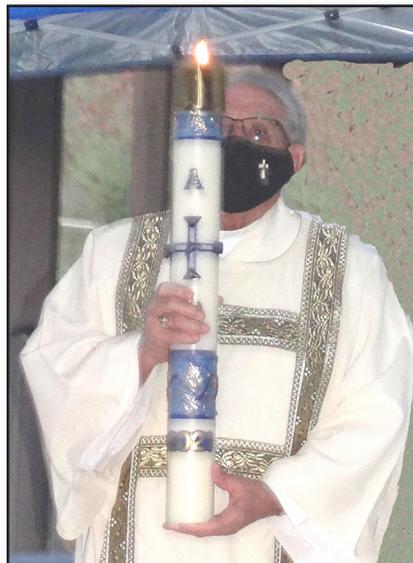
MASS READINGS

Mon 12	Easter Weekday Acts 4:23-31//Jn 3:1-8
Tue 13	Tue Easter Weekday [Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr] Acts 4:32-37//Jn 3:7b-15
Wed 14	Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26//Jn 3:16-21
Thu 15	Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33//Jn 3:31-36
Fri 16	Easter Weekday Acts 5:34-42//Jn 6:1-15
Sat 17	Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7//Jn 6:16-21
Sun 18	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35- 48

THE PASCHAL CANDLE



Fr Victor lights Paschal Candle assisted by Chuck Dudek, David Kappes, and David Mark.



Deacon Ernie carries Paschal Candle, from which all the faithfuls' candles are lit.

Those in attendance at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 3, 2021 witnessed the first part of the liturgy called “Service of the Light”, held outside at the Pool of the Unborn. Of special interest was the lighting of the Paschal Candle, marked with signs and symbols that are full of meaning.

The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

After the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega ‘the beginning and the end’) and the current year, as he chants a prayer, then affixes the five grains of incense.

THE EASTER CANDLE IS LIGHTED EACH DAY DURING MASS THROUGHOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY.



THE STORY OF THE WEDDING PASSBOOK

BY POPULAR DEMAND - THIS STORY WAS NARRATED BY FR. VICTOR IN HIS EASTER HOMILIES AS AN EXAMPLE OF "LITTLE RESURRECTIONS."

She married him today. At the end of the wedding party, her mother gave her a newly opened bank savings passbook, with \$1000 deposited in it.

She told her, "My dear daughter, take this passbook. Keep it as a record of your married life. Whenever something happy and memorable happens in your new life, put some money in. Write down what it's about next to the amount. The more memorable the event is, the more money you can put in. I've done the first one for you today. Do the others with your husband. When you look back after years, you will know how much happiness you've both shared."

She shared this with him after getting home. Both of them thought it was a great idea and couldn't wait to make the next deposit!

This is what the passbook looked like after a while:

- 7 Feb: \$100, his first birthday celebration after marriage
- 1 Mar: \$300, she gets a salary raise
- 20 Mar: \$200, vacation to Bali
- 15 Apr: \$2000, She's pregnant!
- 1 Jun: \$1000, He gets the big promotion and so on...



However, as the years went by, they began fighting and arguing over trivial things. They didn't talk much. They regretted that they had married the most nasty person in the world...There was no more love.

One day she talked to her Mother. "Mom, we can't stand it anymore. We have decided to divorce. I can't imagine how I decided to marry this guy!"

Her mother replied, "Sure, that's no big deal. Just do whatever you want, if you really can't stand it. But before that, do one thing. Remember the savings passbook I gave you on your wedding day? Take out all money and spend it first. You shouldn't keep any record of such a poor marriage."

She agreed with her. So she went to the bank, and was waiting in the queue to cancel the account. While she was waiting, she took a look at the passbook record. She looked, and looked, and looked. Then the memory of all the previous joyful moments came back to her. Her eyes were filled with tears. She left and went home.

When she got home, she handed the passbook to him and asked him to spend the money before getting divorced.

So the next day, he went to the bank and was waiting in the queue to cancel the account. While he was waiting, he took a look at the passbook record. He looked, and looked, and looked. Then the memory of all the previous joyful moments came back to him. His eyes were filled with tears. He left and went home.

He gave the passbook back to her. She found a new deposit of \$5000. And a line next to the record: "This is the day I realized how much I've loved you throughout all these years. How much happiness you've brought me." They hugged and cried, putting the passbook back into the safe.

From: <https://pegarit.wordpress.com/wedding-passbook/>

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Mon 12	Day off of Priest 6:00 PM Confirmation 2 CI 1
Tue 13	8:00-8:30 AM Rosary/OLPH 8:30-9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Confirmation 2 CI 2
Wed 14	8:00-8:30 AM Rosary Devotion to St Joseph 8:30-9:00 AM Mass
Thu 15	8:00-9:30 AM Rosary 8:30-9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Confirmation 2 CI 2
Fri 16	8:00-8:30 AM Rosary 8:30-9:00 AM Mass 09:00-10:00 AM Adoration
Sat 17	03:00 PM Confessions 04:00 PM Mass
Sun 18	08:00 AM Mass NF 09:30 AM BL 11:30 AM OLS

FINANCE REPORT*

Income Mar 20 to Mar 26, 2021	
First Collection	5898.39
2nd Coll Bishop's Relief	500.00
2d Coll Bishop's Appeal	1032.23
2nd Coll Maintenance	63.12
2nd Coll Flowers	54.00
Sacrament Fees	250.00
Mass Stipend	100.00
RED	9.49
Charity	9.50
TOTAL	7916.73

*Adjusted from last week: sum of contributions entered into the IconCMO and We Share databases.

