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April 18, 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

## Change in Daily Mass Schedule April 20 - May 28

While Fr. Maxy is in India celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination, we are not able to have Holy Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Instead there will be liturgy of the hours and exposition of the blessed sacrament.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed:

\* Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 9:00am.

\* Fridays from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed at 8:00am Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

School Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Clovis as usual at 8:00am on Thursdays

## Life With Christ



James Mark Call Baptism



Theo Brixton Dole Baptism

If you have any questions about our parish or would like to join, please contact our parish office

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**Confessions:** Sat. 3:30pm | **Daily Mass Time:** T-F 8:00am

**Sunday Mass Times:** Sat. 5:00pm | Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

For Prayer Requests: email [sjachurch.prayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:sjachurch.prayerchain@gmail.com)

## Pastor's Weekly Reflection – continued

His daily activity was closely bound up with prayer, and may be said to have flowed from it; we see this when he went into the desert or to the hills to pray; we are also told that he rose early in the morning to pray, and that he even spent the night in prayer to God, remaining until the fourth watch.

He too, as we well know, took part in the public prayers of the synagogue – when ‘as was his custom’ he entered on the sabbath – and in the prayers of the temple which he called a house of prayer. He also said those private prayers which pious Jews were accustomed to say every day. He said the customary blessings over meals, as is expressly narrated in the multiplication of the loaves, at the Last Supper, and at the meal in Emmaus, he likewise sang the psalms with his disciples.

What Jesus himself did, he also commands us to do. He often said, ‘Pray, ‘Ask’, ‘Seek’, in my name. He gave us the Lord’s Prayer to teach us how to pray. he instructed us on the necessity of prayer, and told us to be humble, watchful, persevering and

confident in the goodness of the Father, pure in intention and worthy of God. Let us follow Jesus’ command and pray.

This Easter you received the book, “Lord, teach us to Pray. I urge you to read it and use it to grow in your personal relationship with the Risen Lord. I also invite you to join the community at SJA and pray the Liturgy of the Hours; to contemplate Jesus in the blessed sacrament every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in the coming weeks.

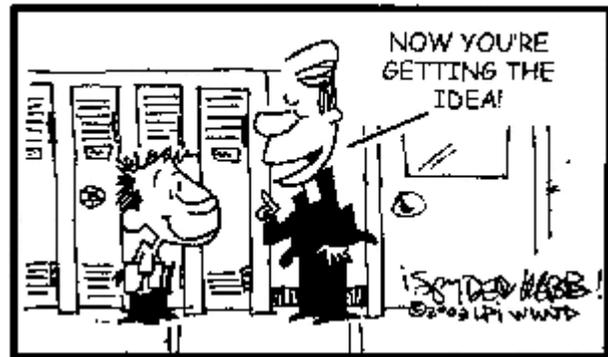
Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to travel to Goa on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and celebrate my Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee.

Many blessings,



Rev. Maxy D’Costa  
Pastor

### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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### Catholic Home Missions Collection April 25, 2021

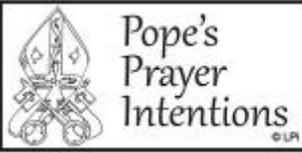
The bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

Did you know that over \$2 million from the 2019 Catholic Home Missions Appeal went to help priests and religious?

The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

The Subcommittee funds a range of pastoral services. However, it principally focuses on evangelization activities, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople; support of poor parishes across the country.

# PRAY



## APRIL - Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### Church Open During The Week For Prayer

The church will be open **Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm (Saturday - 8:00am - 3:00pm)** for personal prayer and reflection. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus. Please enter through the side door of the church.

### Parish-wide Bible Challenge - Mark 4:10-20

Fr. Maxy urges each of us to read and reflect on the Gospel of Mark this liturgical year. If you have already started reading Mark, that's great! This week, let's read Mark Chapter 4 verses 10-20. If you need a bible, please contact the parish office.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 9:00am, and Fridays at 8:00am to 4:00pm. We will begin with Liturgy of the Hours. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



### Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**  
**I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**  
**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.**  
**I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.**  
**Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

### 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.  
My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.

## World day of Prayer for Vocations April 25, 2021

We thank all who signed up last year on our 31-Day Vocations Prayer Calendar to pray for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Our goal is to pray have at least one person praying for vocations each day of the month for the calendar year.

If you wish to be added to our 31-day Vocations Prayer Calendar, please contact Paul and



Monique Harris and the SJA Vocations Ministry at Paulnmonique@comcast.net and we will add your name to our calendar. The current 31-Day Calendar is on display at the church side entrance. It is okay to have multiple persons praying for vocations on any day of the month so don't worry if someone may already have signed up for a given day.

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## Calendar and Mass Intentions

### Sat, April 17

7:00am Exodus 90, YR  
3:30-4:30pm Confessions  
5:00pm Mass - Penny Hegenbart †

### Sun, April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners  
10:30am Mass - Marta Trinidad †  
1:30pm Mass (Spanish)  
3:00pm Welcome Cafe - Sack Lunch  
6:30pm Bible Study, Chapel

### Mon, April 19

5:00am Exodus 91, YR  
6:00pm Boy Scouts, PC  
6:00pm Cub Scouts, YR

### Tues, April 20

6:30pm RCIA, Chapel

### Wed, April 21

6:15pm Bible Study, Chapel  
7:00pm Middle School Ministry, Rm 202  
7:00pm Youth Group & Confirmation, Library

### Thurs, April 22

8:00am Mass - Jim Elting †  
9:15am Bible Study, Chapel

### Fri, April 23

8:00am-4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Sat, April 24

7:00am Exodus 90, YR  
3:00pm Family of Faith Community Mtg, PC  
3:30-4:30pm Confessions  
5:00pm Mass - Jim Elting †

### Sun, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners  
10:30am Mass - Bob Modlin †  
1:30pm Mass (Spanish)



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## Sacraments and Services

**About Baptism Formation:** To begin the process, contact Ryan Mainard, Pastoral Associate: Phone 503-742-8228  
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**Marriage:** Couples that plan to get married, please contact our Parish Priest for Marriage Formation Classes 9 months prior to the desired wedding date. (pastor@sja-catholicchurch.com)

**Funeral Mass / Service:** Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

**Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/hospice:** If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility, please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

**Assisted Hearing System:** We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members. Contact the office.

### FORMED! Connect Now

Online Faith Formation Content.  
Visit [sja-catholicchurch.formed.org](http://sja-catholicchurch.formed.org) to register.

### Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Announcements due on the Friday, nine days before the Bulletin publication date. [bulletin@sja-catholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@sja-catholicchurch.com)

## Weekly Offertory

Week of March 7	\$ 6,962.00
Week of March 14	\$ 14,488.88
Week of March 28	\$ 14,951.53
Week of April 4th	\$ 10,360.59
Week of April 11th	\$ 15,165.03
YTD Budgeted	\$ 518,516.34
YTD Received	\$ 515,654.16
Difference	\$ (2,862.18)

## St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

"The food bank is in need of volunteers on Thursday afternoons from 2:45- 5:00 to distribute food. There will be minimal contact with clients. Please call Joane Linker at 503-656-7451 with questions or if you are able to help.



This week's need is soup.

# Pastor's Weekly Reflection

## The Sanctification of the Day

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter Season to you.

I want to reflect with you on the Importance of the Liturgy of the Hours or the Divine Office in the life of the Church as described in the breviary to inspire your devotion to this gift of sanctification. The public and communal prayer of the people of God is rightly considered among the first duties of the Church.

From the very beginning the baptized 'remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers' (Acts 2:42). Many times, the Acts of the Apostles testifies that the Christian community pray together. (Eph 5:19-21)

The testimony of the early Church shows that individual faithful also devoted themselves to prayer at certain hours. In various areas the practice soon gained ground of devoting special times of prayer in common. These were, for example, at the last hour of the day at dusk when the lamps were lighted, or at the first hour of the day when the rising sun dispelled the last shadow of night.

In the course of time other hours were also sanctified by communal prayer, hours which the Fathers judged were found in the Acts of the Apostles. For in the Acts the disciples are presented as coming together at the third hour. The prince of apostles 'went to the housetop at the sixth hour to pray; Peter and John were going up to the Temple for the prayers at the ninth hour; late that night Paul and Silas were praying and singing God's praises.

These prayers in common at the different Hours of the day gradually took on a more definite shape, which today we describe as the Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Office. Enriched with readings, it is principally a prayer of praise and supplication, indeed it is the prayer of the Church with Christ and to Christ.

### THE PRAYER OF CHRIST

The prayer of Christ to the Father: since he came to give the life of God to men, the Word who is the radiant light proceeding from the Father's glory, 'Christ Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, taking human nature, introduced into this earthly exile that hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven'. Thus, in the heart of Christ the praise of God finds expression in human words of adoration, propitiation and intercession; the head of renewed humanity and mediator of God prays to the Father in the name of and for the good of all mankind.

The Son of God himself 'who is one with his Father', who entering the world said, 'Here I am! I am coming, O God, to obey your will' (Hebrews 10:9), deigned to show us how he prayed. Again and again the Gospels tell us that he prayed: when his mission from the Father is revealed; before he calls the apostles; when he blesses God at the multiplication of the loaves; when he is transfigured on the mountain; when he heals the deaf-mute; when he raises Lazarus from the dead; before he asks Peter's confession of faith; when he teaches his disciples to pray; when the disciples return from their mission; when he blessed little children, and when he prays for Peter.

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## First Holy Communion



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