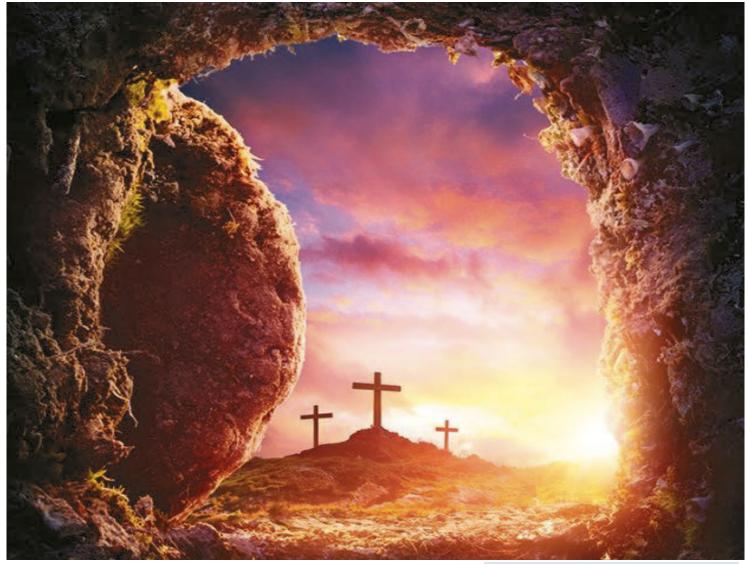


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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord



Mass Schedule ~ Reconciliation ~ Adoration

Weekend Masses

April

20, 2025

Saturday 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM (Español) Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM , 12:15 PM, 2:00 PM (Español) & 6:00 PM (Español)

Daily Mass 8:30 AM Monday—Saturday 7:00 PM Miércoles (Español) Reconciliation Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM Miércoles 6-7 PM (Español)

Adoration ~ Benediction Every Friday—9 AM till I PM and on First Friday 6 PM-9 PM



United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit.

EASTER 2025

Once again, the stone has been rolled back, the tomb is empty and the angels tell us *"He is risen as He said, Alleluia."*

We have journeyed the 40 days of Lent to reach this moment. Lent is now over and we stand in the light of the risen Christ.

With great joy I announce to you: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter Sunday, the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst.

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118).

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith. His Resurrection has given us reason to hope and reason to be confident. I pray that each one of us may be blessed this Easter.

I wish you all the joys of Easter and the blessings it brings to all of us.

Happy Easter!!!

Fr. Henry Noga SVD,

Pastor St. Joachim 2

PASCUA 2025

Una vez más, la piedra ha sido removida, la tumba está vacía y los ángeles nos dicen "*Ha resucitado como dijo, Aleluya*".

Hemos recorrido los 40 días de Cuaresma

para llegar a este momento. La Cuaresma ha terminado y estamos a la luz de Cristo resucitado.

Con gran alegría os anuncio: "¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Él ha resucitado!"

Este antiguo saludo resume lo que celebramos este Domingo de Resurrección, la alegría de Cristo resucitado y vivo en medio de nosotros.

*"Este es el día que hizo el Señor: regocijémonos y alegrémonos" (*Salmo 118).

La Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo es el fundamento y piedra angular de nuestra fe. Su Resurrección nos ha dado motivos de esperanza y motivos de confianza. Oro para que cada uno de nosotros sea bendecido en esta Pascua.

Les deseo todas las alegrías de la Pascua y las bendiciones que nos trae a todos.

¡¡¡Felices Pascuas!!!

Padre Henry Noga, SVD Pastor



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 20, 2025

Sun/Dom:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Mon/Lunes: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tues/Martes: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18

Wed/Mier:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35

Thurs/Juev: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:35-48

Fri/Vier: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Sat/Sab: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sun./Dom: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

THE WEEK AHEAD

Daily Mass: We will not have Daily mass -Monday thru Saturday morning this week, this also includes the Wednesday evening mass.

Office Closed: The Rectory office will be closed Monday thru Friday this week

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Parish Office Hours

Monday & Friday (lunes y viernes) 11:00 AM— 7:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday (martes y jueves) — 11:00 AM—5:00 PM Wednesday (miercoles) —1:00 PM– 7:00 PM Bilingual available Mon.,Wed, Fri (lunes, miercoles y viernes) — 3:00 PM– 7:00 PM

Rev. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 10 AM to 12 PM 5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment) lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes 10 AM a 12 PM 5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

Rev. Emilio Reyes, SVD

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Confirmation Coordinator

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Church Ministries

Amigos de Cristo Bible Study—Sp Fil-Am Ministry Guadalupanos Knights of Columbus—Eng/Sp Lectors Eng/Sp Legion of Mary—Eng/Sp Ministry to the Sick—Eng/Sp Music Ministry—Eng/Sp

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VATICAN CORNER

The April 8, 2025 message from the

Vatican Press Office was that Pope Francis has shown slight health improvements and continues to work while convalescing. His lung infection is "still ongoing though decreasing." He shows "slight improvements in voice and mobility" as a result of continued respiratory and motor physiotherapies and is continuing to use nasal tubes throughout the day and receiving high-flow oxygenation treatment "at night" or "as needed." He does work and concelebrates Mass each day at his Casa Santa Marta residence. Thousands of pilgrims have been flocking to Rome from around the world for the 2025 Jubilee Year, held every 25 years as a celebration and a time of forgiveness and reconciliation, but the Pope's absence due to his illness has been deeply felt. Pilgrims have been



hoping to catch a glimpse of Francis. One example is a group of 85 Russian Catholic pilgrims who had planned their archdiocesan Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome for years. Despite difficulties, they arrive in March when Francis was in the Gemelli Hospital, so it was impossible to meet with him as planned. The dozen priests, two nuns and numerous lay faithful joined with others outside the hospital to pray for his recovery and for "the peace that is not there". They were able to bond with the Pope spiritually and said they felt very strongly the closeness with him. Another example is a Dinora Ramirez, a pilgrim from Honduras, with tears in her eyes, who said "We were hoping we could see him", as she prepared to cross through St. Peter's Basilica's holy door, and saying "Our hearts are aching." Due to his serious illness, Pope Francis has been missed at his regular Wednesday general audiences, where he greets visitors and pilgrims, and his Sunday Angelus prayer, and on Ash Wednesday. Mario Maurer 27, a theology student said "The Pope is not here and you can feel it". He had come to Rome on a pilgrimage for the Jubilee. "There is a cardinal who can read the text, and that's OK, but the Pope is a whole other category." But despite his doctor's instructions to get two months of rest and their warnings, Pope Francis has not given up meeting with people, even though he knowns his health could be at risk. He is showing us that even though circumstances may sometimes require a "virtual" approach due to hospitalization, or the pandemic, or inability to travel, an in-person encounter is irreplaceable. Jonah Berger, 24 a Dutch Catholic who attended the Ash Wednesday Mass said we should not dwell on the Pope's absence and that "Pope Francis would agree that we should focus on the presence of Jesus, rather than anyone of us." However, Pope Francis did surprise pilgrims by appearing at the end of the closing Mass for the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers. Hundreds of faithful had gathered in St. Peter's Square on April 6, and they received him enthusiastically around 11:45 a.m. local time. In his homily for the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers, read aloud by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the Pope referenced the prophet Isaiah and illness and healing. He wrote "The sickbed can become a holy place, where charity burns away indifference and gratitude nourishes hope." Referencing his own experience, he wrote illness "can make us feel like the people in exile ... or like the woman in the Gospel, it can also become a place of encounter, a 'school' in which we learn to love and be loved with humility and grace." Pope Francis thanked the health-care professionals and encouraged them to receive every patient as an opportunity to renew their sense of humanity. His words acknowledged the challenges facing medical workers, including inadequate working conditions and even instances of aggression against them. Francis said "Let us not banish suffering from our surroundings, let us not exclude those who are frail." Instead, he called for God's love to transform suffering into "a space of communion and growth."

Sources: catholicnewsagency.com, vaticannews.va, theguardian.com., nytimes.com,



MASS INTENTIONS April 19-26, 2025

Saturday 8:00 PM

Val & Lita Pilapil(60th wedding anniversary) Martinez-Guzman Family

(special intention) Emmy Sarahi McEntee (healing) Calderon Porcelin family (healing) Romeo Laureta † Homer & Anita Ludwig † Sam, Juanita, & John Anderson † Elida Jimenez Rojas †

Sunday 7:30 AM

Taguinod Family (thanksgiving) Erico & Rosemarie Parras (special inten-

tion) Ana Marie Ramos † Arnold & Emmanuel Dizon † Ana, Allan & Angel Sanchez † Souls in Purgatory †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Edgar Delos Angeles † Lazaro Arquero † Ernesto Salta († *birthday*) Ariel Dacir † David Tayco † Dalmacio & Mercedes Solis † Ruby & Joseph Santos †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Sergio & Ofel Bautista

(50th wedding anniversary)

Norma Garcia (*birthday*) Susie Jane Guiao (*healing*) Margaret Strelow + Elmer & Mary Ann Kriewaldt + Alejandra Lastica + Leoncio Jarligo Jr. + Dr. Thomas Nixt (+ *birthday*) Leticia Villanueva Mendez +

Sunday 12:15 PM

Alfred Perez (birthday) Orlando Ebalo Jr. (healing) Rebecca Caro & Sons (special intention) Aniano Jacinto(+ birthday) Pedro Renteria Garcia + Geronimo M. Secoquian + Martha Loza de Vasquez +



Sunday 2:00 PM

Guadalupe Calderon(*cumpleanos*) Rebecca Caro & Sons (*special intention*) Manuel, Paula & David Cruz †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Rebecca Caro & Sons (*special intention*) Ernesto Ramirez † Elodia Gonzalez † Monday 8:30 AM No mass Tuesday 8:30 AM No mass Wednesday 8:30 AM No mass Wednesday 7:00 PM No mass Thursday 8:30 AM No mass Friday 8:30 AM No mass Saturday 8:30 AM No mass



The Search

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: God. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It's a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. He's left us, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you. ©LPi

<u>La búsqueda</u>

dos están intentando encontrar a Dios. Tal vez no lo admitan, ni siquiera lo sepan. Quizá hablen de ello o evitan decir el nombre, a otros y a ellos mismos: Dios. Pero estoy seguro que todas las personas nacidas en este mundo pasaron sus vidas buscándolo – en algún lugar, de alguna manera, aunque el único lugar donde pensaron buscar fue en el dinero o en las drogas.

Es un hecho reconfortante, en verdad: un recordatorio de cuanto nos parecemos todos nosotros, católicos, judíos, musulmanes, ateos, ricos, pobres, negros o blancos. Si lo analizamos bien, la historia de la humanidad es una escena de mañana de Pascua que nunca cesa de repetirse. El dolor, el impacto, la confusión, una y otra vez, tan pronto cada niño recién nacido abre sus ojos, comienza la búsqueda de nuevo. ¿A dónde se fue? ¿Qué pasó? ¿Dónde lo encuentro?

No es suficiente la catequesis. Aún aquellos que aprenden sobre Jesucristo, los que aceptan su palabra, se mantienen vacilantes afuera del sepulcro, temerosos de entrar. El mejor amigo de Jesús, el discípulo amado, corrió más rápido que Pedro; estaba tan desesperado por encontrar a su Señor. Sin embargo, cuando llegó al sepulcro y lo vio vacío, se espantó, se quedó paralizado.

Algunas veces, esperamos que Dios esté justo allí donde lo dejamos — en cierta parroquia, con un cierto sacerdote, en una cierta relación, en un cierto trabajo. Llegamos y se nos rompe el corazón al ver que nuestras expectativas han sido puestas de cabeza. Dios nos ha dejad — pensamos, muy decepcionados — pero nos equivocamos.

Dios no ha abandonado a nadie. Solo están aquellos que dejaron de buscarlo.

No permitas que los sepulcros vacíos te definan. Es la búsqueda lo que te define. ©LP





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