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6400 Saint Therese Way ♦ San Diego CA 92120-3018

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30am;
and 5:00pm

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday, 8:30am

CONFESIONS / PENANCE

Saturday - 3:00pm

CLERGY

Fr. Devdas Masillamony, *Pastor*

Fr. William Stevenson

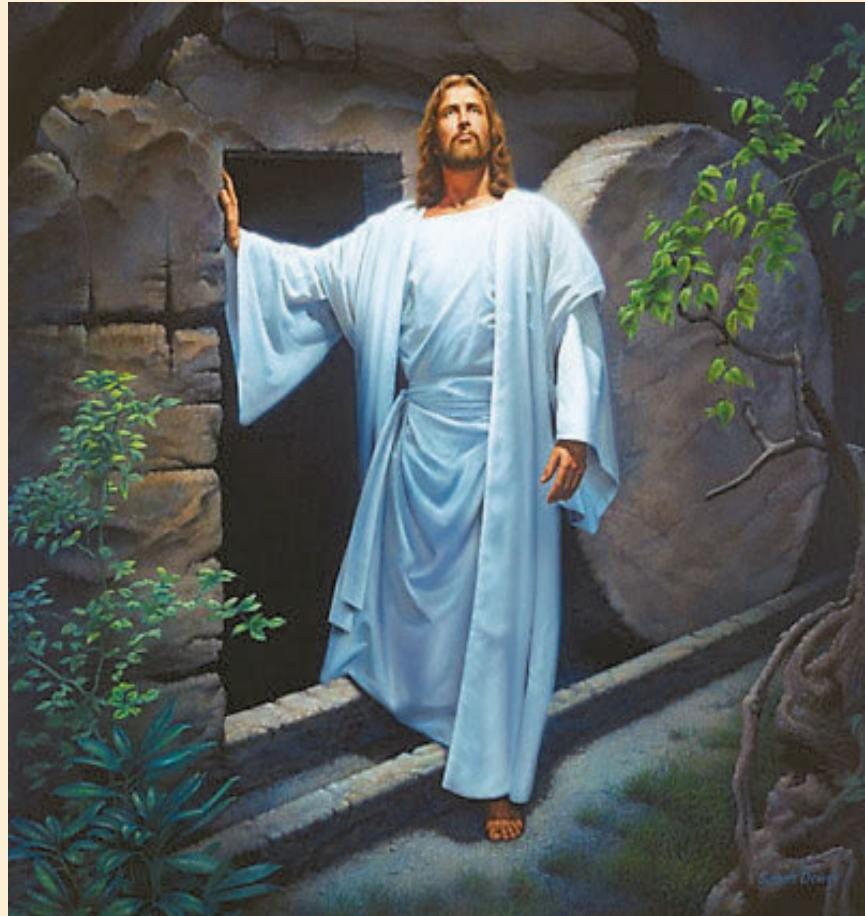
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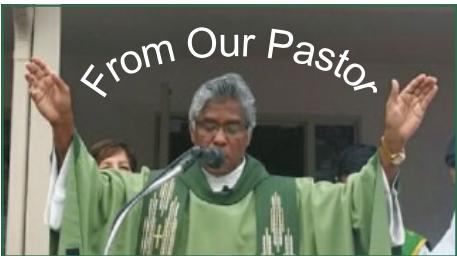
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“Jesus Christ Risen from the Grave”



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“Do not be amazed, but go and tell his disciples . . . He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” The cruel death of Jesus had shaken the faith of the apostles to their core. Everything seemed over; all their dreams had crumbled, and their hopes had been shattered. However, in the gloom of darkness and amid uncertainty and fear, something happened that changed their lives and their understanding of Jesus and His mission. Yes, the tomb was empty, not because the body had been stolen as Mary

Magdalene initially thought, but because Jesus had risen from the dead. The disciples encountered the risen Lord, not as a spirit, but as a Living Person that they had known and shared a meal with in the weeks and years before the events of Good Friday. Their encounter with the risen Lord became true when the women received a command to go to Galilee and tell the disciples what they had seen and witnessed, the risen Lord.

Galilee is an important place in the Gospels. Galilee is the place where Jesus performed His first miracle; Galilee is where the apostles were first called, and it is where everything began. The apostles walked and worked with Jesus on the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus first called the disciples, they left everything and followed Him. Galilee is where Jesus asked his disciples to return to when He rose from the dead. To “return to Galilee” means to reread everything on the basis of the cross and victory, to reread everything starting from the end, which is a new beginning, from this supreme act of love.

For each of us, too, there is a “Galilee” at the origin of our journey with Jesus, at the origin of our faith. To “go to Galilee” means something beautiful; it means rediscovering our baptism as a living fountainhead, drawing new energy from the sources of our faith and our Christian experience. “Returning to Galilee” means understanding and experiencing the Risen Lord in our hearts and bearing witness to Him. It means to rekindle the fire of faith received in baptism and to grow in a deeper relationship with the Lord.

The apostles, having encountered the risen Lord in Galilee, shared their experience with others with courage and hope. They preached a message of hope to people who had lost hope. They told all who would listen to them: “Your sins are forgiven by Jesus who is alive and with you. Your hearts are comforted by the love of Jesus who is alive and with you. Your minds are enlightened by Jesus who is alive and with you. Your struggles with yourself are no longer yours alone, but you have Jesus alive and with you.” It is a message of hope that we are not alone in our struggles but Jesus, the risen Lord, is with us. Do not forget this, especially when you encounter challenges because of living your faith and living the Gospel values.

This message of hope from the apostles has been passed down to us in the teachings of the Church and in the written words of Scripture. When Paul wrote his first letter, when Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote their Gospels many years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, this message of hope was central to their writings. They wrote not as reporters intent on getting the facts straight, but as believers bursting to share the Good News so that we can live in hope in God who is alive and with us.

When we look around at our lives, families, and communities, we may encounter many heart-breaking incidents. When husbands and wives, children and parents no longer communicate, we cry out, “Where is it all going, and when is it all going to end?” When we come into contact with people living in poverty, homelessness, with physical and mental illnesses, with sin or addiction, not just around us, but also in our own homes and personal lives, we may feel that the forces of evil are winning. When we reflect on all that is happening in our lives and around us, we may be tempted to feel the despair of the apostles in the pre-dawn hours of that first Easter. In such situations, the Lord tells us, “Do not be afraid; return to Galilee.” Our hope in the face of problems, such as death, weakness, crime, suffering, war and terrorism lies in hearing, accepting, living and proclaiming that same message, “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.”

On this day of joy, I wish you all, my dear parishioners, a Blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts, homes, and families with joy, hope, and peace. I also want to express my profound gratitude to all who helped during this season, especially those who helped with the Holy Week liturgies who made them such wonderful celebrations of faith. I pray for every one of you that the Risen Lord may bless you, your homes, and our wonderful parish community, and that we may continue to grow in faith and share that faith with courage like Mary Magdalene in the Gospel.



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Have a Blessed Easter!

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The brochures, which describe the many programs and ministries that are supported by your contribution for the Annual Catholic appeal and how the funds are designated, have been mailed out to all parishioners. You can turn in your envelope to the Parish Office, or in Sunday's collection.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

come join us in thanksgiving for God's Mercy!!!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Celebration: **Sunday, April 7th, 2:00 PM** at St. Therese. Let us join together with hundreds of thousands across the world who have responded to this message of God's mercy and have found hope, healing and answers to many prayers. This great Feast marks the end of the Octave of Easter and it is a time of great rejoicing in God's greatest attribute, His Mercy.

Anthony Jimenez will present a talk and will lead us in Adoration, Praise and Worship music, Veneration of the Divine Mercy image as well as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❖

Parish Office CLOSED: The Parish Office will be Closed on Monday, April 1st.

Youth Group - Refuge: Spring Break

There will be **NO Refuge Meeting on Monday, April 1st** due to Spring Break. Refuge will be back meeting in Fred's Place on Monday, April 8th.



Thank you! Easter Flower Donation

Thank you for contributing toward the Easter Flowers and making our church look beautiful for Easter! We really appreciate your donation and support!

Anointing of the Sick:

The next 'Anointing of the Sick' will be on **Saturday, April 6th, following the 5:00 pm Mass**. We invite those who are having health issues or planning a medical procedure in the near future to participate in this healing Sacrament. For those who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing, please sit in the front pews, close to the Tabernacle.

The Rest Stop - Men's Bible Study

Join us in the St. Louis Martin Room every other Tuesday, to reflect on the Sunday readings and pray for each other and our loved ones.

Our next meeting: April 2nd

We start at 7:00 PM with pizza and refreshments. Please call Mick Parada at 619-913-0655 to get on the email list & receive reminders.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Communion and/or a visit at home or another place of residence, please contact Dave Backensto at 619-464-0508, or the Parish Office at 619-582-3716.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



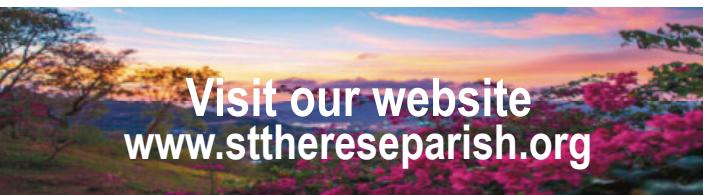
The baskets in the vestibule are waiting for your non perishable food items such as cereal, canned vegetables or fruits, baby food, pasta, tuna, and the list goes on. All donations are taken to the food pantry at Our Lady of Grace, where our parishioners in need can go for food.

Adoration Chapel Hours



6:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Daily



CHRISM MASS



Having recently been the recipient of receiving the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, where the Sacred Oil of the Sick was used, our family was honored to represent St. Therese Parish at the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 21st, at Good Shepherd Church, Mira Mesa. We had the opportunity to be present when the Sacred Oils were blessed. These Holy Oils will be used in our Parish over the next year in several sacraments. It was an incredible experience that my husband, children and I will never forget. Especially knowing that this very oil will be used in the upcoming Easter Vigil Mass on the RCIA candidates holds a special place in our hearts.

In addition to the blessing of the Oils, we had a chance to witness over 100 priests renew their priestly commitment in the presence of the bishop. This beautiful experience became even more special when we realized the Mass

was being celebrated by Cardinal McElroy. My children were in awe watching as all the priests processed in, followed by the bishops and then Cardinal McElroy. As they were all processing in, our kids kept watching for Fr. Devdas but became worried when all the priests had entered but we didn't see him. Their excitement when they realized he was walking in last with the bishops and Cardinal to sit in the front pew was so precious!!

This is a memory we will hold dear to our hearts, and we are grateful that Jesus has given us these visible signs in the Sacraments to encounter him even closer.

- Amanda Stopper



St. Therese Academy

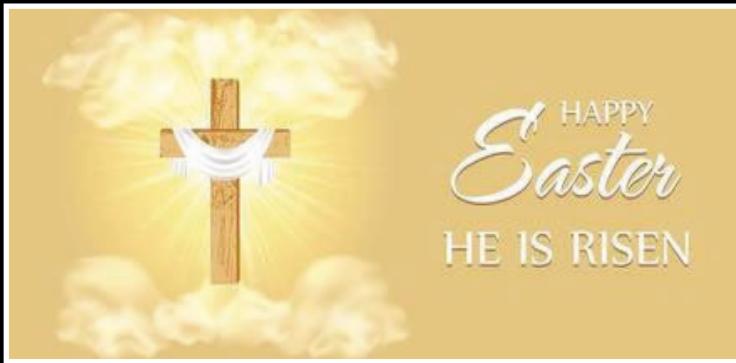


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The 5th grade field trip to BizTown allowed our students to step into the shoes of business professionals. The program consists of daily lessons in advance of the field trip. On field trip day, the students visit the McGrath Family JA BizTown. This is a 10,000-square-foot mini-city comprised of 21 life-sized San Diego businesses where students connect the lessons learned in the classroom to 'real-world' applications. They run a business, earn paychecks, open bank accounts, pay taxes, vote, and are challenged to earn a profit in their business. Their experience is monumental and prepares them for a lifetime of learning and academic achievement.



The Academy will be closed for
Easter Break
March 28th - April 7th

**School will resume on
Monday, April 8th at 8:00 a.m.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1st

8:30am + Sr. Betty Igo

Tuesday, April 2nd

8:30am - Int. of Gina Malvar & Baron Ah Moo

Wednesday, April 3rd

8:30am - Int. of the Kitajima Family, Liv. & Dec.

Thursday, April 4th

8:30am + Gottfried Hermann

Friday, April 5th

8:30am + Beverly Scarano

Saturday, April 6th

8:00pm + Richard Ham

Sunday, April 7th

8:00am + Alejandro Aruta

10:30am - K of C Members, Liv. & Dec.

5:00pm + Patty Rlingel

Prayers of the Faithful

Please pray for the following who are ill, their families, and those who care for them, especially:

Arturo Jimenez-Vera, Dave Backensto, Elizabet Palacios, McKinley Geddis, Beverly Mascari, Melanie Fox, Sharri Northcutt, Anne McCormick, Joann Livingston, Prudence Price, Ray Raban, Jim Taddonio, Shirley Cileski, Jan Nugent, Theresia Letzring, Joseph Twomey, Cheryl Asaro, James Penta, Joe Gruzinsky, Bob Hahn, Irene Zens, Dr. James Tasto, Bill Smith, Landen Kornacki, Mila Sabino, Joan Cote, Therese Luu, Charles Negus, Sue Mitchell, John Osmond, Susan Butera, Juan Carlos Castro, Lynn Garcia, Irma Villavicencio, Ricardo Valadez, Martin Breceda, Remy Maloney, John Perez, Karen Clarke, Jean Johnson, Barbara Culver, Pat Burke, Irene Pohto, Donna Arthur, Shawkat Hallak, Lois Fernkes, and Frances Benito

COLLECTION REPORT

March 23-24, 2024	\$	18,407.00
Plate	\$	1,986.00
Envelopes	\$	7,989.00
Online Giving	\$	3,432.00



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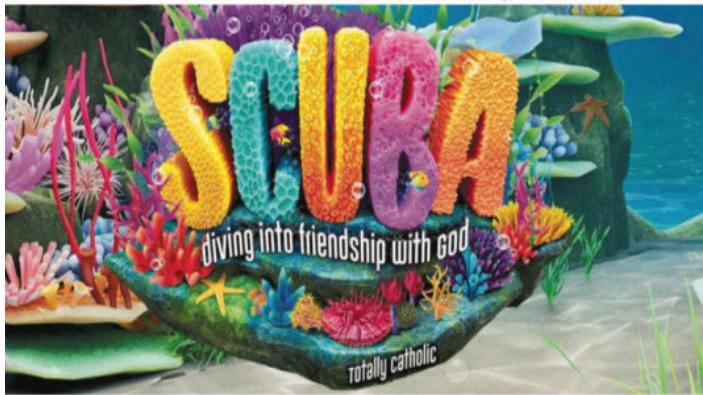
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 8TH – 12TH, 2024

If you are interested in having your child attend VBS at St. Therese, or

If you would like to be a member of the TEAM - Crafts, Decorations, Music, Group Leader, Outdoor Games, Snacks, Teaching, please scan the QR Code or email: SaintThereseVBS@gmail.com

If you would like to be a part of the planning team,

Please contact Shawna Rosa: 619-368-7471 or email: SaintThereseVBS@gmail.com



THE '50 PLUS' SOCIAL CLUB

APRIL 17TH LUNCHEON



The mission of the St. Therese '50 Plus' Social Club is to provide parish seniors with an opportunity for interaction, volunteerism, and community activism. The club fosters a spirit of fun and service for the seniors of St. Therese Parish and encourages their involvement in community life.

Wine and lemonade are served around 11:15am; lunch will be served at 12:00pm; Bingo begins at 1:00pm

St. Therese Catholic Parish '50 Plus' Social Club
April 17th Lunch Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Number of People Attending: _____ Cash or Check \$: _____

- ◆ Make your \$13 check payable to: St. Therese Catholic Parish; 50 Plus Social Club on the Memo Line
- ◆ Mail this form and your cash/check to: Mo Kojis, 7652 Stevenson Way, San Diego, CA. 92120
- ◆ Checks and forms must be received by Saturday, April 13th. Walk-Ins will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Mo Kojis: 619-994-9818



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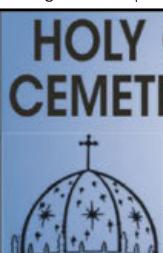
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