

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, April 19

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Tuesday, April 20

Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, April 21

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Thursday, April 22

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, April 23

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, April 24

Saturday of the Third Week of Easter

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Quote of the Week

“Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19).

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

4/5 – 4/11

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,920.63
Weekday, Holy Thurs. & Good Fri.	\$ 967.40
Online Giving	\$ 4,162.72
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 450.00
Total Offertory	\$ 12,500.75

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 25,175.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 276.44
Holy Land	\$ 72.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 2,918.00
Total	\$ 40,972.19

Living the Liturgy

- Find three texts from the prophets that speak of the necessity of suffering for the Messiah. Reflect prayerfully on how the texts were fulfilled in the life of Jesus.
- Find a song that somehow reminds you of God's mercy. Sometime this week, play the song as you reread today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles.
- Raise your family's awareness of justice issues by making them a daily point of discussion. Help your child decorate a box or basket to keep on your dining table. Encourage family members to make notes to put in the box or basket, or if they can't write, to draw pictures that bring to mind instances encountered each day that raise questions of justice and peace. Discuss these over meals. Discuss decisions made by TV characters, and talk about the truths and partial truths you encounter in advertising.

Sharing the Faith

- Peter emerges in the early Church as a powerful leader. Do you know anyone who, like Peter, overcame faults and insecurity to make a positive contribution?
- The root of the word *disobedience* means “not listening.” Given that, what does it mean to obey?
- Are there any quietly festering issues of fear, frustration, or resentment within your household that need to be addressed with love and justice so that you can enjoy true peace?

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Giving

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April 18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 | 1 John 2:1-5a | Luke 24:35-48

The suffering and death of Christ remain a stumbling block for many. Why did God's Son have to suffer? The Acts of the Apostles makes it clear that God had announced beforehand that "his Christ would suffer" (3:18). So, suffering was part of the divine plan. Some reject that notion outright because, they say, it makes God a sadist who takes some kind of twisted pleasure in the suffering of his Son. But suffering is not God's invention, nor his remedy for human sin. It's the natural consequence of sin. When a child neglects a parent's warning not to poke fingers in a socket, the subsequent pain is not the parent's punishment for disobedience, it's the natural result of the child's action. In his mercy, God allowed Christ to suffer for us, to take upon himself the natural consequences of our sins. We put our fingers in the outlet, but Christ absorbed the shock. It's that simple. Luke repeats what's said in Acts: "it is written that the Christ would suffer" (24:46). Humans sinned, and sin has consequences. Even God couldn't undo that. So, the consequences had to fall on us or on someone else.

By taking on those consequences, Jesus made it possible for us to "repent . . . and be converted" (Acts 3:19). If we paid the price of our own salvation, we wouldn't need repentance. We could just suffer. But repentance brings us under the umbrella of grace Christ won through his suffering. He paid the price, and we get the benefits!

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Fourth Sunday of Easter"

Acts 4:8-12 | Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 36, 28, 29 | 1 John 3:1-2 | John 10:11-18

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24: 48

A Blessed Third Sunday of Easter!

I continue to greet you all with joy and gladness as we are still in the Easter Season. Two Sundays ago, we celebrated as one community of faith, Jesus' triumph over sin and death. Such triumph is not contained only on that one Sunday but will forever be celebrated every time we celebrate the Mass. At Mass, we relive and celebrate the mysteries of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

As we continue this Easter journey, we hear the testimonies of Jesus' appearances to His Disciples. Every time He appeared to them, they were all caught in fear, joy, amazement, wonder, and faith. Even before all these took place, He already assured them that He would rise from the dead after His Passion and Death. Of course, it was not easy for them to accept these words. They were so much afraid that they locked themselves up for fear of the Jews. After three days, Jesus appeared to them to let them know the truth about His words. His appearances to them were moments to strengthen their faith in Him and be witnesses to all that He taught. Like any ordinary person, the disciples would look for proof to deepen their faith and probably needed more appearances that Jesus indeed was raised from the dead. His disciples came to believe in Him, and they became witnesses to the faith we have now. Jesus' statement in last Sunday's Gospel resounds clearly for us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The resurrection and eye-witness accounts that we hear from the disciples during this Easter Season are provided for us to deepen our faith in the Risen Lord too. It is now our turn as we have received the gift of faith at our baptism to be witnesses to the Lord. We are called to be bearers of His words today. We are called to witness the truth. We are called to give life to His words of compassion and mercy. We do this by showing forgiveness, sharing our generosity, and work for justice and peace in this time. In this way, we provide meaning and new life to this word. Pope Francis calls and challenges all Christian faithful to bring the joy of the Gospel to the world.

At times, our faith is weak, and we lose our hope. We wonder and thread a different path, especially when we could hardly understand what is happening when life problems are overwhelming. Like Jesus, He continues to reveal Himself to us in many different ways assuring us of His continued presence. What we need to do is to be like His disciples, ready to embrace with a docile heart to listen and believe in Him. Confirming our faith in Him will makes us His witnesses that can bring light, joy, and peace to this broken world we live in.

Keep the faith, always!

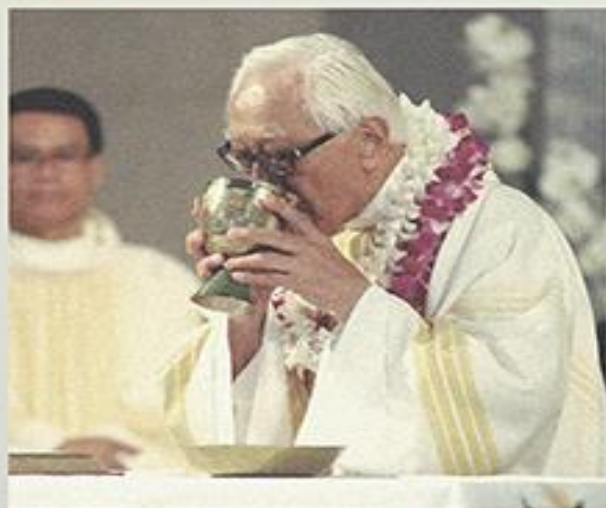
Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual

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DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 24 & 25

Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their elder years. *They were there for us. Let's be there for them now.*



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