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April 12, 2026

REGULAR MASS TIMES

DAILY MASS: 9:00 am
FIRST FRIDAY: 7:30 pm
Mass Adoration until 10pm
SATURDAY: 9:00 am
(Vigil) 4:30 pm
(en español) 6:00 pm
SUNDAY: 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
(Youth) 5:00 pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

PRIESTS & DEACONS

PASTOR

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Salvador Lopez-Ramirez
SdeJ.

RETIRED IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Francisco Figueroa-Esquer

DEACONS

Dn. Ben Agustin

OFFICE STAFF:

Aura Mendieta, Business
Manager

Teena Posas, Youth Ministry
Director

Christine Suarez, Faith
Formation & RCIA Director
Michael Chio, Music Director
Sr. Christine Le, Bookkeeper

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism

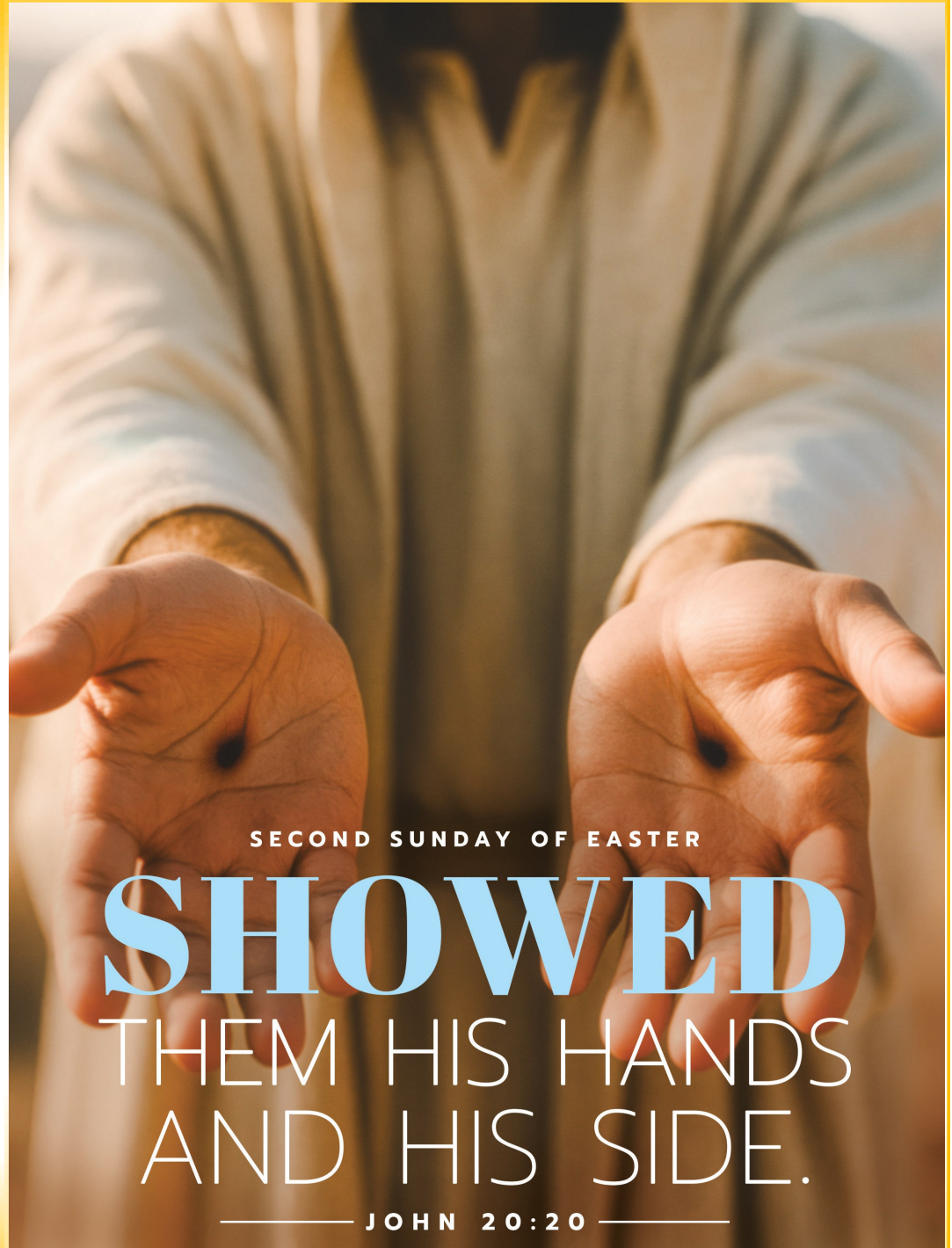
4th Saturday of the month call
the Parish Office.

Wedding

Call the Parish Office at least 6
months ahead.

Funeral

Call to coordinate with the staff.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SHOWED
THEM HIS HANDS
AND HIS SIDE.

— JOHN 20:20 —

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Fax (510) 724-9185 Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturdays: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th of each month: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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Reflections



My dear friends in Christ,

I pray that you and your loved ones experienced a truly blessed and joyful Easter Sunday!

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter—also known as Divine Mercy Sunday—we gather with hearts filled with gratitude and joy. Having journeyed together through Lent, the sacred days of the Holy Triduum, and the glorious celebration of Easter, we now pause to give thanks to God for the abundance of His mercy and love.

This holy season would not have been as meaningful or prayerful without the dedication, generosity, and faith of so many within our parish community. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who so selflessly offered their time, talent, and energy—our liturgical ministers, including musicians, the Media Team, Environment and decoration volunteers, sacristans, altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, as well as our Faith Formation, OCIA, and Youth Ministry teams, our parish staff, and all volunteers. To those who served quietly behind the scenes, often unseen yet essential—thank you. If I have unintentionally omitted anyone, please accept my sincere apologies and deepest appreciation.

Because of your commitment, we were able to create a reverent and welcoming space in which we could more deeply encounter the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. Through your service, the beauty and richness of our faith were made visible and tangible to all.

In today's Gospel (John 20:19–31), we encounter the Risen Christ appearing to His disciples, who were gathered in fear behind locked doors. Into their uncertainty and anxiety, Jesus enters with a message of peace: *"Peace be with you."* He comes not with judgment, but with mercy—breathing His Spirit upon them and sending them forth on a mission of forgiveness and reconciliation.

We also reflect on the experience of Thomas, who struggled to believe without seeing. In his doubt, we recognize something of our own human experience. Yet Jesus meets him with patience and compassion, inviting him to touch His wounds and believe. This powerful encounter reminds us that faith is not the absence of doubt, but a trust that deepens even amid uncertainty.

This Gospel invites us to open the "locked doors" of our own hearts—our fears, doubts, and hesitations—and allow Christ to enter with His peace. It calls us to become witnesses of His Resurrection, bringing His mercy into our families, workplaces, and communities. Like the disciples, we are sent forth as instruments of forgiveness, compassion, and hope in a world yearning for healing.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded that God's mercy is revealed through acts of love and service. Each of you has been a living instrument of that mercy, reflecting Christ's compassion to others.

May the Risen Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity, and may His Divine Mercy continue to guide and strengthen you in all that you do.

With sincere gratitude and Easter joy, I remain your servant in Christ, Fr. Geoffrey.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT FAITH FORMATION/PARISH EVENTS



CONFIRMATION

THIS WEEK for Grades 7 to 12

For attendance or questions, contact your child's teachers as soon as possible. For specific questions, contact Teena Posas - Youth Ministry Director at 510-741-4900 ext. 1010 or by email tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

**** 2026 EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY applications:** We invite young people in grades 10 to 12, or young adults in college or who have finished college, to consider joining our peer ministry team. Being in peer ministry offers the opportunity to grow stronger in faith, join a welcoming community, increase one's skill set, and be a role model for teenagers. Applications for 2026-2027 Emmaus Peer Ministry are available, and are due by April 27. Please visit <https://campsite.bio/ymsjcpinole> to access the Google form application. Questions, please contact Teena Posas.

**** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (7th & 8th gr)** - Questions, contact Ms. Diona or Mr. Marwin. Parents and students must be seated in the church at 4:45 PM on Sunday April 12 for the 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for attendance after Mass has ended. Our next classes are on Wednesdays April 15 and 22. Students must BRING their book bag of supplies to class. Parents and students must continue to follow our traffic guidelines.

**** YOUTH FIRST COMMUNION (2nd yr, 7th and up)** - Questions or to check specific dates that apply to your child, contact Ms. Cecilia. Parents and students are required to go to the Sunday April 12, 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for attendance after Mass has ended. We return as a full class group on Wednesdays April 15 and 22. Students must BRING their book bag of supplies to class. Parents and students must continue to follow our traffic guidelines.

**** YOUTH MINISTRY (1st yr, 9th to 12th gr)** - Questions, contact the Youth Ministry Director. Parents and students must be seated in the church at 4:45 PM on Sunday April 12 for the 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for attendance after Mass has ended. We return to the GYM on Monday, April 13 from 6:30 to 8:10 PM. This class will help us prepare for next weekend's youth ministry retreat. Students must arrive

on time at the retreat center on April 18, and be picked up on time on April 19.

**** CONFIRMATION (2nd yr, 10th to 12th gr) -**

Questions, contact your teachers. We return to the GYM for class on Sunday, April 12 at 2:30 pm. Parents and students must be seated in the church at 4:45 PM on April 12 for the 5:00 PM Mass. Check in for attendance after Mass has ended. Everyone must BRING their book bag of supplies to class.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWSLETTER

May 30 gathering for young adults: Young adults from across the Diocese of Oakland are invited to Anointed 2026 on May 30 at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont. Anointed 2026 is a gathering for inspiration and empowerment for Catholic young adult disciples. If you or you know someone seeking to grow deeper in faith — please share this invitation and mark your calendars. The day will be an opportunity to gather with other young adults living their Catholic faith, hear inspiring keynote presentations, take part in practical breakouts, meet other young adults from across the diocese, and grow deeper in faith and community. Questions, contact Joseph Nufable at jnufable@oakdiocese.org or 510-267-8389. Joseph Nufable is the Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Oakland.



GRIEF SUPPORT:

An Evening with Wanda & Jonathan It is on Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8pm. It is a peer ministry and drop in session. That means that we are group of people sharing our experience of grief along with each other. Being a drop in session means you can come when you can if you are not able to make it one week that's okay. You can come the next week or when you can. Here is the link there is no password necessary. If you would like to reach out to
Wanda: wandatziemba@gmail.com or
Jonathan: Jonathan.lisowski@gmail.com
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://ccsf-edu.zoom.us/j/85965778722>

WEEKLY PRAYER

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46-47)

Psalm: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading: Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

Gospel: Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 05, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS & FAMILIES

Air Force- Gino Dela Rosa, Niko Dela Rosa, Jenna Keomany, Maxine Lucas, Alan Serrano, Chris Trias, Julian Trias

Army- Angel Caliz, Shawn Bets Chart, Ricky Fata, Andrew Fontejon, Darryl Jason Garcia, Jack Moneymaker, Jorge Rodriguez, Justine RB Sangui, Benjamin Serrano, Darren Espeleta

Coast Guard- Meagan Toomey

Navy- Terrence Bauer, Austin Bressler, Leslie Lag Damen, Christopher Dolan, Carlo Evangelista, Dean Trias, Jasmin Trias

National Guard- Rebecca Sabatini,

Marines- Carlos Aguilera, Richard Antonucci, Joseph Belman, Julian Chan, Carlo Spampinato, Pedro Mazar Egos, Jacob Rudis, Dariell Diaz

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ron Acuna, Virginia P. Alday, Jeannette Alm, Harper Ananyev, Dan Aquino, Joseph Avalos, Kristal Librato Baughn, Gil Bautista, William Black, Larry Burkhart, Diane Butson, David Cardwell, Dennis Chattell, Pamela Chong, Laura Corona, Kevin Coughlin, Patria & Manolito Crizaldo, Zenaida Cuizon, Erin Curry, Ludelia Datlag, Virgilio de la Vega, Marietta Domingo, Denise



Elias, Elizabeth Espanola, Aurora Fronda, Mary Ellen Gillis, Flor Gonzalez, Alexandra Gorgoletis, Elam & Claire Goundar, Alicia Guzman, Ceretta Morgan Hardin, Bill Harper, Nancy Holiday, Lauren Kizer, Jeff M. Ibrahim, Joe Knoblauch, Tony Lagasca, Jack Lam, Jerin Lazaro, Paulette Lemmon, Xavier Manga Lindan, Antonio Lopez, Rich & Marcela Kral, Joseph Magaoay, Imelda F. Magat, Flor Malicsi, Nida Monzon, Jaime Ocampo, Ruby Ochoa, Severina Olivito, Carlos Paredes, Claudette Peters, Jenna Peters, Maria Isabel Perez, Leticia F. Poblete, Patricia Rangel, Connie Ibara Ramirez, Deborah Reyna, Jim Richards, Flo Rodich, Leopoldo Rodriguez, Lee Rondeau, Michael Edward Rossi, Edwin Salgado, Lolita Santos, Romeo Santos, Leo Sendaydiego, Helene Staniszewski, Tim & Tom Taliaferro, Boris Tobar, Bernard F. & Abraham S. Trinidad, Joseph S. Trinidad, Jeffrey Tayag, Yolanda Tayag, Joy Wi, Peter Wongworavit, Lawrence Young

MASS INTENTION

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00AM Rosemary Caraleno †

Rosa Leiva †

4:30PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

6:00PM Modesta Blando †

Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:00AM Amado Oliva Sr. †

10:00AM Marciana Cuyno †

12:00 Noon Eligio Audallo

5:00PM Delfin & Puring Gonzales †

Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00AM Carmen Briones †

Cuyno Family - Thanksgiving

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:00AM Venuei L. Asuncion †

Leopoldo Ocegueda Jr. †

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:00AM Mary Nguyen †

Rachel Barangay, Special Intention

Thursday, April 16, 2026

9:00AM Cleiban Vega †

Al Hernandez †

Friday, April 17, 2026

9:00AM Edwin & Dulce Alcantara - Anniv.

Adolfo Hernandez

Saturday, April 18, 2026

9:00AM Andrew Lubiano Legaspi

Benjamin Santos †

4:30PM Pat Hedstrom †

6:00PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

PARISH, DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS/FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP



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Learning through Faith, Service, and Community

What is Happening at St. Joseph School

Applications for the 2026-2027 School year at St. Joseph School is now open for Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten through 8th grades. Encouraging enrollment in Preschool, Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten through grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Tell your friends and family about the wonderful school that teaches learning with heart, mind and spirit.



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SUNDAY COLLECTION

MARCH 28 & 29

SUNDAY \$ 16,923

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 7,140

PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY (JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2026)

Total Income: **\$160,410**

Total Expenses: **\$187,925**

Net Loss: **(\$27,514)**

The parish is currently operating at a deficit for the first two months of 2026, primarily due to higher administrative and program-related costs, including approximately **\$34,000 for liability insurance** and **\$4,000 for priest pension**.

We are grateful for your continued generosity and support of St. Joseph Parish. Your contributions help sustain our ministries and serve our community. Thank you for your ongoing stewardship.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

ENCOUNTER

Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 10-12, 2026 in Zephyr Point NV, May 1-3, 2026 in San Juan Bautista CA or July 10-12, 2026 in Danville CA. Go to wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!

REMEMBRANCE CANDLE

November is the traditional month of remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us. Candles can be renewed for the next yearly period (November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026) by visiting the Parish Center and submitting your dedication.

ST. JOSEPH VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers must have a current Safe Environment Certificate on file in the office. If you have not done Virtus before or need to renew go to VirtusOnline.org to fulfill this requirement. If you need to confirm the renewal of your Virtus certification or please email Aura at am.sjcpinole@gmail.com.

WEEKLY CONTENT

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA DEL 12 DE ABRIL 2026

Domingo: 2º Domingo de Pascua (de la Divina Misericordia)

Lunes: San Martín I, papa y mártir

Domingo siguiente: 3er Domingo de Pascua

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¿Cómo se autentica Cristo ante Tomás? No por su rostro ni por sus palabras, sino por sus llagas. Así que, cuando buscamos que Dios se muestre en alivio o en triunfo, debemos recordar las llagas de Cristo. Aquí es donde encontramos nuestra salvación.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the

culsp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”



POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Pregunta:

¿De dónde vino la fiesta de la Divina Misericordia?

Respuesta:

Si naciste mucho antes del año 2000, sabes que la fiesta de la Divina Misericordia no siempre se ha celebrado en la Iglesia. A principios de la década de 1900, una joven monja polaca comenzó a recibir revelaciones privadas. Jesús se le apareció durante sus momentos de oración, hablando un mensaje de misericordia y amor para el mundo. Recibió un conjunto de oraciones, la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia, y la solicitud de que se estableciera un día festivo para recordarle a la Iglesia la misericordia de Dios. Santa Faustina murió en 1938, en la cúspide de la guerra y en medio de uno de los siglos más violentos de la historia del mundo.

Su historia y sus diarios comenzaron a circular en Polonia y más allá. Rápidamente se hizo evidente que se trataba de una joven santa, y se abrió la causa de su canonización. En el año 2000, fue canonizada por el primer papa polaco, San Juan Pablo II. El día de su canonización, estableció el segundo domingo de Pascua como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, "una invitación permanente al mundo cristiano a enfrentar, con confianza en la benevolencia divina, las dificultades y pruebas que la humanidad experimentará en los años venideros".

St. Joseph Church welcomes all who are here to worship with our parish family. Please take the time to register your family with this form and put it in the collection basket.

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