

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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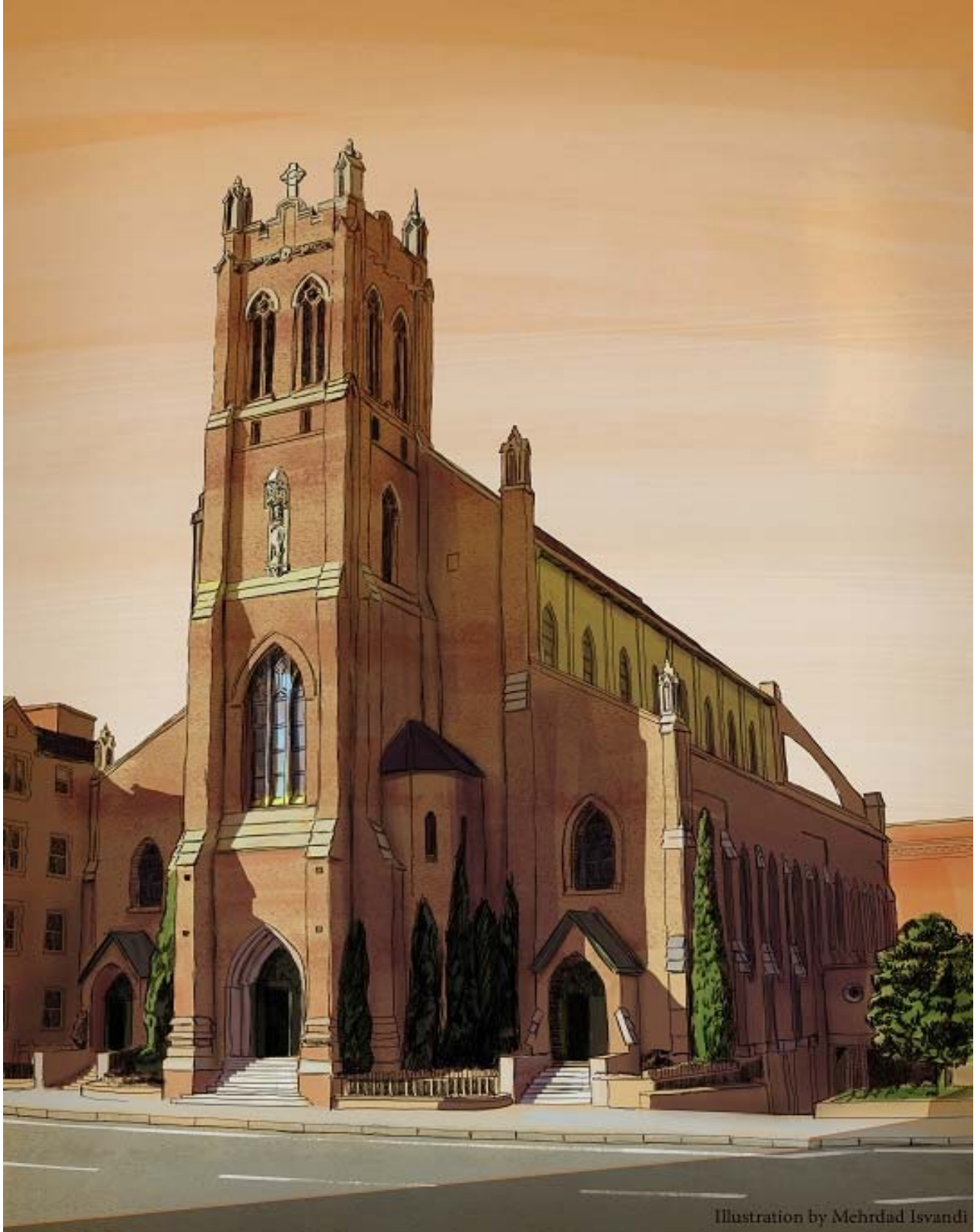
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April 12, 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

~ John 20:29b



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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
 Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
 Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
 Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
 Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
 11:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.



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Exemplar of the Faith

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

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Our Fascinating Faith

Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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Living God’s Word

It’s been said that it takes a village to raise a child. I’d rather say it takes a community of faith to raise a believer. It’s how we come to faith and stay in faith.

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AAA Update (as of 05 April 2026)

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252.00
Received	\$7,377.00
Amount Remaining	\$35,875.00
% of Goal	17%

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
 celebrating a birthday this week.

Edward Patrick Alvarez	4/14	Jenessa Sunga	4/15
April Diaz	4/14	Nino Joseph Cunan	4/17
Katherine Dougan	4/14	Vince Rtamirez	4/18
Rei Charles Quioco	4/14		

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You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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We have 86 Lifetime Donors as of 28 January 2026

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St. Patrick 175th Anniversary Gala

From humble beginnings on 4th St here in San Francisco way back in 1851, we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary as a parish on June 6, 2026.

Dinner tickets for \$100 may still be available

from the various parish organizations

Raffle tickets are still available from the parish office (\$25 for a booklet of three, sold as booklets only)

Sponsorships are also available in our Gala program. Please contact the parish office for more details.

As part of our Gala celebration, on Sunday, May 31st, we will serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses which will coincide with our ministry fair. Come and see what's going on ministry-wise at St. Patrick. You just might find something that will inspire you to join. See some old friends, make some new friends, have some coffee and donuts, and maybe join a parish organization. What could be better than that!!

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

FATHER HARRY

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The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospital-

ized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to FatherHarry.org. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

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Mass Intentions for Apr 12 - 18

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 12	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Jacinto & Engracia Sarmiento SI All Parishioner Of St. Patrick BD Lilibeth La'o
Monday 13	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Mary Jo Cordova † Jose Corcuera SI Joy, Jen & Jackie Bandelaria
Tuesday 14	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Rosalina Pilariza TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos SI Eufemia Barcelona
Wednesday 15	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Rodisendo Mandigma SI Evelyn Bird
Thursday 16	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Asterio Navasca † Prudencio Mariano
Friday 17	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong † Ponciano Mauricio † Aniceto C. Macatangay
Saturday 18	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Agustin & Carmen Maghari SI Maria Bravo

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Feb 26 – Apr 16 Life Giving Wounds online support group for adults with divorced or separated parents. Thursdays (except 4/2), 5:15 – 7:00pm PT. This support group offers adult children of divorce or separation an opportunity to begin or deepen their healing journey in communion with one another under the guidance of LGW leaders and expert speakers. Retreat Info & Registration: lifegivingwounds.org/online-support-group

April 18 Adventures in Marriage Relationship Skills Workshop for couples. Hosted at St Anselm Church (97 Shady Lane, Ross) 8:30 – 4:30. Learn skills to make your marriage even better – this award-winning, skills-based, evidence-informed workshop has been offered to 1000s of satisfied couples around the country. Every important vocation requires continuing education – how about your marriage (the most important of all!)? Includes lunch, snacks, and all materials. Newly married (2022 or more recent couples) are ½ price – contact Ed. Register at www.sfarch.org/aim.

May 19 (5:00 pm PT) / May 21 (8:00 pm PT) An evening for the separated or divorced webinar with Carolyn Klika, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of SF. Struggling with the pain of marital strife, separation or divorce? this Evening is for you. Whether you feel disconnected from the Church or are deeply engaged—you are welcome here. You belong. More information and registration here. Sessions will be offered twice, once (5/19) on East Coast time, once (5/21) for West Coast.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Ten Reasons to Give Generously to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal...

1. It is more blessed to give than to receive. ~ *Acts 20:35*
2. Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. ~ *Sirach 35:9*
3. For it is in giving that we receive. ~ *St. Francis of Assisi*
4. The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. ~ *Ghandi*
5. Think of giving not as a duty, but as a privilege. ~ *John D. Rockefeller, Jr.*
6. Money is like manure - it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging things to grow. ~ *Thornton Wilder*
7. The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give. ~ *Walt Whitman*
8. The poor don't know that their function in life is to exercise our generosity. ~ *Jean-Paul Sartre*
9. Not being able to do everything is no excuse for not doing everything you can. ~ *Ashleigh Brilliant*
10. You will discover that you have two hands. One is for helping yourself and the other is for helping others. ~ *Audrey Hepburn*

As I stood before God, my heart was breaking from the pain and suffering I had seen during my life. "Dear God", I cried, "look at all the injustices, the anguish and distress in the world. Why don't you send help?"

God responded, "I did send help. I sent you."

This year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal assessment for St. Patrick is \$43,252. Thanks to all of you who have already donated or made a pledge. The funds you donate support various ministries, programs and services, such as vocations, retirement benefits for our priests, social services, religious education and faith formation, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, ministries for the disabled, ethnic ministries and immigration services. None of these funds will ever be used for anything related to the sexual abuse scandals.

As Catholics, we are obligated to take responsibility for the upkeep of our churches, so please do your part. St. Patrick is, after all, *your church*. Thank you for your generosity.



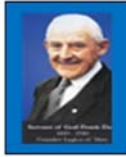
LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PRAESIDIUM



Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall

The Legion Family Worldwide
On all continents
In over 170 countries
4 million active members
5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

**Feast of Faith
The Homily**

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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Save Up

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

~ Anonymous



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen ..."

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A _____."


Answer: *and have believed*

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April 12




When I ponder his goodness,
my heart can say nothing –
I can only adore.

St. Teresa of the Andes
20th-century Chilean Carmelite nun
renowned for her spirit of charity

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Good Friday

April 15




"Daughters of Jerusalem,
do not weep for me, but
weep for yourselves and
for your children."
–Luke 23:38

St. Veronica
1st-century woman of Jerusalem who was
moved with pity when Jesus carried his cross.
She offered him her veil to wipe his forehead.
When Jesus handed it back, the image of his
face was impressed upon it.

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April 16



I shall spend every
moment loving.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes
Young visionary of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858

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**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 12, 2026**

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed."

~ John 20:29b

CATHOLIC CORNER

DIVINE MERCY

Today's first reading (Acts 2:42-47) presents a beautiful account of life among the early followers of Jesus, the people known as Christians. This list of the things they did showed people that they were continuing the work of Jesus. Next to these descriptions from the Acts of the Apostles, write how you continue that work today.



- They gathered for the breaking of the bread.

I do the same when I _____

- They prayed together.

I do the same when I _____

- They offered what they owned to help those in need.

I do the same when I _____

- They lived their lives praising God.

I do the same when I _____



This second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. One of the most important characteristics of a Christian is the ability to forgive. Jesus even forgave those who put him on the cross. He told his followers that they must do the same. Jesus also forgives us when we find it too hard to do what he asks.

- The early Christians forgave one another.

I do the same when I _____

- The early Christians were not afraid to ask forgiveness. They knew that Jesus was full of mercy.

I do the same when I _____

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

YES, I'LL GO! BUT I HAVE TO DO MY HOMEWORK FIRST AND BE HOME BY SIX.

• BURROWS •



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent me, I also send you." Jn 20:21

SECOND SUNDAY OF Easter (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) April 12, 2026



Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

Pastor Al™



"Behold the Lamb of God... Happy is the one who doesn't have so many Easter flowers around the altar!"

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Get Real!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

One of the great Easter traditions is “mystagogy,” an ancient word meaning “reflection on the mysteries.” It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you’ve had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you’ve been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you’ve said “I do” to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God’s abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called “neophytes,” meaning “newly planted.” The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

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A Season of Joy

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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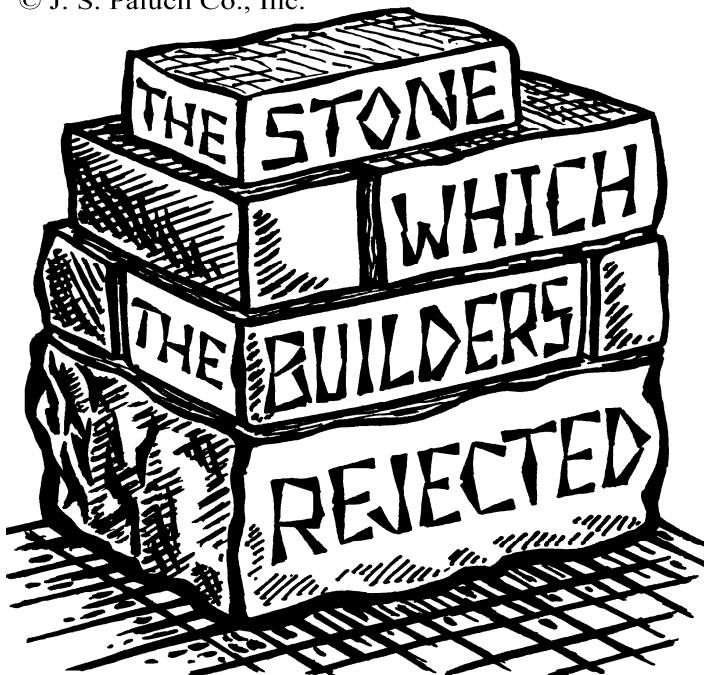
Treasures From Our Tradition

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or “eternal flame” burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word “tabernacle” itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for “tent,” and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally “pitched his tent with them” in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of “ark” or “tent” to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God’s presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.

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The Year of the Gospel of Matthew

As in all the gospels, Matthew’s Jesus summons disciples, that is, “learners” who are to live in Jesus’ company and follow his teaching and example. Jesus states that “the whole law and the prophets” depend on the command to love God with one’s whole heart, mind and soul and one’s neighbor as one’s self (Mt 22:40). The perfection of such love is expressed in loving enemies and praying for persecutors (Mt 5:43-47). Matthew’s disciples are not simply to hear the words of Jesus, but to do to them (Mt 7:26), and are to care for Jesus himself who is identified with the least of his brothers and sisters, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned, for “whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25:41-46).

~ Rev. John R. Donahue, S.J.

Living Stewardship Now

Mark a large white candle with five whole cloves in cross form, in memory of Jesus’ five sacred wounds. Stand the lighted candle in a bowl of fresh cut flowers, tokens of new life. Place the candle in the center of the table for dinner.

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Extreme Christians



You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last, because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. "Of course, we can visit the sick and comfort the dying. Just leave it up to God to cure anyone," you might say. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor. You can donate time as well, perhaps tutoring disadvantaged kids, helping build or repair houses in poor areas, or bringing meals to shut-ins. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. Twice in the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46). Breaking bread was their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. Later, they added reading from the letters of Paul and preaching about Jesus' works and teachings. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

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Easter as a Season



Most people think of Easter as a single day. It's never had the commercial appeal of Christmas, and because it always falls on Sunday, most people don't get an additional day off from work. But for Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season. This

year, the Easter season stretches all the way to June 8th, the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it's stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long.

At masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the Church's earliest days, and the beginnings of our faith's spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The Risen Savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.

by Rev. Larry Rice, CSP

April 12
2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF Easter

JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM,
"PEACE BE WITH YOU."
John 20:19

(OR SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY)

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A Grand Experience

Ever since I was a child I have marveled at photos of the Grand Canyon in geography and travel books. The sheer size of this natural wonder, with its many strata of brilliant colors, always made me want to see this great place in person. A few years ago, while vacationing in Arizona, a day trip to the Grand Canyon became part of the itinerary. I will never forget that very early morning as we drove into the area. My heart was racing as we turned each corner, wondering if the glimpse around the next corner would reveal the wonder I had so long dreamed to see. As with most visitors to the Grand Canyon, my hopes were more than fulfilled. The images of the canyon, seen in real life, are branded on my memory and imagination forever. No matter how many times I describe my experience to people who have never visited this awesome place, I know that my words will never substitute for their actually seeing it for themselves.

The Grandest Miracle of Them All

Today we hear the story of “doubting Thomas,” who announces that he will not believe that Jesus has risen until he sees it all for himself. Over the years, on this particular Sunday, we have probably heard that we are very much like Thomas, not truly believing until we see things for ourselves. Each week when we gather around the altar, we are given a chance to see and taste the very presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Do our hearts race as we turn the corner of the liturgy when we prepare to pray the Eucharistic Prayer? We are called to come to church each and every week to expect a miracle. And that miracle far surpasses any natural wonder we will ever see. For here we are given a glimpse, not of a grand canyon or any other natural wonder, but of the very kingdom of God. Let any doubts melt away and be replaced by hopeful anticipation of encountering the Lord each and every week.

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The Greatest Feast

Easter is a big deal—a *very* big deal. Every one of the four Gospels provides an account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which makes perfect sense because the bodily resurrection of Jesus has always been the foundation of the Christian faith from the very beginning. It is an ancient tradition, based on the evidence of scripture and on the writings of the early church, that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on a Thursday, died on a Friday, and rose from the dead on a Sunday. Thus, today’s Gospel tells us that Jesus rose from the dead on “the first day of the week” (John 20:1). Within about a hundred years of Jesus’ resurrection Christians were celebrating the great Easter Vigil, beginning after dark on Holy Saturday and continuing until dawn on Easter morning. During this vigil, Christians heard salvation history through scripture readings, celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, and looked forward to his return. At the vigil men and women who had gone through three years of instruction were baptized and received First Communion. Without his death and rising to new life Jesus would have been merely another Jewish teacher and failed messiah. His teachings would be just a code of ethics and our worship in vain. We celebrate the Resurrection for fifty days, and for the rest of the year every Sunday is a kind of “mini-Easter.” Easter is the culmination of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection that we celebrate “with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1 Corinthians 5:8). If you have not been to church for a while, we invite you to come back again and know that you are welcome in the community of faith. Please speak to the priest after Mass or call the parish office and let us help you feel at home.

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Believing

New birth, new life, good news! These themes run throughout today’s scripture readings. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the joyful early days of the newly born church, when members devoted themselves to instruction, the communal life, the breaking of bread, and the prayers. The passage from Peter’s first letter echoes that joy, and assures those who now believe though they never saw Jesus that their faith will lead to their salvation.

But amid all the joy, the Gospel reading calls us to sober reality. Not everyone can believe so easily. Even an apostle can doubt this astonishing news of the Resurrection. Across the centuries, Jesus reaches forward to touch us today: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

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Reflecting on God’s Word

Once in a while I find myself in the pew at a liturgical celebration, and I confess I like to sit near the front and watch all the people as they come back from receiving Holy Communion. I know what all the books say about that, what my teachers taught, and what the priests I’ve listened to have preached. They said you’re supposed to be praying, but I can’t help it. I just like to watch all the folks. I think God may even like it as much as I do.

When I sit there watching them, I think about how we’re all believers of one sort or another. George, who every week comes alone, without his family. And Melissa, who flirts with all the boys more than she should, and whose parents hardly ever seem to smile. And Mr. P., who always casts his eyes downward and folds his hands upward. And Agnes, who seems to have been caring for her aging mother for as long as anyone in the church can remember and who herself is now beginning to show signs of aging as well. And the lanky high schooler who must play basketball well, because he’s certainly tall enough and wears a letter proudly on his school jacket. And Arthur, whose wife just died. And a couple hundred other believers as well. They’re all here, every Sunday, and they’re all part of the Body of Christ. It’s also why I’m a believer, because they’re believers; and most of the time I need them to be believers just so I can be a believer.

Thomas of this week’s Gospel couldn’t be a believer on his own. Having missed the Sunday gathering, he just couldn’t say *yes* on his own. But one week later when he was there with all the others, that made all the difference in the world. In fact it made him a believer. So that’s why I watch all the folks processing by after they receive Holy Communion. They make me a believer.

~ Virginia Stillwell

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Doubt

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.

~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Fire

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

~ St. Catherine of Siena

Save Up

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

~ Anonymous

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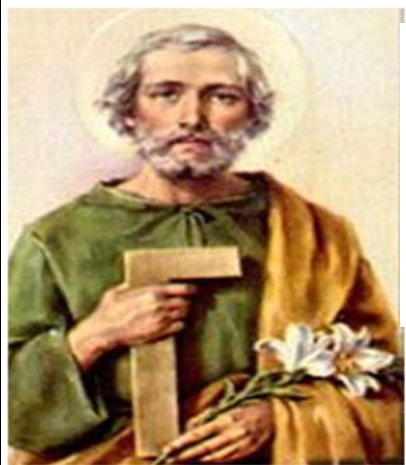
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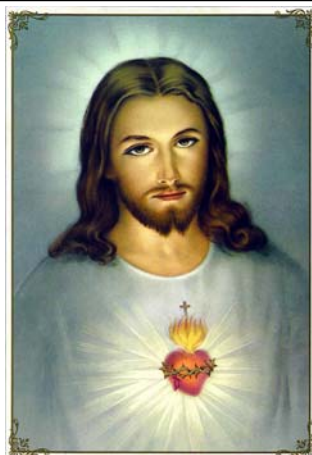
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bestowed on St.
Anne such grace
that she was found
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the mother of
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Grant that we may
be helped by her
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Amen.

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The Graceful Chapter

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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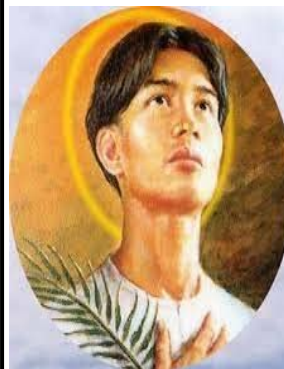
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