April 23, 2017 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

* Rosary, Chaplet & Confessions at 2:00 PM
  Benediction at 3:00 PM
  Reception to Follow *

Jesus, I Trust in You
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Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.
— John 20:29b

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.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).
Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).
Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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.

Congratulations to Our Newest Catholics - At the Easter Vigil the following two adults were baptized and received First Eucharist and Confirmation: Richard Cheung and Lucy Lu. Lucy’s 6-year-old, Johnson Lu, was also baptized. In addition, two adults who were baptized as children also completed their initiation by receiving Confirmation. They are Alex Wu and Roselyn Hwang, who also received First Eucharist. Roselyn’s two sons, Alex Hwang and Dean Hwang, ages 6 and 9 respectively, were also baptized. Finally, Max Truong and Jake Truong, ages 10 and 12 respectively, were baptized and received First Eucharist. Please keep them all in your prayers!

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It’s a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you’d like to make your marriage even more special than it already is — call now! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 19-21, 2017 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

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St. Vincent’s Marinwood,
1 Saint Vincent’s Dr., San Rafael, CA
Online registration and payment portal:
Credit Card via www.sffamilylife.com

FEAST OF FAITH — The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a “rule of faith” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God. The Creed is both communal and personal: it is “we,” but it is also “I.” In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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# ST. ANNE REGULAR SCHEDULE

## Sunday Mass
- Sat., 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (Chinese)

## Daily Mass
- Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am
- Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

## Holy Days of Obligation
- 6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon & 6pm

## Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

## Reconciliation:
- Sat., 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

## Baptism:
- 2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm
- Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

## Office Hours:
- Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm
My Lord and my God!

**St. Anne Mission Statement**

We, the people of Saint Anne, envision a Christ-centered community, enriched by the gifts of a diverse heritage. We remember the past and are open to the future; living out the Gospel values with enthusiasm, joy and celebration under the protection of Saint Anne.

We commit ourselves to sharing the mission belonging to all followers of Christ: caring for one another and reaching out to those in need.

We commit ourselves to revitalizing our parish community; to participating meaningfully in the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, to developing a strong sense of stewardship; and to regularly evaluating our work and ministries.
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