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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and mine know me.

JOHN 10:14

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Daily Mass: 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil at 5pm,

Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Chinese)

All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

**Confessions: 20 minutes before
Saturday Vigil and each Sunday Mass**

Office Hours: Mon.— Fri. , 9am — 4:30pm

**Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
(Registered Parishioners only)**

**Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am
(Registered Parishioners only)**

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Good Shepherd Sunday

Reflections on the Easter Vigil

Those of you who have ever attended the Easter Vigil Mass know how special it is. Not only is it the most elaborate Mass of the year—as well as the longest, usually clocking in at around two hours—it can also be one of the most moving. It always begins after sundown and therefore in darkness. The ministers and congregation assemble in the vestibule, where the Easter candle is lit from a fire blazing on a grill, and everyone is given a small candle of their own to light from the larger flame or from the candle of one of their neighbors. Carrying the light of Christ through the darkness, all process down the central aisle of the church to beautiful music. When everyone is seated in the pews, the readings from the Old Testament begin—three that recall our salvation history, each followed by the singing of a psalm. Then all the lights in the church are suddenly turned on and in the stunning radiance, the Gloria is sung. Now we are in the light of the New Covenant and a single passage from a letter of Paul is read, followed by the Gospel in which the good news of Jesus' resurrection is proclaimed. Alleluia, indeed!

After the homily comes the special part of this celebration—the adults who have been preparing for baptism are called forward with their sponsors. They are prayed over, they make a solemn profession of faith, they reject Satan. Then one by one, they are baptized in the font before the altar, clothed in a white garment, and given a lit candle. Soon after this they are confirmed, and finally, as the Liturgy of the Eucharist unfolds, they receive their First Communion along with the rest of their new brothers

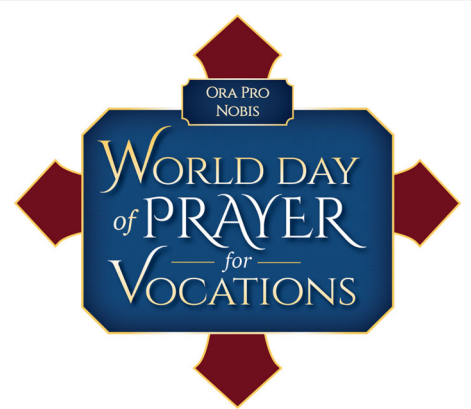
and sisters in Christ. This is particularly joyous for them. Most of us were “cradle Catholics” and not aware of our baptisms, being infants when we received the sacrament. But these individuals are aware of what is going on, of how not only their sins are being washed away, but of how they are participating in the death and resurrection of Christ, being born to new life as a member of the mystical Body of Christ, as well as becoming a Temple of the Holy Spirit!

One of those baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30th of this year shared the following: “*The overwhelming feeling [of being] welcomed and supported, combined with the profound experience of receiving my first communion, made the Easter Vigil very exciting for me . . . Communion means to me a profound connection with Jesus Christ, and it is a sacred moment when I feel spiritual support [surrounding] me in the form of other members of the Christian community.*” This is from a young woman, Umsunai Kubatbekova, who recently moved here from Kyrgyzstan and is attending City College.

Her comment seems to summarize all that makes this Vigil Mass so precious! These newly baptized adults can certainly inspire all of us. **Keep them in your prayers!**

—Ken DePonte, St. Anne RCIA

Sunday,
April 21
marks
the 61st
annual
World Day
of Prayer
for
Vocations



In his message for this year's day of prayer, Pope Francis speaks to the importance of the vocation God calls us to—whether to the priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage.

"Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves."



LAUDATO SI' FOR EARTH DAY 2024

CARE FOR MOTHER EARTH

All ages are invited to this special celebration that will feature:

- Sustainability Women's Clothing Swap
- E-Waste Drive
- Kids Korner: paint pots, plant seeds, fairy door
- BBQ fundraiser; butt-cans
- Sunday Mass Hospitality will be served

21 April 2024 | At 11AM - 2PM

St. Anne School Yard
across 1340 Funston Avenue



girlscouts



A free community event celebrating our environment



Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of April 21, 2024

Sunday, April 21

8:00am People of the Parish
Thanksgiving, "Rose"

10:00am Thanksgiving, Joseph and Pauline DeSilva

Noon People of the Parish

Monday, April 22

8:45am Jim and Marie Goss (D)

Tuesday, April 23

8:45am Intentions of Sr. Fatima, MC
and the Missionaries of Charity

Wednesday, April 24

8:45am Robert Anderson (D)

Thursday, April 25

8:45am Oisin O. Siochru (D)

Friday, April 26

8:45am Charles Cunningham (D)

Saturday, April 27

8:45am Confraternity of Saint Anne

5:00pm People of the Parish
Luciana and Ana Maria Lomparte (D)

The Good Shepherd's Sacrifice

The 4th Sunday of Easter Year B invites us to reflect on Jesus Christ's role as the Good Shepherd, a theme beautifully unveiled in the Gospel reading. This imagery is not just a metaphor but a deep revelation of Christ's sacrificial love and commitment towards us. Unlike a hired hand who might flee at the first sign of danger, Jesus stands firm, ready to lay down His life for His sheep. This act of ultimate sacrifice is a testament to the depth of His care and concern for us. It's a love that goes beyond duty or obligation. Jesus wants to be our shepherd, guiding us, protecting us, and leading us to pastures of eternal life.

Our Identity and Mission as God's Children

The second reading from the 1st Letter of John ... delves into our identity as children of God, loved deeply by the Father. This realization of our divine filiation is a source of hope and strength, assuring us of our value in God's eyes. The world may not recognize this identity because it did not know Him, but this does not diminish the truth of our belonging to God and being the recipients of His immense love. This identity is not just for contemplation but calls us to mission. As children of God, we are called to live out this identity in the world, bearing witness to the love and sacrifice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Our mission involves bringing others into this one flock, echoing Jesus' call for unity and inclusivity. It's a mission that requires us to recognize Jesus in our midst, follow His example of sacrifice and love, and invite others to experience the salvation He offers.

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Path Through the Dark – A Play Portraying the Life of Nono Nagle, Foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation

Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, 2:30pm
Presentation Theater, University of San Francisco
2350 Turk Blvd., San Francisco
Reserve Tickets: <https://presentationisterssf.org>
Contact: Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM still@pbvmsf.org
Path Through the Dark is being presented by the Sisters of the Presentation to celebrate their 170th Anniversary of their presence in San Francisco. The one act play celebrates the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation, Nano Nagle, who founded the order in Ireland in 1775. The performance is free. Reception in the Presentation Motherhouse will follow.

Pray for persecuted Christians in Hong Kong.

Join Archbishop Cordileone at two upcoming events.



The first is **an Evening of Prayer** including Solemn Vespers, the Rosary, and Eucharistic Adoration for Cardinal Zen and Jimmy Lai at the **Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco on May 7 at 5:00 p.m.**

The second is a **Eucharistic Holy Hour and Lecture** by Bill McGurn, opinion columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* and godfather of Jimmy Lai. The event will take place at **St. Patrick's Seminary & University on May 8 at 5:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour will feature new music sponsored by the Benedict XVI Institute.

Find more information at sfarchdiocese.org/events

Previous Week's Collections

1st Collection, April 14, 2024 — \$2,804.00
Building and Maintenance Fund — \$949.00

This Week's 2nd Collection

Property and Insurance Fund

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