

SAINT  ANNE
OF THE SUNSET

Lent/Easter 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently, someone shared with me a picture of a sign outside a church that said, “***I wasn’t planning on giving up this much for Lent.***” I think that sign expresses what many of us may be thinking. But God is always a God of surprises. The greatest surprise of all was when the devil thought he finally defeated Jesus. The devil must have been delighted that he could turn the people’s hearts, especially the religious leaders, against Jesus and had Him put to death. But God always has the last Word and the last laugh. Jesus in death, descended into hell (aka - the place of the dead), and while there, He raised up all the righteous who had died to lead them with Him into heaven. **What an incredible story we celebrate at Easter, the God of surprises who will not allow darkness, pain and suffering to defeat us.**

As we enter into the Season of Easter, as flowers will be bursting forth in Spring, for many of us who experience Sheltering-in-place, separation from our loved ones, illness, financial difficulties and food insecurity, the joy of Easter seems a long way off. But we don’t have to let this period of darkness discourage or defeat us. We believe in a God of surprises, a God who is able to turn death to life, the darkest night into the brightest day. **We have hope that even in darkness, God is doing something good, such as when Jesus descended into Hell to raise up all who had died.** So the joy of Easter may be postponed a little bit this year. But with faith, we know it will come. We are children of Light, of Faith and Hope. And **one day soon, we will be reunited to properly celebrate the joy of Easter.** For just as the Lord has risen, we will, also one day soon, rise to new life. Amen?!

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Daniel Nascimento
Pastor

Enclosure: Holy Week Schedule. Masses can be viewed live through Facebook.

- For English masses, visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/StAnneSF>.
(Weekday, Mon-Sat @ 8:45am; Weekend: Sat @ 5pm & Sun @ 10:30am)
- For Chinese Masses visit the Chinese Ministry Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/ccinsf/>



Holy Week Schedule

April 5 - 12, 2020



Reconciliation

In urgent situations, call the priest on duty at 415-866-6455. However, to minimize the possibility of transmitting this virus, the Catechism allows the faithful to confess directly to God when it is impossible to confess to a priest (#1484). We can consider that the shelter-in-place order makes going to confession a physical impossibility at this time. We should seek to amend our lives, avoid future occasions of sin and avail ourselves of the sacrament of reconciliation once it is possible. As Pope Francis taught: *“You do what the catechism says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth... Promise Him, ‘Later I will confess, but forgive me now.’ And immediately you will return to the grace of God.”*

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Palm Sunday - April 5 (on-line schedule)

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday Mass: 10:30am
Mass in Chinese: 12 noon



(Palms will be blessed and passed out when this pandemic is over)

Holy Thursday – April 9 (on-line schedule)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper.
(There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after mass)



Good Friday – April 10 (on-line schedule)

12pm Meditation on the Last 7 Words of Jesus
by Fr. Dan, Fr. Peter & Fr. Pete
1:30pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross
5:30pm Liturgy in Chinese
7pm Stations of the Cross



Holy Saturday – April 11 (on-line schedule)

8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – April 12 (on-line schedule)

10:30am Mass in English
12pm Mass in Chinese

Alleluia
He is
Risen