Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters:

At the Masses where I was principal celebrant on Divine Mercy Weekend (2nd Sunday of Easter), I mentioned that one clear sign of Easter life is the abundance of Sacramental celebrations taking place at The Catholic Community of Pleasanton. And there are many in number and kind. At the Great Vigil of Easter (Holy Saturday Night) a great number of individuals were baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist for the first time. The journey that they walked culminated at the celebration of the Triduum – the great 3-day experience of the Church’s one solemn festival. Always a tremendous experience...

Just last weekend, we had the opportunity to celebrate the first reception of the Eucharist (First Communion) for 20 of our younger brothers and sisters. There are nine more celebrations of first reception of the Eucharist during the Easter Season. That is fantastic... It is important for them to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the context of the Sunday celebration of Mass – why? Here are a few reasons. First, our daughters and sons should be celebrating with of the community of Faith where they will grow and that’s The Catholic Community of Pleasanton. Second, this is a celebration for the whole Christian community as well as for the families of the individual members. We should be happy to celebrate with those who will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Third, their first and primary experience of Mass will be on Sundays. We are modeling what will be their

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ongoing practice. I’m very pleased to be able to be the principal celebrant of these liturgies. Our kids are wonderful and we should celebrate with them.

Still yet another sign is the Celebration of Confirmation that is to take place in May. The Bishop of Oakland, Michael Barber, SJ., will join us to confirm our high school brothers and sisters. The celebration of Confirmation seals what was begun in Baptism. In addition, there are a number of weddings that are forthcoming. This is another sign of Easter Life. Husbands and wives show forth the abundance of life that is ours because of Jesus’ choice to share His life as the foundation of our living. Their commitment is grounded in Baptism. And speaking of baptisms, there is always a host of infants entering the waters of rebirth and life. Another sign that Easter is alive and well.

On the last Sunday of January, we invited everyone to deepen their Lenten experience by joining a Small Christian Community. We are delighted to share that we formed eight new SCCs and added new members to existing groups. These are fellow parishioners meeting in their homes to explore their faith, support one another and pray. This is another sign of Easter life. To try this for yourself, you can find information on Small Christian Communities at our Website – www.catholicsofPleasanton.org.

And there is so much more happening that show forth life in Christ. The Risen Jesus wants to encounter us and He will continue to pursue us and call us. We need to answer and trust that in our experience of Him in the sacramental life of the Church His love will wrap us and strengthen us for living out His abundance at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton and beyond.

We are His people and Easter is His gift to us.

Blessings,

Fr. Paul
### Mass Intentions

**SUN Apr 10**
- 8:00 AM: Maria Helena Pinheiro
- 10:00 AM: Paciencia Hermosura
- 12:00 PM: Thomas Michael Healey

**MON Apr 11**
- 8:30 AM: Ignacio Montiel (L)
- 4:30 PM: Children’s Spanish Choir Practice
- 7:30 PM: High School Youth Group

**TUE Apr 12**
- 8:30 AM: Wonsook Clara Lee (L)
- 12:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM: Parish Finance Council
- 7:30 PM: AMP Middle School Youth Group

**WED Apr 13**
- 8:30 AM: Thomas Nadackal
- 7:30 PM: Parish Pastoral Council

**THU Apr 14**
- 8:30 AM: Patrick Furlong
- 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Business Mtg.
- 7:30 PM: Bible Study

**FRI Apr 15**
- 8:30 AM: Paul Hill
- 9:30 AM: Bible Study
- 11:00 AM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 6:00 PM: AA Meeting
- 6:30 PM: First Eucharist Yr. 1 Parent/Child Mtg.
- 7:00 PM: Hispanic Prayer Group

**SAT Apr 16**
- 8:30 AM: Ed McCrady
- 8:45 AM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 10:30 AM: World Day of Prayer for Sick: Mass & Luncheon
- 3:00 PM: Private Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM: AMP Youth Group Family Mass

**SUN Apr 17**
- 8:00 AM: Giovani Zampierin
- 10:00 AM: For The People
- 12:00 PM: Oliver Tonda

### Calendar of Events

**SUN Apr 10**
- 6:30 PM: Baptism Preparation Class 1
- Rooms 4 & 5

**MON Apr 11**
- 4:30 PM: RCIA Inquiry
- 10:15 AM: Moms Bible Study
- Room A

**TUE Apr 12**
- 12:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM: Parish Finance Council
- 7:30 PM: AMP Middle School Youth Group
- Room 8 Rooms 4, 5, 16, & 17

**WED Apr 13**
- 7:30 PM: Parish Pastoral Council
- Rectory

**THU Apr 14**
- 7:30 PM: Knights of Columbus Business Mtg.
- 7:30 PM: Bible Study
- Room 4 & 5 Rooms 16 & 17

**FRI Apr 15**
- 7:30 PM: Eucharistic Adoration
- 9:00 AM: RCIA Inquiry
- 10:15 AM: Moms Bible Study
- Chapel Room A

**SAT Apr 16**
- 7:30 PM: Arts & Environment Meeting
- Cry Room

**SUN Apr 17**
- 6:30 PM: Baptism Preparation Class 2
- Room A

**MON Apr 11**
- 12:10 PM: Carolina Del Carmen
- 12:10 PM: Eucharistic Adoration
- Chapel Room A

**TUE Apr 12**
- 12:10 PM: Mary Janeiro
- 7:30 PM: Arts & Environment Meeting
- Chapel

**WED Apr 13**
- 12:10 PM: Victor Monzo
- 12:45 PM: Eucharistic Adoration
- Chapel Room A

**THU Apr 14**
- 12:10 PM: Marie Aragon
- 6:30 PM: Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Room A

**FRI Apr 15**
- 12:10 PM: Hilda De Los Reyes
- 6:00 PM: Italian Catholic Federation Dinner Meeting
- Room A

**SAT Apr 16**
- 9:00 AM: Rosalie Guerrini
- 10:15 AM: Inquiry
- Room A

**SUN Apr 17**
- 11:00 AM: Eddie Kwan (L)
- 11:00 AM: Baptism Rite of Welcome
- Room A

- 4:00 PM: Kay Glaves
- 12:15 PM: Baptism Preparation Class 2
- Room A

- 6:30 PM: Paz Posadas
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Do you knit or crochet? Come meet our wonderful group of women who generously share their time and talent by creating and donating beautiful shawls to many parishioners who are in need. These shawls are distributed in times of sorrow, grief, and sadness but also in times of celebration and joy!! We meet the second Thursday of every month at St Elizabeth Seton, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Please join us, we welcome all hands. Gwen Foster at (925)398-8514 or Gwenfoster34@comcast.net or Cleo Foster (925) 918-2986 or itzcleo@comcast.net.

Women In God’s Spirit (WINGS)
Monday, April 18, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Pope John Paul II Activity Center
Women of all ages are invited to join us for our New Evangelization: Invitation to Seek Christ in All. Our speaker, Rev. Chris Renz, will talk about “Jesus Is That Key that Will Unlock The Door Of Your Heart Letting Your Light Shine!” The remaining dates for the Spring Season are May 2 and May 16.

RCIA: Come and See
Are you feeling like you might want to experience full initiation into the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Now is the time. Please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Contact Ray and Roberta at (916) 806-4601 or Joe and Sue at (925) 680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.
Giving Made Easy (GME)

Make your Arise & Build, Sunday and Special donations via your Credit Card or Bank Account. Go to the CCOP Website – select the “Giving” or “Capital Campaign” dropdown menu. Click on the “Enroll and Update Account” box. Select donation type and choose One Time, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly or Annual frequency. If your credit card changes, please remember to update your account information. Thank you!

Altar Care Ministry Needs You!
The Altar Care Ministry at St. Elizabeth Seton needs additional team members. If you like to work from the comfort of your home and don’t like meetings, this is the ministry for you. Team members commit to two weeks/year. If you are interested in this very important ministry, please contact Mary Reding at jrmr3@comcast.net.

Celebrating SCCs
At all Masses on the last Sunday of January we invited everyone to deepen their Lenten experience by joining a Small Christian Community (SCC). We are delighted to share that over 80 people responded to form eight new SCCs and we added new members to existing groups. These are fellow parishioners meeting in their homes to explore their faith, support one another and pray. It is a way to make being a Catholic a real part of your life. It is not too late to try this for yourself.

For more information go to the Parish Website at https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/small-christian-communities.html.

Faith Formation News

Sunday, May 1  1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Monday, May 2  Noon - 7:00 PM

Join us at St. Augustine Hall, 3999 Bernal Avenue, to register your child for all Faith Formation programs.

At the time of registration you will need to:
1. be a registered parishioner of CCOP
2. provide a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate if we don’t have one on file
3. complete the Faith Formation registration form and visit the coordinator whose program you are interested in, and
4. give your registration paperwork along with a check for the fees to our Office Manager.

Registration forms as well as a comprehensive program description can be found on the CCOP website at: www.catholicsofpleasanton.org. Click on the Learning link at the top of the home page, then choose your child’s grade in school to learn about programming options.

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Mary Tange
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