“To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live, and make Him better known.”

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

APRIL 15, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Luke 24: 35-48

Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

We have joyously entered the Season of Easter. All around us, we are celebrating the gift of life-giving sacraments that come from God. We celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist – on Holy Saturday Night. There are many other festivities of faith happening during the Easter Season as well. We are celebrating First Eucharist for our children during the fifty days of Easter with Youth Confirmation following on May 26th. We are excited that Bishop Michael Barber will be joining us that day.

These celebrations are great occasions for our parish to see the “young” church and to provide a witness to our children and teens of a living, vibrant and active faith. As a community, we should worship with vigor and gusto, but we are just a compliment to the vigor and gusto that must begin first at home with the faith of the family. Moms and dads, together, are the first teachers of the faith. It is critical to remember that handing on the faith takes root in family life. Realizing that family life looks a bit different from one family to another – there is no “One Way” – our faith formation coordinators and members of the pastoral team are here to assist you in finding that pathway that works best for your family. Just remember, the whole family needs to be actively involved in some manner. We celebrate our kids and teens. We glorify God for the gift that they are. It is good for us to remember that again and again.

This month as most months, there are moms and dads who are meeting with team leaders to prepare for their infant’s Baptism. A few nights ago, I was with a number of young families preparing to be the first teachers for their

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newly baptized children – Infant Baptism Formation. I was tremendously impressed by these parents. They see the world and what is happening in it. They value the goodness of the world, but also see where they will need to make some hard calls in this world if they wish to instill in their children the values and virtues that come from a living faith. They want their babies immersed and washed in the living giving waters of Baptism; making it their responsibility to raise their children as disciples of Jesus. The great message to parents is -- You are not alone! When you commit to this responsibility, there is a community here to support and assist you. If you are considering the baptism of your newborn or recently born baby, call the office for more information.

The Easter Season is also filled with the celebration of Matrimony. We have a number of weddings happening in the parish. There are some weddings of couples who grew up in our parish, others who are parishioners today and still others who are celebrating matrimony coming to us from another parish. There is a great deal of preparation that goes into the celebration of Matrimony. I am not so concerned about receptions and guests. I’m more interested in the spiritual health of the couple. Are they asking the right questions? Are they relying on God as they plan their lives together? Do they have a pattern of worship and prayer in their life as a couple? Do they communicate well? Do they really know each other? Do they have quality time together as a couple free of all the lures that, say, social media present? So many questions and real issues are faced by couples today. We are fortunate to have a number of married couples living out their faith who come together to share their experiences with those who will be married soon. These experiences along with other tools to help the couple are available for our marriage preparation. If you, or those you know, are considering the celebration of Matrimony, then have them give us a call.

My friends, it’s Easter. Let’s celebrate! Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony--all of this is tremendous! Perhaps it is most important to remember that the celebration of Eucharist (Mass) is always available to keep this mood alive. It is not only what you receive at Eucharist, but also what you bring. Let us renew our commitment to our faith this Easter and celebrate the many signs of Christ alive in our community’s life.

Happy Easter,

Fr. Paul
### MASS INTENTIONS

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Scripture Readings

April 22
Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Rectory Office Hours
The St. Augustine Rectory office will be closed on Saturdays during the month of April.

Thank you!
The St. Vincent de Paul conference wishes to thank everyone who helped with our Annual Easter Food Baskets. Your food donations throughout Lent were boxed and delivered to 68 grateful Pleasanton families on Palm Sunday. Special thanks to those parishioners who helped sort and pack the food baskets, as well as the Knights of Columbus who delivered the baskets to our clients.

Military Peer Support Group
St. Augustine Church—Rectory
3rd Wednesday of the Month
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For information, contact Dom Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or email at pietr11@comcast.net. All ages welcome.

Santa Rita Jail Detention Ministry
Enrollment period for the Detention Ministry at Santa Rita Jail is now through the month of May. This is the only opportunity for the entire year to join a dedicated group of women and men who visit inmates and bring them the gospel message of God’s enduring mercy and love. This is a rewarding ministry and a wonderful way to cultivate and to share God’s love with others.

Comprehensive training will be provided by the jail and the Catholic Detention Ministry. You must be 18 or older to volunteer. For inquiries, please contact Richard Denoix at richard_denoix@yahoo.com

Women’s In God’s Spirit (WINGS)
A ministry for women of all ages and stages of life who seek to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another.
The following events are at St. Elizabeth Seton at 7:00 PM:

April 23 Mary as a Model of Christianity
Fr. Jim Sullivan
May 7 WINGS Celebration Dinner

All women are invited to participate. For questions, visit the CCOP website or call Sandra Ryan at (925) 487-3289.

Infant & Toddler Playgroup
Giving Pre-K children in our community a casual setting to play, learn and socialize in a Christ-centered environment while providing a forum of support, friendship and fellowship for parents/caregivers.

WHEN & WHERE: We meet weekly, every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in Room 13, located in St. Augustine Hall.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES
Ronald Bhuleskar & Priya Dsouza
Swamy & Lavanya Biru
Jerry & Regina Borja
Maribel Davis
Matthew & Michele Diaz
Anup Radhakrishnan & Mary Jacob Dominic
Sharon Ramirez
Benedict & April Sabellano
Christian Sorra & Carmela Gregorio
Kathleen Tansley
Teresa Wang

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Loida Flores
Margarito E. Battung
Danilo Malibunan
Candelario H. Fuentes
Isabel Marie Stefani
Alex Sportono
Gary Gudaitis
Elizabeth H. dela Cruz
Olga Esther Talavera
Karl Vargas
John Menton
Alice Huerta
Scott Kienhofer
Christopher Macias
Maureen Kyle
Michael Reynoso
CCOP Stewardship of Treasure
March 2018

March Sunday Plate Budget: $132,506
March Sunday Plate Actual: $134,376
% via On-line Giving: 26%

YTD Sunday Plate Budget: $427,234
YTD Sunday Plate Actual: $426,440
% of Budget: 99.8%

March Arise & Build Receipts: $68,858
Total A&B Campaign Receipts: $2,847,859
Total Receipts % of $3.6M Pledge: 79%

Thank you for your Stewardship!

Click on the Giving tab of the CCOP Website to review the 2017 / 2018 Parish Financial Report

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

David Martin
Donna McCarthy
Juliet Blake
Char Raimondi
Carlo Sta. Maria
Fr. Dan Danielson
Melanie Henshaw
Ramon Carino Sr.

Is there something bigger out there?
Feel like something is missing?
What is God’s dream for you?

We invite you to join us for refreshments and discussion about these and other big questions in a warm, safe environment.

Wednesdays
7:30 - 9:00 PM
April 18 - May 16

St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA
Please visit our website invite2.org
Catholic Community of Pleasanton...

We have exciting news to share about our building campaign! As we enter the last call for pledges and gifts, we’ll update you on a new matching gift opportunity, the overall campaign health to date and what the next steps are before we can begin construction. Together, let us Arise and Build.

Hear the news at the weekend masses on April 14 and 15, and join us at a Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 16, at 7:00 PM at John Paul II Activity Center.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

All Masses
Saturday, April 15 & Sunday, April 16

TOWN HALL MEETING

John Paul II Activity Center
Monday, April 16
7:00 PM