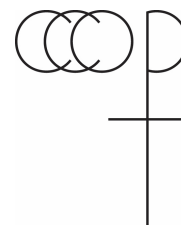


*“To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live,
and make Him better known.”*



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

APRIL 7, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Fr. Kwame's Corner

I Believe in ... the Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting. Amen! (Apostles' Creed)

Is it Easter already? Why are we reading about the resurrection in Lent? Why not wait till it's Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday? These questions may arise because we observe the 3rd and final Scrutiny in our celebration of this 5th Sunday in Lent. Again, let us recall that the Scrutinies are a series of rituals and prayers accompanied by Gospel stories that aim, primarily, to help the soon to be baptized. In the Scrutinies, Jesus is seen as offering attractive Christian goals to the Elect; and we the Christian community do our best to present those goals.

The final and ultimate goal to which Christians aspire is "the resurrection of the body and life everlasting" (see the Apostles' Creed). So, it is fitting that we flaunt the resurrection and eternal life in front of those who are considering to join us.

It is not yet this year's Easter but, according to one of our pastoral staff, Father Paul used to remind him that "we are always Easter people" no matter the date or time. To think of ourselves as Easter people may be the way to understand the raising of Lazarus from the dead and our belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

We are Easter people because we are baptized. By baptism Saint Paul says "we were buried with Jesus" and through his rising from the dead "we too live a new life" (see Romans 6:4). So being Easter people has to do with living that new, eternal, heavenly, Christian life. There cannot be new life without the death of the old. And there cannot be new life without rising from the dead, so, in our Gospel, Jesus offers those two final and ultimate things we all hope for "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25a). What then is that resurrection and life that Jesus gave to

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Lazarus? Didn't Lazarus die after that? And, if we are Easter people and baptized, shouldn't we not die again?

The body that rises from the dead is the body of Christ not my physical body. It is the mystical and spiritual body which I receive or become when and each time I eat and drink in the Eucharist. It is that being, that creature that is able to love and do justice consistently without growing weary. And that new life consists in the lifestyles that are spelt in Matthew 5:1-12 that we call the Beatitudes – the blessed and heavenly lifestyle! The body, the people who are passionate and driven to do justice is the resurrected body. So, what Jesus gave Lazarus is that he raised him from the old, selfish, unjust life to a new way of living in this world. So also, our Elect – soon to be baptized friends – are being offered new ways of life: they would join us to foster Jesus' life of solidarity with the poor, peacemaking, righteousness, hunger for God always, humility and meekness, etc. And we as a resurrected body – Easter people – must strive to live this new life (eternal) consistently and permanently.

Yet, we have something more to be desired – something more to hope for – in Jesus Christ. This is because we do not live the “eternal life” consistently although we have it. Our repeated celebrations each year are meant to renew our consistency of being and living as resurrected people. Thus, we read about the resurrection and new life even in Lent... on the 5th Sunday of Lent, because these are the ultimate and final “goodies” or gifts Christ and Christianity has to offer to a world of death, that is, a world without true love. We profess the resurrection and life eternal as our final and ultimate goals in the Apostles Creed, and so we present them to the Elect to consider and be attracted by them at their final preparation before baptism. Essentially then, we save the “ultimate goodies” of Christianity for the last and 3rd Scrutiny.

Let us never forget, but keep this ultimate goal of rising from the dead old ways of being and living the new Christian life which we always profess for the redemption of the world.

Fr. Kwame

PARISH TEAM

- Rev. Kwame Assenyoh Interim Parochial Administrator
- Rev. Filiberto Barrera Associate Pastor
- Rev. Chris Renz, OP Weekend Associate
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- Deacon Joseph Gourley Coordinator Of Small Christian Communities (SCC)
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MASSES AT ST. AUGUSTINE

- Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
- Weekday Masses: 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
- Holy Days: 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays, following 8:30 AM Mass
- Benediction: First Fridays, 11:30 AM
- Rosary: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM
- Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- Weddings: 6 months preparation time required by the Diocese. Call for an interview.
- Baptisms: Call for an interview.

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MASSES AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON

- Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM
- Weekdays Masses: 12:10 PM Monday - Friday
- Holy Days: 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration: 12:45-6:30 PM Monday & Wednesday
- Rosary & Angelus Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS			CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
S T A U G U S T I N E	SUNDAY April 7	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Eusebio Gomez For the People Mary Davoren McKamey	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Knights of Columbus Donut Social Children's Liturgy of The Word	Room 17 Hall
	MONDAY April 8	8:30 AM	Chris Wayne	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Rosary Hispanic Prayer Group	Church Chapel
	TUESDAY April 9	8:30 AM	Bernice Pires	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Infant & Toddler Playgroup Al-Anon Tuesday PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Parish Finance Council	Church Room 13 Room 8 Church Rectory
	WEDNESDAY April 10	8:30 AM	Jojo Gillies (L)	8:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Rosary Parish Pastoral Council Adult Reconciliation	Church Rectory Church
	THURSDAY April 11	8:30 AM	Lilly Palamuttam (L)	8:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Knights of Business Meeting Cantor Rehearsal	Church Hall & Kitchen Church
	FRIDAY April 12	8:30 AM	Josephine Austin	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Rosary Al-Anon - Friday AM Spanish Stations of The Cross AA—Words of Wisdom Stations of The Cross	Church Room 8 Church Room 8 Church
	SATURDAY April 13	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Thomas Nadackal Angel Palacio	8:00 AM 8:45 AM 3:00 PM	Rosary Al-Anon Saturday AM Individual Reconciliation	Church Room 8 Church
	SUNDAY April 14	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Jane Cook Monina Umali Cyril Miranda	6:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Easter Basket Sort	Hall

MASS INTENTIONS			CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
S T E L I Z A B E T H S E T O N	SUNDAY April 7	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Maria Silveria Carlos Gloria Salazar Chemparathy Family (L) Aaron Miller (L)	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM	Children's Liturgy of The Word Knights of Columbus Donuts Social RCIA Inquiry Children's Liturgy of The Word Baptism Rehearsal Baptism Class II	Chapel Vestibule Room A Chapel Church Room A
	MONDAY April 8		Joseph Hamilton	11:30 AM 12:45 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Rosary & Angelus Eucharistic Adoration WINGS Liturgical Planning Committee RCIA	Chapel Chapel Chapel Cryroom Room A
	TUESDAY April 9	12:10 AM	Danilo Yalung	11:30 AM	Rosary & Angelus	Chapel
	WEDNESDAY April 10	12:10 AM	Minda Rivera (L)	11:30 AM 12:45 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary & Angelus Eucharistic Adoration Children's Choir Rehearsal Legion of Mary Teen Choir Rehearsal	Chapel Chapel Church Room B Church
	THURSDAY April 11	12:10 AM	Kyle O'Connor	11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Rosary and Angelus Prayer Shawl Ministry	Chapel Room B
	FRIDAY April 12	12:10 AM	Darren Lee	11:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Rosary and Angelus Hispanic Prayer Group Italian Catholic Federation Meeting	Chapel Chapel Room A & Kitchen
	SATURDAY April 13			9:30 AM 3:00 PM	St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Individual Reconciliation	Rms A & B Chapel
	SUNDAY April 14	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	For the People Shirley Santos Joseph Spada Jose Diaz Cruz	10:15 AM	RCIA Inquiry	Room A

Scripture Readings

April 14

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



Stations Of The Cross

St. Augustine Church

Friday, April 12 at 7:30 PM

We have the opportunity to share traditionally the Cross of Christ, led by Knights of Columbus.

Easter Food Baskets

The **St. Vincent de Paul Ministry** is collecting NON-EXPIRED, non-perishable food for its Annual Easter Food Baskets for the needy in Pleasanton. Please leave food donations in the food bins located in the vestibules of each church any time.

MedShare Volunteers Needed

Please join us at MedShare on **Saturday April 13 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 PM**. A group of CCOP volunteers will be sorting medical supplies at MedShare in San Leandro. MedShare provides free medical supplies to hospitals and free clinics around the world where there is great need. We are looking for 15 volunteers. For information, please contact Marti at martiannc@yahoo.com or call (925) 667-6169.

This project is organized by the Social Justice Committee.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Agnes Fuentes	Ron Horan
Lydia Fuentes	Reuben de Jesus
Kellie Beaty	Melissa Cui
Richard Guasco	Nick Callaway
Manuel Andrew	Dick Sanfilippo
Francis Nnoli	Sue Selna
Teresa Grande	Marilu Radcliff

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Phillis Cowan	Selso (Tuto) Sandoval
Marcel ter Beek	Ted Tully
Dan Lydon	Fr. Paul Minnihan
Farolito Cristobal	Martha Zavalla
Nemesia Arnobit	Lucy Montes

CRS Rice Bowl

Encounter Ona

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Rice bowls are still available in the parish offices as well as the Faith Formation office.

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Grief Ministry

The death of a loved one is a shattering experience. It leaves us in a state of shock, confusion, pain and sadness. You do not have to suffer alone. We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at **St. Elizabeth Seton**, on **April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 8**. Contact Eleanor at (925) 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

We're Hiring!

Part Time Secretary

St. Augustine Rectory

Job Title: Secretary (St. Augustine Rectory)
Part Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday

Position Overview

The secretary position is responsible for assisting with all church office activity. Working directly with the entire office and pastoral staff, the secretary effectively communicates and manages incoming visitors, phone calls, mail and other items as necessary.

This position requires a person who will responsibly manage church resources and help the ministries of the church meet the needs of the parish. For a complete job position description, please check our website at catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Email a cover letter and resume to omorineau@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

WINGS Lenten Retreat

April 8 @ St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel

All women are invited to an evening Lenten Retreat on Monday, April 8 at the Chapel at St. Elizabeth Seton Church from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Jan Stegman will present a prayerful and inspiring discussion, entitled "Journeying to Emmaus: The Road of Hope." If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Ryan at 925.487.3289.

Flowering & Green Plant Donations Needed

If you would like to donate flowering and green plants that we can use for our Easter environment, please drop them off at the churches anytime during Holy Week, but no later than Noon on Good Friday. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated! Thank you. - Dn. Gary

Fair Trade Easter Sale

Fair Trade Easter chocolate and bunnies are available this weekend after all Masses. This event is part of our Parish Global Solidarity Initiative to confront poverty around the world. Fair Trade chocolate and products are made without the use of forced child labor and child trafficking. By purchasing Fair Trade chocolate for Easter you will be helping disadvantaged workers in developing countries to earn a fair price for their labor. Please be generous in supporting this event!

This project is organized by the Social Justice Committee.

Fr. Kwame Appointed Interim Parochial Administrator

Bishop Barber has appointed Fr. Kwame as Interim Parochial Administrator for The Catholic Community of Pleasanton as of March 27, 2019. We are blessed to have his experience and leadership! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Fr. Kwame. Congratulations to Fr. Kwame on his appointment!

Good Friday Schedule Change

Please be advised that there will be no Last Seven Words Of Jesus of Good Friday. Please reach out to the Director of Liturgy if you have questions.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION



YOU
ARE
FORGIVEN

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ. Communal Reconciliation mixes public prayer and individual confession to a priest, followed by absolution.

Youth & Family Communal Reconciliation

St. Augustine Church: April 16 @ 7:30 PM

Adult Communal Reconciliation

St. Augustine Church
April 10 @ 7:30 PM

Individual Reconciliation

St. Augustine Church & St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Saturday April 13 @ 3:00 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



ST. AUGUSTINE

ST. ELIZABETH SETON

PALM SUNDAY
April 14

Procession to start before all Masses at the Grotto

Procession to start before all Masses in the St. John Paul II Activity Center

HOLY THURSDAY
April 18

8:30 AM: Morning Prayer
(No 8:30 AM Mass)

No 12:10 PM Mass, Rosary, Angelus

8:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

No Confessions

GOOD FRIDAY
April 19

8:30 AM: Morning Prayer
(No 8:30 AM Mass)
12:00 Noon: Stations of the Cross
4:30 PM: Start of Cross Walk (Begin St. Augustine parking lot to St. Elizabeth Seton)

No 12:10 PM Mass, Rosary or Angelus
12:00 PM-6:00 PM: Private Meditation In The Church

8:00 PM: Liturgy of the Word
Veneration of the Cross
Simple Communion

No Confessions

HOLY SATURDAY
April 20

8:30 AM: Morning Prayer
No 8:30 AM or 5:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM Easter Vigil (We begin with the Holy Fire at the St. John Paul II Activity Center.)

No Confessions

EASTER SUNDAY
April 21

8:00 AM Mass (No incense)
10:00 AM Mass (Adult Choir)
10:15 AM Mass in Grotto
12:00 PM Mass

9:00 AM Mass (Children's Choir, no incense)
11:00 AM Mass (Youth Choir)
No evening Masses