Fr. Kwame’s Corner

CHRIST IS RISEN; ARISE AND LIVE!

You often hear that Easter is the biggest feast on the Christian Calendar and rightly so for one reason. Easter is uniquely Christian because it claims that Jesus arose from the dead as the Christ and is alive.

The slogan “He is Risen” was a powerful Christian slogan in history! That slogan was the only symbol required for baptism long before the development the Apostle’s and Nicene Creed. This slogan represents the core belief of Christianity that “Jesus is Alive!” and that “He’s got to be alive”. Everyone grants that Jesus was born and lived, and he was killed; and he was buried in a tomb. But, only Christians believed he rose from the dead. You see, “He is Risen” was and is supposed to be an agentive phrase for Christians: that phrase moved and moves Christians into action.

The age-old question to Christians is: what proof do we have to show for the claim that Jesus is risen from the dead? Remember no Muslim, no Jew, no Hindu, no other religious people, are required to prove this claim because it was and is, uniquely, a Christian claim, and the burden of proof is on Christians! Is our proof then the “empty tomb”? No! It has been challenged based on historical and scientific grounds even by Christian biblical scholars. Is it then the “Shroud of Turin,” in the Roman town? Oh no, that has also been found to be a forgery dating

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back to the high medieval times – earliest being 9th century. So, is this uniquely Christian, special, claim false? Has our celebration of Easter no legs to stand on?

There’s a popular saying that “the sweetness of the pudding is in the eating” (unknown). This means that if you want to find out the truth of something you need to experience it, and that experience is the best teacher.

Therefore, we believe because some people told us! Those people were witnesses! A witness teaches not by words only but both word and living. That means witnesses didn’t tell us by word of mouth only; they LIVED THE RESURRECTION…. THEIR LIVES WERE LIVES THAT GAVE LIFE (not death) TO PEOPLE. THEIR LIVING PROVED TO THE GOOD THAT JESUS WENT ALL AROUND DOING – A SACRIFICAL LIFE. That made us come to believe; and that is how we must pass it on; not with our words but with good deeds that breathe life and light into others.

This is my usual message to grieving survivors at every Christian funeral: “Don’t let your mother, grandma, father, grandpa, relative or friend, die! Your life must pick up some good thing in her or his life... and as you live that life you bear witness to their life – you show that she or he is alive; she or he would never die as long as you live the good life they passed on to you.”

So, here is your proof that Christ is Risen: Your unselfish, forgiving, and sacrificial living. Let Jesus arise in your witness; let the God of love bring light out of the darkness of our hearts. That Christ is risen is true not simply because of a physical “empty tomb.” Christ is Risen and is alive because we are witnesses of his life by the way we live our lives. As we celebrate Christ, risen from the dead, and after our Church family of Pleasanton and the Diocese of Oakland has recently suffered losing our dear ones, I call on us and say, with Christ, Arise and Live!

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**Scripture Readings**

April 28,
Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sunday, April 28
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel


**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 25, May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 8. Contact Eleanor at (925) 846-8708. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**Rosary**

St. Augustine Church
Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM

**Angelus**

St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at Noon

**Adult Confirmation**

Adults interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425.

**RCIA: Come and See**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact Matt Gray, (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

**CRS Rice Bowl**

Easter Sunday: Encounter The Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at all Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27 & 28.

*This project is organized by the Social Justice Committee.*

**Infant & Toddler Playgroup**

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
St. Augustine Hall, Room 13

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.

**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.

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March Stewardship of Treasure

March Sunday Plate Budget: $140,414
March Sunday Plate Actual: $122,897
% via On-line Giving: 29%

YTD Sunday Plate Budget: $410,330
YTD Sunday Plate Actual: $374,976
% of Budget 91.38%

March Arise & Build Receipts $52,598
Total A&B Campaign Receipts $3,868,984
Total Receipts % of $3.6M Pledge 1.07%

Thank you for your Stewardship!

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Seeking quiet time for prayer and meditation? Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton. This is a great opportunity during these hectic times to sit quietly, clear your mind of all busyness and be present to Our Lord – let Him minister to you.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
1st Friday Every Month
9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Coordinator: Ernie (925) 846-7831

Last Friday of Each Month (Spanish)
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Coordinator: Ernesto (925) 640-1595

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHAPEL
Mondays and Wednesdays
12:45 PM – 6:30 PM
Coordinators: Linda (925) 462-0974
Sharon (925) 462-8625

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17 – 21, 2019

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Welcome to Roar VBS – This summer’s mane event! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21 at St. Augustine Parish Hall from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. VBS is a ministry for children age 4 (by June 1st) through children who are currently in 5th grade.

Each year, VBS has a theme and uses different and engaging ways for kids to learn about Jesus, experience God’s love and have a blast with friends.

To register, please complete the registration form on the website.

There is a lot of fun in store, so what are you waiting for? If you have any questions, contact Sharon Hanson at shanson@catholicofpleasanton.org.
Our Lord’s Promise to St. Faustina

Jesus said to St. Faustina “I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy...Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will” (687, 1541, 1731)

“At 3 o’clock, especially for sinners....I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of me in virtue of My Passion.”

Come, Join and Fly into the Ocean of God’s Mercy on this great Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday proclaimed by Saint John Paul II

April 28, 2019
2:00pm - 3:00pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel

Prayer & Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament
Chaplet Of Divine Mercy
Followed by Refreshments