



# St. Anne's Catholic Church

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## Easter Sunday

## April 20, 2025



### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday - Sunday CLOSED

### Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

### Library Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

### **Sunday's Readings/Music:**

Readings begin on page 150/Hymns on page 338.

- Gathering: #177 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise
- 1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118 #790  
**R:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
- 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
- Sequence #37: Victimae Paschali Laudes
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel: John 20:1-9
- Communion: #342 Behold The Lamb
- Sending: #177 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Many people think that Christmas is the most important day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, but from the earliest days of the Church, Easter has been considered the central Christian feast. As Saint Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." Without Easter—without the Resurrection of Christ—there would be no Christian Faith. Christ's Resurrection is the proof of His Divinity. Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast; Easter Sunday symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through His Death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin; through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life, both in Heaven and on earth. His own prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven," begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday.

That is why new converts are traditionally brought into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil service, on Holy Saturday evening. Their baptism parallels Christ's own Death and Resurrection, as they die to sin and rise to new life in the Kingdom of God. Why is Easter on a different day each year? Many Christians think that the date of Easter depends on the date of Passover, and so they get confused in those years when Easter (calculated according to the Gregorian calendar) falls before Passover (calculated according to the Hebrew calendar, which does not correspond to the Gregorian one). While there is a historical connection—the first Holy Thursday was the day of the Passover feast—the Council of Nicaea (325), one of the seven ecumenical councils acknowledged by both Catholics and Orthodox Christians, established a formula for calculating the date of Easter independent of the Jewish calculation of Passover. Most Catholics today receive Holy Communion each time they go to Mass, but that wasn't always the case. In fact, for a variety of reasons, many Catholics in the past very rarely received the Eucharist. Therefore, the Catholic Church made it a requirement for all Catholics to receive Communion at least once per year, during the Easter season. The Church also urges the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for that Easter Communion, though you're only required to go to Confession if you have committed a mortal sin. This reception of the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church. On Easter Sunday, in many Eastern Rite Catholic and Eastern Orthodox parishes, this homily by St. John Chrysostom is read. Saint John, one of the Eastern Doctors of the Church, was given the name "Chrysostom," which means "golden-mouthed," because of the beauty of his oratory. We can see some of that beauty on display, as Saint John explains to us how even those who waited until the very last hour to prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday should share in the feast. Just as Easter is the most important Christian holiday, so, too, the Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends all the way to Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses such major feasts as Divine Mercy Sunday and Ascension. In fact, Easter sends ripples out through the liturgical calendar even after the Easter season ends.<sup>1</sup>

*Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 21st  
Easter Monday—Holiday  
Parish Office Closed

Tuesdays, April 22nd  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month  
10:00 am  
Men's Ministry

Tuesday, May 6th  
1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass  
Anointing of the Sick



Thursday, May 1st  
1st Thursday of every month  
9:00 am — 10:00 am  
Holy Hour with Benediction

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The following non-perishable items are needed at St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on a regular basis and are usually in short supply and not provided through the food bank. Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.

Toilet Paper	Soup/Broth
Paper Towels	Ketchup/Mustard/Mayo
Cleansing wipes	Instant Coffee/Tea
Sanitary Pads/tampons	Oatmeal packets
Shavers/Shaving Cream	Cereal
Bottled Water	Juice Boxes
Toothbrushes/ toothpaste	Dried Pasta & Jarred/ Canned Pasta Sauce
Diapers	Jam/Jelly/Peanut Butter
3-in-1 Shampoo/ Conditioner/Body Wash	Ramen/Cup of Noodles/Instant Mac & Cheese

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4/19	5:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 4/20	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners & Benefactors Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday 4/21	8:15 AM	Special Intention: 50th Wedding Anniversary of Manuel & Bernardita Supleo
Tuesday 4/22	8:15 AM	† Fr. Ned Kelly SSC
Wednesday 4/23	8:15 AM	† Michael Vieira
Thursday 4/24	8:15 AM	† Fidel Supleo
Friday 4/25	8:15 AM	† Esther Cadena
Saturday 4/26	8:15 AM	† Vincent Brown

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## PARISH FINANCIALS

	March
<b>Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests</b>	
March Donation	\$ 35,961
Budget Donation	\$ 30,500
Excess / (shortfall)	\$ 5,461
Year to date excess/(shortfall)	\$ 6,636
Dev. Fund March donation	\$ 2,004
Dev. Fund YTD excess/(shortfall)	\$ (1,059)



Get the bulletin every week in your email before mass! Send a request to: rharmon@stanneswc.org



The Church office will be closed Monday, the 21st for the Easter holiday. We will reopen again the following day on 4/22, Tuesday. See you when we return!

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## Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ann Enright	William Egan
Tom Hughes	Dan Feikert
Vicki Hughes	Edward Sheehan
Kevin M. Kelly	Martin Bailey
Sheila Wilkins	Nancy Herney
Andrea Puccini	Cathy Bridges
Bunk Sicotte	Martin Keegan

Names are on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish to be included, removed or continued for another 4 weeks, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.

*Let us pray for all those who have recently passed away...*



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| † David Cox       | † Douglas Todoroff |
| † Gordon Hepler   | † John Lydecker    |
| † Lois Johnson    | † Joe Cellucci     |
| † Dolly Ambrosini |                    |



## The Resurrection | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?

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