

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sin and death! When all is said and done, we humans stand powerless before these devastating realities. Sin is of course more than a specific attitude, word, or action although we generally think of sin in these terms. Sin is, at its core, the decision to exercise our right to choose, and to choose something other than God's plan in our lives. Just as sin disrupted the relationship between God and our first parents, so too sin disrupts our divinely-intended relationship with our Creator. Sin is destructive as well in our relationship with others. Sin leaves behind guilt, shame, and broken lives. The idea of physical death can easily overwhelm us and appear such an ending of everything as to make human existence hardly worthwhile. If physical death is traumatic, even more so the thought of spiritual death, eternal separation from the God who creates and loves us.

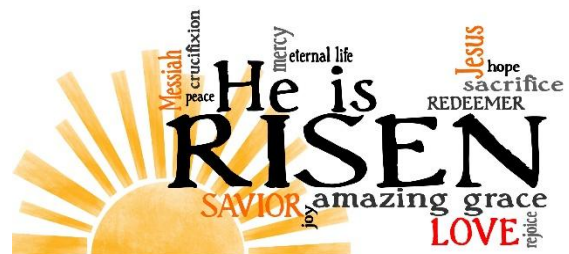
It was into this human condition of isolation from God because of human sin that Jesus came in the mystery of the Incarnation which we celebrate in the Nativity at Christmas. It was as part of this human condition that Jesus mounted the cross in order to redeem us from sin, breaking the bonds of death through the Resurrection. In his claim to be the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus set us free from bondage to sin and called us into a new existence as Children of God. At Easter we truly have reason to rejoice!

But Easter is not merely the end of the Lenten season when we can resume our 'normal' lives as though Lent and Easter had never happened. Rather, Easter is a beginning, a beginning of the new life which is ours in Christ Jesus. It is a beginning already present within all of the baptized, but at Easter we remind ourselves

again of its power, its consequence and its potential in us through the working of the grace of God. Why, then, do we stop our good practices begun in Lent when we pledged to reform our lives and adhere to the pledges made in our Baptism?

During the seven Sundays of the Easter season, we read preferentially from the *Acts of the Apostles* of those first Christians living faith in a dynamic manner as a response to Easter Resurrection. Those first Christians realized that Christ's sacrifice had set them free and promised eternal life to those who would follow God's plan in their lives. Given that understanding, they could do no less than rejoice. We are the Church, the People of God in this time and place, and the privileges and responsibilities of discipleship are ours to embrace. We demonstrate our understanding of Easter when we choose, despite challenges and even doubts, to live daily the continual outpouring of the joy of Easter Resurrection!

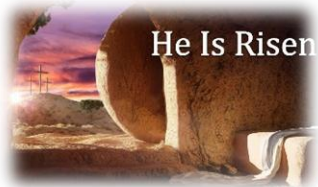
From Father Ken



**Choose to Live Daily
the Joy of Easter Resurrection**

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the miraculous Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I pray the risen Lord will breathe on all our minds and open up our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread and follow him in our lives. "He is risen - he is risen indeed".



He Is Risen

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day...



Next Sunday (April 12th) is Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to join us in the Chapel at 3:00 PM for prayers and reflections on God's Divine Mercy.

Prayer Requests

Linda Niedbalski receives and publishes prayer requests for SFV residents and Catholic Chapel members. She invites you to send prayer requests

By text to 817-253-5115 or email at lindaski16@yahoo.com

Remember that when hearts unite in faith, even in the smallest gathering, God's presence is among us. Let us lift these needs together, trusting that He hears and responds.



St. Francis Village Annual Health Fair will be held in the PAX Center on Friday April 10th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Fair is free and open to SFV residents and non-residents visiting the Chapel and Village. The Village Wellness Team and local vendors' focus will be on health and wellness.



Monday April 6	9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday April 7	9:00 AM Mass
Wednesday April 8	9:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Adoration
Thursday April 9	9:00 Mass & Anointing of the Sick
Friday April 10	9:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM Adoration 10:00 AM Confessions
Saturday April 11	5:00 PM Vigil Mass

In closing this week's reflections and updates, I recalled that a year ago on Easter Sunday Pope Francis was at the Vatican recovering from a case of double pneumonia. He was unable to celebrate Mass but did greet the Faithful in Saint Peter's square from the Loggia. He mustered up enough strength to be placed in the Pope Mobile and was driven around the piazza greeting the faithful. Pope Francis died the following Monday, Easter Monday, after having suffered a stroke.



May Christ's will be done on earth

as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.

Mike Pierson

Mass Intentions

April 5, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
April 6, 2026	Rest of the Soul of James Butler By Deacon Howard Herring
April 7, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
April 8, 2026	Intentions of Mart & Maggie McDonald
April 9, 2026	Rest of the Souls of SFV Residents who have died during this past year By SFV Board of Directors
April 10, 2026	Rest of the Soul of Beatrice Gagnon By Mike & Doris Pierson
April 11, 2026	Intentions of John & Catherine Daley (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)