

Do not be unbelieving, but

Second Sunday of Easter April 23, 2017



believe

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Jon P. Kirby, SVD: Pastor
Tony Albers: Deacon
Herb Kelsey: Deacon

MASSES:

Saturday: 8:00AM; 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays: Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM
(Mondays: 8:00 AM Communion Service)
Holy Days & Special Services: see bulletin

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:00 PM

PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA: Tuesdays 8:30 AM

MARRIAGES: Those wishing to be married must contact the priest at least 9 months before date of marriage.

Parish ID # for United Way Contributions.....9753

BAPTISM INFORMATION.....619-582-5722

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From The Pastor



Where are all the Catholics?

At present there are about 1.3 billion Catholics in the world, and around 70 million in the United States. That makes us the world’s fifth largest Catholic nation, just after Brazil, Mexico, the Philippines and China! (with 100 million). But it also means that we represent less than six percent of the global Catholic population. Put another way, 94 percent of the Catholics in the world aren’t like us. Two-thirds of those 1.3 billion Catholics now live outside “the West” (in the two-thirds world). And by 2050 it will be three-fourths. Only a hundred years ago it was the reverse. There are twice as many Catholics today in sub-Saharan Africa as in North America—a gap that swells with every passing day—and three times as many in Asia.

“Based on that,” Catholic journalist, John Allen says, “there’s a core insight about Catholic life in the early 21st century: American experiences, priorities and perspectives cannot always set the tone, because not everyone sees the world the same way we do, and increasingly, we’re not the big dogs anymore.”

There are now more than 4,000 foreign-born nuns studying or serving in the United States—mostly from Asia. They are younger and more educated than American nuns (73% with BAs). This adds to what we already know about non-American born priests. Today, roughly, one-fourth of all diocesan priests in the U.S. come from foreign countries, and three in ten American priests ordained in 2016 were born outside the country. Among some Religious Orders it is much higher. Ninety percent of the roughly 250 active SVD priests in America are in this category, including all our Provincials. It should be clear that the future of pastoral ministry in the U.S. is increasingly going to be in the hands of non-native Americans.

There are some problems with this. We often complain that foreign priests and sisters don’t adjust well

to American cultural expectations, and we have a hard time understanding some of them. On the other side, some worry that an increasing dependence on foreign priests and nuns may fuel a “brain drain” from churches in the developing world, siphoning off personnel from places that need those human resources far more than we do. We should encourage more native-born vocations and need to promote the cultural adjustment of foreign-born ministers, but we must also be careful not to exploit the material poverty of local churches in other parts of the world to satisfy our own desires. Cardinal Onaiyekan of Abuja, Nigeria puts it accurately, if bluntly: “Surely this is not where the Church wants to go, getting poor people to do jobs that the rich don’t want to do, as today happens in other walks of life.”

But there is also a tremendous upside. The US Church would flop without them! They help keep our parishes, schools, hospitals, and other Catholic institutions not only afloat, but dynamic and vital. And, more importantly, they can help us understand why our obsessions aren’t necessarily those of the rest of the Catholic world such as anti-Christian persecution. In many places it means literally taking your life in your hands every time you set out for church on Sunday. They can offer quite different perspectives on *Amoris Laetitia* and *Laudato Si*, and open our eyes to why our issues sometimes strike the majority Catholic world as incredibly insular. Of course, we can also teach them something—anti abuse and money management in particular. But, bottom line, they broaden us by offering the best faith formation lessons about life in the Church in the 21st century. (Adapted from John Allen in *Crux* <https://cruxnow.com/analysis/2017/03/04/>)

Home Masses

We have begun Home Masses. Pleased contact the office if you wish to host a Mass.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Apr. 22	8:00pm	Settimio & Domenico Porco †	Tues. Apr. 25	8:00am	Dick Allen †
Sun. Apr. 23	8:00am	Parishioners	Wed. Apr. 26	8:00am	Jim Stockfish †
	10:00am	Mary Geitz †	Thur. Apr. 27	8:00am	Ellen Heid †
	6:00pm	Richard Schumann †	Fri. Apr. 28	8:00am	John & Neiki Zabala, int.
Mon. Apr. 24	8:00am		Sat. Apr. 29	8:00am	



Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Weekdays 7:30 AM (Before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays (After Mass)

He Makes Everything New

"Behold, I make everything new". (Rev 21: 5) Newness often makes us fearful, including the newness which God brings us, the newness which God asks of us. We are like the Apostles in the Gospel: often we would prefer to hold on to our own security, to stand in front of a tomb, to think about someone who has died, someone who ultimately lives on only as a memory, like the great historical figures from the past. We are afraid of God's surprises! He always surprises us!

Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If until now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. His arms are open wide to receive you. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he planned us to live.

The women encounter the newness of God. Jesus has risen, he is alive! But faced with empty tomb and the two men in brilliant clothes, their first reaction is one of fear: "they were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground," They didn't even have courage to look. But when they hear the message of the Resurrection, they accept it in faith. Let us invoke the intercession of the Blessed Mother who treasured all these events in her heart and ask the Lord to give us a share in his Resurrection. May he open us to the newness of life that transforms all of creation. May he help us remember all that he has done in our lives and in the history of this world. May he help us to feel his presence as the one who is alive and at work in us. And may he teach us each day not to look among the dead for the Living One.



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GROWING GREAT MINDS AND GREAT HEARTS
TO BE SERVANT LEADERS

JOIN THE PADRINOS!

Become a "Padrino" to sponsor a child or a family in our school. Any amount that you can give will help a child and safeguard the future of the school. Please contact the parish office.



Blessed Sacrament Parish School
(Transitional Kindergarten - grade 8)

Monthly Campus Tours 10:30am-11:30am
(or by appointment)

Contact: admissions@bsps-sd.org
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*Growing great minds and great hearts
to be servant leaders.*

This Sunday's Readings

Describes how life was lived in communities formed not long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their focus is on communal life and the teachings of those who knew Jesus best, his apostles. The readings from First Peter and John both remind us that even among the apostles there is a tension between believing and seeing the reality of the resurrection. John tells of an apostle, Thomas, who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he had seen and touched his wounds. Jesus offers him the chance to do just that. Most of us are not in a position to demand such tangible proof from Jesus. But these stories are written so that we, who cannot see Jesus as his apostles did, can still come to believe and through that belief have life.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Parish Events

Wed. Writer's Group has ended

April 23 - Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration 2-3:30pm

April 29 - Women's Club Card Party 10am PH

May 1 - Cares for Kids Mtg. 6-7pm PH

May 1 - Bibliodrama 6:30pm PH Library

May 6-7 Holy Land Olivewood Religious Articles Sold

May 7 - 1st Communion 10am Mass for children

May 10 - Soup & Salad 5pm-7pm PH

May 11 - Women's Club Mtg. 9am PH

May 14 - Mother's Day 9 Day Novena Begins

May 14 - Diocesan African Mass & Gathering 1pm

May 15 - Bibliodrama 6:30pm PH Library

May 29 - Memorial Day

June 4 - Pentecost & Ethnic Potluck

June 9 - BSPS Last Day of School

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Interested in joining a ministry group?
Contact the person listed below or church office.

(area codes are (619) except were listed)

- Adoration Chapel.....582-5722
- Altar Servers:**
Judy Cromwell..... 582-5722
- Cares For Kids-Blessed Sacrament**
Teresa Markey.....582-2141
- Contemporary Choir:**
(10:00 am & 6 pm Masses).....582-5722
- Culture of Life:**
Margie Morrison.....582-8651
- Eucharistic Ministers:**
Church Office.....582-5722
- Knights of Columbus:**
John Agoh.....278-8405
- Lectors:**
Cynthia Gonzales.....218-8155
- BSPS Parent-Teacher Group (PTG):**
Kristen Crisostomo (President).....klhbones@aol.com
- Prayer Chain**
Maria Contreras.....917-5850
- Traditional Choir:**
Patti Burch (8 am Mass).....735-6330
- Tuesday Fun Club:**
Peggy Raynoha.....582-3657
- Ushers:**
Church Office.....582-5722
- Vocations Committee:**
Dick Reid.....583-1081
- Women's Club:**
Pat Luebbers.....262-8522
- Youth Ministry (High School Students):**
Parish Office.....582-5722

Daily Prayer for Our Priests

O Jesus,
I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful & tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely & desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me, the priests who absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I assisted & who gave me Your body & blood in Communion, the priests to whom I am indebted any other way especially (*name....*)
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time & in eternity. Amen.

--St. Therese of Lisieux

Monday ~ April 24

Rev. Manuel Villarreal

Tuesday ~ April 25

Rev. Patrick Wainwright,MC

Wednesday ~ April 26

Rev. Cavanaugh Wallace

Thursday ~ April 27

Rev. Raymundus Wea, SVD

Friday ~ April 28

Rev. Allan White, OP

Saturday ~ April 29

Rev. Michael White, CSSp

Sunday ~ April 30

Rev. Robert White



AROUND TOWN

May 5-7 Beginning Experience Weekend at Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside; helping divorced, widowed & separated people heal & move beyond grief; Info. Cathy Savel 619-222-9093, Rose Sheehan 619-504-4410; Spanish Nish Carmedy 330-607-8774

July 14-16 SUMMER FAMILY CAMP at Whispering Winds in Julian for BSP parishioners, Fun activities: zipline, pool, horseback riding, & more. Spiritual enrichment programs are tailored for children, teens & adults; Online registration is now open at www.whisperingwinds.org; More info. Matt & Brianne Kojis 619-964-6174 or mattkojis@gmail.com

Retrouvaille-Marriage Help! Give troubled marriages & their hurting families a chance to heal. More info. on upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples contact registration team @ 951-259-9474 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

Custodian/Maintenance Laborer full-time job position at St. Therese Parish San Diego. Responsible for care & maintenance of parish facilities. Information call church office (619) 582-3716