



Were not our
hearts burning
within us?

Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



Easter Urbi et Orbi 2017

Every Easter and Christmas the Pope delivers what is known as the *Urbi et Orbi* blessing (to the city and the world). The Easter Day message usually summarizes the global situation focusing on the Vatican's key political and social concerns for the immediate future.

This year Pope Francis instructs the Church to reach out to "the outskirts of society" in what he calls our "throwaway culture"—what is not useful is thrown away! He is referring to the modern economic system which "kills" when it places the god of money at its center instead of the human person, and builds industries like human and drug trafficking that kill. He reminds the world that Jesus is the stone that was thrown away, but is foundation of our life. Our hope is in this Risen Shepherd who walks beside those who have been forced leave homelands as victims of armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, famine and oppressive regimes.

The Pope commented on the bomb attack in Aleppo which, just hours before, killed over 100 who were waiting to be evacuated to a more hopeful future. He

tells us that the Lord has indeed risen! But asks (and we might also ask): how can these things happen—so many tragedies: illnesses, human trafficking, human exploitation, wars, destruction, mutilations, vengeance, and hatred? Where is Lord?" "There is no answer," he says. There is only the hope that the Lord has risen. He is our hope!

But the Lord also works through us. The Pope urged special care for Africa, S. Sudan, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, in particular. Famine has already been declared in parts of South Sudan, and Nigeria, Yemen and Somalia are on the brink. The United Nations has announced that 20 million people are in danger of starvation, making it the worst humanitarian crisis since the international body was founded, and it is seeking \$4.4 billion by July to prevent widespread deaths. What is our response? The budget the president sent to Congress contains an increase in arms funding but deep cuts to foreign aid at a time of unparalleled need in the world.

The Pope urges this Risen Shepherd to "guide the steps of all those who work for justice and peace. May he grant the leaders of nations the courage they need to prevent the spread of conflicts and to put a halt to the arms trade." We earnestly join him in this prayer especially for those in the world's conflict zones.

The BSP Creation Care Team

Kudos and blessings to Fr. Emmett Farrell who, on "Earth Day," April 21, gave a wonderful introduction to Pope Francis' ground-breaking encyclical, *Laudato Si* (Care for our Common Home). At the end of the talk he explained how our Diocese is at the forefront of the Church's efforts to create greater awareness of the need to care for, not only other people, but all of creation. Last year, the Pope made this a Corporal Work of Mercy and we cannot celebrate Divine Mercy without bending our knees to it as well. Fr. Farrell finished by inviting us to form a "Creation Care Team" in our parish to explore this great encyclical and find ways to do our part in caring for creation. These teams, at the parish level, are part of the larger USCCB sponsored Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org).

We are now in the process of forming our BSP Creation Care Team and, even if you were unable to make it to Fr. Farrell's presentation, I would enthusiastically encourage you to join this very current and exciting new parish ministry.

Those wishing to join please contact the office.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Apr. 29	5:00pm	Jay Guerra, int.	Tues. May 2	8:00am	Felisa & Vincente Isidro, Jr. †
Sun. Apr. 30	8:00am		Wed. May 3	8:00am	Anna Balistreri †
	10:00am	Parishioners	Thur. May 4	8:00am	
	6:00pm	Louie Coliflores †	Fri. May 5	8:00am	
Mon. May 1	8:00am	Jennie Sardo †	Sat. May 6	8:00am	

PROMISES FULFILLED

Today's readings look back at both the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, remembering the promise given to David that Jesus would be raised from the dead. The Psalm and First Peter look forward to our lives as we await our resurrection and consider the sacrifice made by Jesus. Luke tells us the story of another experience of the risen Jesus. The disciples unknowingly walk with Jesus and tell him of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Jesus himself looks back with them to the promises made to Moses and all the prophets about his death and resurrection. Still they do not know who he is. It is only when he blesses and breaks bread and shares it with them that they realize it is Jesus. Then they race back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



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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PADRINOS
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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.

Women's Club Wants You!

What is preventing you from being a member of BSP's Women's Club? ***NOTHING!!!***



Women of the Church

YOU ARE OUR FUTURE

Become a member (\$5.00 per year dues) & we will email you all our monthly minutes so that you are able to see & enjoy our meetings and participate in our three fundraising events. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month. All our proceeds go to the upkeep of our altar, and purchasing the wine, hosts, oil, candles, etc.

**Please contact Pat Luebbers (President)
at 619-262-8522 for further information.**

Parish Events

- 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 13-14** - National Shrine of Immaculate Conception collection
- May 15** - Bibliodrama 6:30pm PH Library
- May 29** - Memorial Day
- May 29** - Bibliodrama 6:30pm PH Library
- 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 ~ May 1
Pope Francis
- Tuesday ~ May 2
Bishop Robert McElroy
- Wednesday ~ May 3
Bishop Robert Brom
- Thursday ~ May 4
Bishop Gilbert Chavez
- Friday ~ May 5
Rev. Neal Wilkinson, SJ
- Saturday ~ May 6
Rev. José Wittingham
- Sunday ~ May 7
Right Rev. Charles Wright, OSB



June 4 ~ Pentecost Sunday
Ethnic Potluck
after 10:00am mass
(Plan to bring a dish to share)

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.