

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.


April 20, 2025

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**Easter Sunday,
The Resurrection of the Lord**

MASS INTENTIONS				
Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel				
SUNDAY	Apr 19	8PM	vigil	Easter Vigil in Holy Night of Easter
	Apr 20	9 AM		Easter Sunday
		11 AM		Resurrection of the Lord
MONDAY	Apr 21	8:30 AM		Sam Alaba (Healing)
				Dede Ingles (Healing)
				Jan Valencia (Healing)
TUESDAY	Apr 22	8:30 AM		Richard Corpuz +
				Galia Kenny (Healing)
				Lucita Phillips +
WEDNESDAY	Apr 23	8:30 AM		Robert Anthony Sanchez +
				Royze Haag (Birthday)
THURSDAY	Apr 24	NO Mass		
FRIDAY	Apr 25	8:30 AM		(Church Mass) Patrocinio Paje +

NO DAILY MASS MAY 5TH THRU MAY 9TH



THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE;
LET US
Rejoice
AND BE GLAD

CHILDISH OR CHILD-LIKE?


The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1-5). Besides running like excited kids, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus' resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today's reading, who "saw [the empty tomb] and believed" (John 20:9). That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason. We "bribe" them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to believe in a real and loving God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless.

Jesus didn't say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don't get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God's love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood. (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As we rejoice in the glory of the Resurrection this Easter Sunday, I wish you all, the Joy of Victory over sin and death, yes the Lord is raising us out of the tombs of sin. Holy Week reminds us of the depth of God's love, revealed through the sacred days of Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrated the Last Supper, where Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist—the gift of Himself. It is the hour of self-giving love, as He established the new and everlasting covenant, a relationship that makes us part of Him as branches of the Vine; "I am the Vine and you are the branches" John 15:5.


Good Friday draws us into the mystery of the Cross; having united us to himself, He dies in our stead, that our sins may be forgiven. It is a day of silence and awe, as we contemplate the sacrifice that brings us healing, forgiveness, and peace.

These holy days prepare our hearts for the joy of **Easter**, when the tomb is found empty and life triumphs over death. In rising from the dead, He comes to break bread with us, uniting us to His victorious self, giving us His victory. Jesus Christ assures us that no darkness is too deep, no sorrow too heavy, that cannot be transformed by His resurrection.

As your pastor, I pray that this Easter season renews your hope, strengthens your faith, and fills your homes with the peace of the Risen Lord. May we walk forward as Easter people—grateful, joyful, and always trusting in the promise of new life. Alleluia.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter!


In the Risen Christ,
Fr. Mathew Rappu
Pastor, Our Lady of Grace Parish



**AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE,
WE BELIEVE: TOGETHER, WE WILL
BE LIVING STONES IN GOD'S TEMPLE.**

"Like living stone, let yourself be built into a spiritual house"

— 1 Peter 2:5



A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.



Lord, send out your
Spirit
and renew
the face of the earth.

SERVICE

Please help us reach our
Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection on April 6: \$4,920.00
April 13: \$3,813.00
Prayerfully consider what you can give.

PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish:

Sandra Garcia, Ron Moore, Emiliana Stoltz, Sam Alaba, Sonja Craighton, Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely, Millie Centers, Stan Holland.

FORMATION

- Children's Faith Formation (CFF)
NO CFF on April 15 and 22.
Classes meet at 5:30 PM on April 29 at OLG School.
Last Day of CFF Potluck on May 06 at OLG School.
- Next Baptism class is on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 PM, call parish office at 916-371-4814 to sign up.

HOSPITALITY


THANK YOU to our ministers and volunteers of our faith community who have assisted in the preparation of the Lenten Penance Services, Confirmation Mass and priest dinner, prepared catechumen and candidates for the sacraments, those who organized and volunteered to clean or decorated the church, set up/clean up for Mass, those who filled various needs of the church, and liturgical celebrations. May God bless you for offering your time, talent and treasure for the glory of God during Lent and Easter season.

KID'S CORNER

Easter Sunday

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- Cloths
- Scripture
- Rise
- Dead



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