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Reflections from our Pastor

Dear friends,

On this long awaited Easter Sunday I wish you and your families a blessed Easter. May we know more fully within our own hearts the everlasting Joy and Peace of the Risen Christ. And may your children and grandchildren, little nieces and nephews, also know the added joy of chocolate Easter eggs, though not too many, lest the joy quickly turn into the sadness of aching stomachs.

In the Eastern Catholic Church they have a traditional greeting that people exchange on this special day: the one who initiates the greeting says "Christ is Risen!" while the other responds with "He is Risen indeed!" or "He is truly Risen!!" Easter is the Feast of Feasts, the joyful celebration of the true event of Christ's Resurrection, and what makes this feast even more joyful, is that it is also the celebration of our own Resurrection in Him.

What exactly does the Resurrection mean for us? We know that it has something to do with our bodies being raised up at the end of time, and not only that, but according to St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians, these lowly bodies of ours will be transformed to be like the glorious body of Christ (Philippians 3:21). New Glorious Bodies!!! That is certainly Good News! Especially for the man struggling with aches in every joint, who told me the other day: "Father, growing old is the pits."

But what about now, does the Resurrection of Christ have significance for our life in the here and now? To help us understand its impact and relevance for our daily life, there is an excellent book by Caryl Houselander called "The Risen Christ: the Forty Days after the Resurrection." Here are just a few excerpts from her book to lead us in a reflection on the grace of the Resurrection for our lives:

"Christ took our human nature for His own and gave us His. Christ has lived each of our lives, He has faced all our fears, suffered all our griefs, overcome all our temptations, labored in all our labors, loved in all our loves, died all our deaths. He took our humanity, just as it is, with all its wretchedness . . . and gave it back to us just as His humanity is, transfigured by the beauty of His living, filled full of His joy. He came back from the long journey through death, to give us His Risen Life to be our life.

He has come back as spring comes back out of the ground, renewing the earth with life, to be a continual renewing of life in our hearts, that we may continually renew one another's life in His love, that we may be His Resurrection in the world.

In every life there are many secret resurrections. In our sin, we are the tombs in which Christ lies dead, but at the first movement of sorrow for sin He rises from the dead in us, the life of the world is renewed by our sorrow, the soul that was in darkness radiates the morning light. In the moment that we are forgiven, the world is flooded with forgiveness.

All day long, all over the world there is resurrection. Our Lord has told us how we are to lead the Risen Life, and He has shown it to us. It is to be a life of love, love that creates, love that fills up the measure of each life with joy. Love that is light and peace. Love that forgives and heals and sustains, that makes us one. Love that gives life to the world and gives beauty to life. Love that is food and clothing and water for thirst. Love that is bread. It is the love of the Eternal Father for His only Son, given to us, and it is given to us for ourselves and for one another."

May our Easter Season be an Easter of many resurrections, of love's resurrection in our hearts, and a greater love for God and for each other. People will know we are Christian, that our hearts have been raised up, by the way we love. Every victory over selfishness and indifference announces Resurrection. Every sincere act of kindness, forgiveness, generosity, and thoughtfulness are visible, sacramental signs of a risen heart. May God bless us with this Easter grace so that we may know the fullness of joy and life in His Son.

God love you,



Fr. Steven

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Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 6, in observance of Easter. We will have regular office hours Tuesday through Friday. Have a happy, blessed Easter holiday!

Volunteer Appreciation—Aloha!

St. Peter's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is **Saturday, April 18**, starting at 6 p.m. in Heritage Center. You don't want to miss out! If you plan on attending, please fill out the form in the Gathering Space and turn it in to the collection basket or parish office. You can also leave a message at 651-452-4550 or email mjubenville@stpetersmendota.org. **Please respond by Sunday, April 12**, if attending. We hope to see you there!



Workcamp Pancake Breakfast

The Workcamp Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday morning, April 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We will be serving a delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, egg bake, and sausage. Please join us for the great annual tradition and help support the Workcampers for their mission trip this July to Hastings, Michigan. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children or \$20 per family.



We also be hosting a bake sale that weekend, so you can stock up on some wonderful baked goods for the spring!

Website Volunteers Needed

St. Peter's Technology Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help maintain and produce content for our website. We are looking for:

- Writers to help compose articles about the parish for the website
- Photographers to take pictures at various parish events
- Someone who already works with and understands WordPress, to help maintain and update sections of the website

If you would be interested in filling any of these roles, please contact Sara Rogers, srogers@stpetersmendota.org or Ed Overell, coverell@stpetersmendota.org.

Council of Catholic Women Fashion Show and Luncheon

The Council of Catholic Women are taking reservations for their annual spring fashion show and luncheon which will be held on Saturday, April 11, in Heritage Center. The cost for the luncheon and fashion show is \$20. Call Marge Sullivan at 651-451-6690 for more information or to make reservations.



Fall Festival Committee Meeting

Our Fall Festival Committee is looking for new members to help our festival continue to grow! We will be having our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 pm in Conference Room 1. This is a great way to get involved in the parish and meet new people. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any questions, please contact Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or algailbarta@q.com.



Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on Wednesday, April 8, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses April 11 and 12 in the Gathering Space. You can also register by clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.

A "Beary" Special Thank You



This week 345 pounds of food was delivered. As of this week, we have now delivered 2,492 pounds of food to Neighbors, Inc. for the month of March. Thank you for your donations!

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Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Freewill offering.

For additional information call 952-890-0045 or email growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

The Week of April 6

Monday, April 6

Parish Office Closed

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
- 6 pm** St. Paul Civic Symphony
- 7 pm** Boy Scouts, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, April 7

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm
- 9:45 am** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room,
Conference Room I

Wednesday, April 8

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
- 9:45 am** Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
- 1:30 pm** CCW Board Meeting,
Conference Room I
- 4:30 pm** Grades 1-5
- 6:30 pm** Grades 1-8
- 7 pm** Fall Festival Meeting, Conference Room I

Thursday, April 9

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
- 6-7:30 pm** Feed My Starving Children
- 7 pm** Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
- 7 pm** Al-Anon, Room 7
- 7 pm** Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, April 10

- 8-8:45 am** Confessions, Main Church
- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)

Saturday, April 11

- 9 and 10:30 am** Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
- 10 am** Scripture Study, Conference Room I
- 11:30 am** CCW Fashion Show/Luncheon,
Heritage Center
- 4 pm** Confessions, Main Church
- 4:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 5 pm** Mass, Main Church
- 5 pm** Parents' Night Out, Ravoux Room
- After Mass:**
Faithful Shepherd Information
New Parishioner Registration
Pizza Bingo Sign Up

Sunday, April 12—Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

- 8:30 & 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 9 & 11 am** Mass, Main Church
- 9 am** Sunday School
- 9&11 am** Liturgy of the Word for Children
- After Masses:**
Faithful Shepherd Information
Hospitality
New Parishioner Registration
Pizza Bingo Sign Up
- 2:30 pm** Divine Mercy Service
- 6:30 pm** Youth Group

Parish Pastoral Council

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Trustees:

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 Helen Wilkie..... 651-365-1334

Readings for the Week of April 5

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1
 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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Mass Intentions

**The following are the intentions remembered
by the priest at Mass:**

Monday, April 6 - †Mary & †Jacob Ambalam
Tuesday, April 7 - †Jack McCauley
Wednesday, April 8 - †Estelle Knapp
Thursday, April 9 - †Richard Dugan
Friday, April 10 - †William Haggerty
Saturday, April 11 - †Josephine Mayers
Sunday, April 12 - 9 a.m. - †Mary Chapdelaine
 11 a.m. - Mass For the People



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Parents' Night Out

Want a nice dinner out, some relaxing time at home, or some time to work on a few house projects? Bring your kids (ages 6 weeks to 11 years) to St. Peter's Parents' Night Out!

On Saturday, April 11, from 5 to 8 p.m., you are welcome to drop off your children in our Ravoux Room (up by the offices) and have a few hours to yourself. This event is FREE, although we will accept free-will offerings and the profit will go directly to St. Peter's. Supper will include pizza, carrots, apple slices, and milk or water. (You are welcome to bring a different dinner for your child if they won't or can't eat ours.)

We hope you can take advantage of this event! RSVPs are **strongly encouraged**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Help Support Young Families at St. Peter's!

We are looking for people to help us care for kids during our Parents' Night Out event on Saturday, April 11. **We could really use your help!** All volunteers will need to have Virtus training as well as a background check. Please contact Sara Rogers at the information above if you are interested, and thank you!

Wine Tasting and Wine Sale

St. Peter's Men's Club will be hosting a spring wine tasting and wine sale on Thursday evening, April 23, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Heritage Center.

This is a great opportunity to sample some significant spring and summer wines. We will also have light appetizers and the opportunity for parishioners to mingle with each other. We will be selling the sample wines by the bottle or the case. This is a great time to stock up for all your spring and summer events, or to just try some of the best new wines.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$18 per couple in advance or \$10 per person at the door. The Men's Club will be taking reservations and pre-selling tickets after Masses on April 5, 12, and 19, or you can call John Vogel at 651-688-7427 to get more information.

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Fr. Steven Hoffman 651-905-4305

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Lisa Amos 651-905-4304

BUSINESS MANAGER:

Mary Jubenville 651-905-4307
Heritage Center Rental Information
Mary Jubenville, staff contact..... 651-905-4307

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION:

Kathy Raible, Director 651-905-4311
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SUNDAY MASSES

(all in the Main Church)
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

(all in the Historic Church)
9 am Monday-Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays 8 to 8:45 am, Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm and also by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary LeClair E-mail: maryleclair62@gmail.com
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