

~ RESURRECTION ~

For Christians throughout the world, the dawn of Easter morning marks the celebration of the triumph of life over death, as we affirm our faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

Religious faith is easily caricatured these days, dismissed as a failure of nerve before the ambiguities of real life or, more sobering, is identified with a fanaticism that seeks to assert its dominance over nonbelievers. However, the lessons of Lent have reminded us of the emptiness of such caricatures.

The annual pilgrimage of Lent has been a renewal of religious memory, as the liturgy led us through the history of salvation, a story of broken covenants and a God of justice and mercy. It is not a story of easy escapes but of painful exile, of testing in the desert and prophetic denunciations and, finally, of a new covenant sealed in the passion and death of Jesus. On Easter morning, then, Christians do not indulge in a magical but momentary distraction from the raw reality of life and the dangers of our moment in history. On the contrary, our Easter celebration can help us more dearly recognize ourselves and the possibilities of our historical moment.

Christian hope is rooted in Christian realism. Authentic hope is, above all, resilient; it survives the shattering of all expectations. It is capable of confronting a future that can never be dearly predicted and certainly cannot be fully controlled. Easter hope always deals with possibilities rather than guarantees. Hope, when all is said and done, is quite different from security. In our individual lives, as well as in the larger march of history, our Easter faith does not provide any exemption from darkness and danger. However, Easter does remind us of the deepest ground of our trust that there is meaning in our world as in our personal lives.

The triumph of Jesus over death assures us that our world will make sense in the long run, even if it sometimes seems to be spinning out of control. The march of history will not end in some cruel joke, even if along the way there are tragic detours. Our personal lives can achieve their full promise, even if our actions sometimes contradict our best intentions. The final word in our personal pilgrimage and in the story of the human family will be a word of light and love.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, the people of Israel express their faith that God's word is uttered in an ever-present now: "Today you hear his voice." God's word is not only a revered memory; it is an enduring challenge. And for the Christian, the passion of Jesus is a contemporaneous experience, renewed in the sacramental remembrance of the liturgy but also present in the scars of the oppressed and the brutalized today, whether in the deserts of Darfur, the violent streets of Baghdad or the forgotten pockets of poverty in affluent Western cities. Whatever you have done to the least of my people, Jesus said, you have done to me. This sense of the continuing passion of Jesus in our world today roots our Easter faith in the actual cries of God's people.

The religious memories that engage us during Holy Week are fulfilled on Easter morning; but they are, after all, memories of suffering - the exile of Israel, the passion and death of Jesus - and these same memories of suffering and death are the source of a renewed hope. Authentic hope does not blink at the dark realities of life: pain, betrayal, oppression and death. Authentic hope is grounded in the unshakable trust that God will be faithful to his people, and the power of his spirit can transform darkness into light, rescue love from loneliness and bring life out of death.

Finally, Christians believe that the resurrection of Jesus does not only mean that eternal life awaits us after death; we also believe that life can come out of death, that death and resurrection is a pattern that prevails throughout our pilgrimage. If the grain of wheat does not fall to the ground and die, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. This biblical image (John 12:24) captures a law of our human condition. The life that is not shared is squandered; the life that is given away is richer for the human spirit when men and women risk their own lives to save others, on a battlefield or in the less dramatic but daily generosity that holds families together and nourishes children.

The resurrection of Jesus confirms our trust that life comes after death and that life comes out of death. The promise of eternal life awaits us at the end of our pilgrimage, and the promise of new life is present in the daily dying of a life lived in love. The Lord has risen and has gone before us. We need not fear the future.

Alleluia, He is Risen!

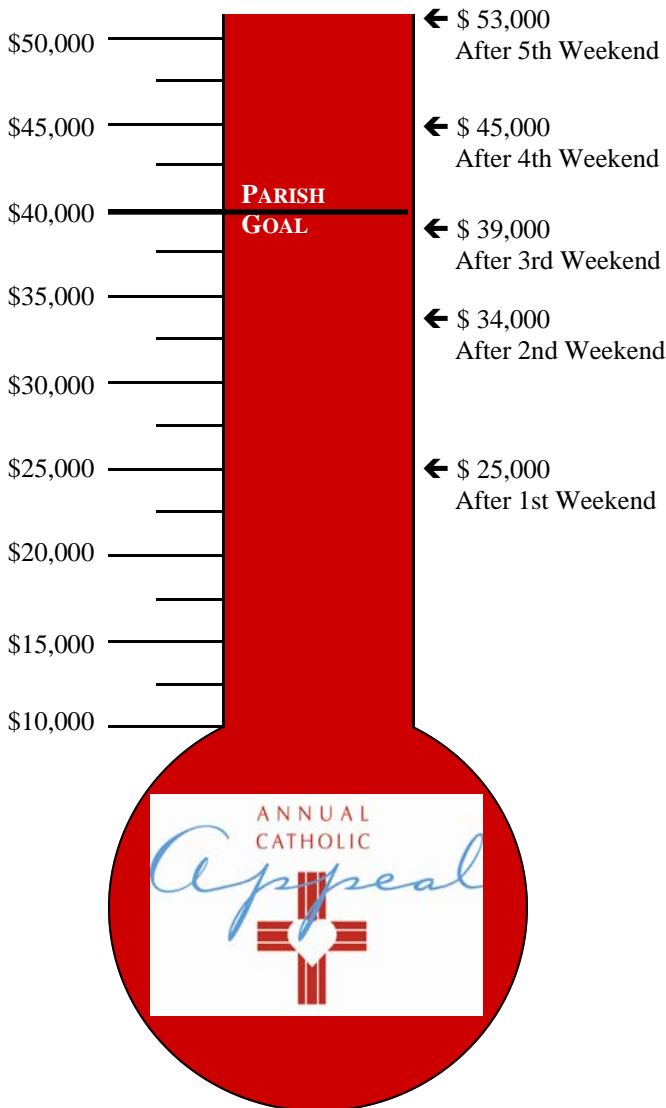
**~ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL~
OVER OUR GOAL!**

WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!

Thanks be to God, we continue to receive many donations. We have collected \$53,000 at this time.

Our **parish goal** for the Appeal was to raise **\$40,000** in donations and pledges and we have kept the Appeal open for a limited time. I know people were glad that **25% of the funds contributed from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need right here.** While we close the Annual Catholic Appeal on Easter, you will find occasional reference to it throughout the year so that people can still give as the Appeal is for all of 2010.

Thank you for your continued generosity. It is marvelous to see how good our parishioners are. God bless you.



**~REFLECTIONS ON THE
EUCHARIST~**

As they visit our Cathedral, people often ask for the translation of the Latin in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel area of the Cathedral which we are glad to provide for your spiritual enrichment. Please hang on to it.

**ARCH BEHIND TABERNACLE TOWER/
WORDS USED DURING BENEDICTION:**

You have given them bread from Heaven, containing in itself all sweetness!



BASE OF DOME/ BY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:

O Sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed; where the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us.



**INSIDE GRILLE OF EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL/
BY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:**

Bowing down then, let us worship so great a Sacrament. The old law gives place to a new rite; faith supplies the lack of sight. To the Father and the Son be praise and glory, salvation, honor power and blessing; to him, who from both proceeds, be the same worship.



**OUTSIDE GRILLE OF EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL/
BY ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:**

Sing, my tongue, the mystery of the glorious body and precious blood, which the King of the nations, fruit of a royal womb, poured out as the world's ransom. Word made flesh, by his word he changes bread into his body and wine becomes the blood of Christ. Though our senses fail us, faith alone will make will make a true heart firm.



**A BLESSED, HOLY EASTER SEASON
TO ALL IN THE RISEN CHRIST**

~ ¡RESURECCIÓN! ~

Para cristianos por todo el mundo, el amanecer la mañana del Pascua marca la celebracion trinfual de la vida sobre la muerte, mientras reafirmamos nuestra fe en la resurrección de Jesus.

La fe religiosa es facilmente hecha caricatura en estos dias, dejada como un fracaso ante las ambigüedades de la vida real o, mas seria, es identificada con un fanatismo que busca acertar su domino sobre los no creyentes. Pero las lecciones de Cuaresma nos han recordado de lo vacio de esas criaturas.

El peregrinaje anual de Cuaresma ha sido una renovacion de la memoria religiosa, mientras la liturgia nos llevo atraves de la historia de salvacion, una historia de pactos rotos y de un Dios de justicia y misericordia. No es una historia de escapes faciles sino un exilio doloroso, de pruebas en el desierto y denunciaciones profeticas y finalmente de un nuevo pacto sellado en la pasion y muerte de Jesus. En la mañana de Pascua, los cristianos no se gratifican en una magica pero momentaria distracion de la ruda realidad de la vida y los pelogros de nuestro momento de historia. Por el contrario, nuestra celebracion de Pascua nos puede ayudar a reconocernos cariñosamente a nosotros mismos y las posibilidades de nuestro momento historico.

La esperanza Crisitiana esta fundada en el realismo cristiano. Una esperanza autentica es, sobre todo, resistente; sobre vive el rompimiento de toda expectativa. Es capaz de confrontar un futuro que nunca puede ser precedido y ciertamente no puede ser controlado. La esperanza de Pascua siempre lirea con las posibilidades en vez de garantias. Espero, que cuando todo esto este dicho y hecho, es muy diferente de la seguridad. En nuestras vidas individuales, como en la mayor marcha de la historia, nuestra fe Pascual no provee ninguna excepcion de las tiniebas ni el peligro. Pero, Pascual si nos recuerda del cimientto profundo de nuestra confianza que si existe sentido en nuestro mundo como en nuestras vidas personales.

El trinfuo de Jesus sobre la muerte nos garantiza que nuestro mundo tomara sentido a lo largo, aunque hay veces parezca que evoluciona sin control. La marcha de la historia no terminara en una broma cruda, aunque por el camino haiga desviaciones trajicas. Nuestras vidas personales pueden alcanzar su promesa completa, aunque nuestras acciones aveces contradigan nuestras mejores intenciones. La ultima palabra en nuestro propio peregrinaje y en la historia de la humanidad sera una palabra de luz y amor.

En el libro del Deuteronomio, la gente de Isreal expresa su fe de que la palabra de Dios es pronunciada un siempre-presente ahora. "Hoy escucha se voz." La palabra de Dios no solo es una memoria reverenda; es un desafío soportable. Y para el cristiano, la pasion de Jesus en una experiencia contemporanea, renovada en el recordatorio sacramental del a liturgia pero tambien presente en la sicatrices de los oprimidos y brutalizados hoy, aunque en los desiertos de Darfur, las calles violentas de Baghdad o la bolsas de pobreza olvidadas en las ciudades del Oeste. Lo que haigan hecho por los mas pobres de mi gente, dijo Jesus, tu has hecho por mi. Este sentido de la continuacion de la pasion de Jesus en nuestro mundo ahora arraiga nuestra fe Pacual en los llantos actuales de la gente de Dios.

Las memorias religiosas que nos entrelazan durante la Semana Santa son cumplidas la mañana de Pascua; pero son, sobre todo memorias de sufrimiento- el exilio de Israel, la pasion y muerte de Jesus, y estas mismas memorias de sufrimiento y muerte son la fuente de esperanza renovalda. Esperanza autentica no paraparea a las realidades oscuaras de la vida: dolor, engaño, opresión, y muerte. Esperanza autentica es fundada en una confianza inqubratable que Dios sera fiel a sus gente, y el poder de su espiritu puede transformar la oscuridad a la luz, rescatar amor de la soledad, y traer vida de la muerte.

Finalmente, Cristianos creen que la resurrección de Jesus no solamente significa que la vida eterna nos espera despues de la muerte; nosotros tambien creemos que la vida puede venir de la muerte, que la muerte y resurrección es un patron que sobresale atravez de nuestro peregrinaje. Si el grano de trigo no muere, permanece solo trigo, pero si muero produce mucho fruto. La imagen biblica (Juan 12:24) capta la ley de nuestra condicion humana. La vida que no es compartida es desperdiciada; la vida que es regalada es más rica para el espiritu humano cuando el hombre y la mujer arriesgan sus propias vidas para salvar a otros, en campo de batalla or en una forma menos dramatica pero en generosidad diaria que mantiene a las familias juntas y alimenta a los niños.

La resurrección de Jesus confirma nuestra cnfianza que la vida viene despues de la muerte y que la vida sale de la muerte. La promesa de la vida eterna nos espera al final de nuestro peregrinaje, y la promesa de nueva vida esta presente en el diario morir de una vida vivida en amor. El Señor ha resucitado y se ha hido antes que nosotros. No debemos temer al futuro.

¡Alleluia! ¡El ha Resucitado!

~APELACIÓN CATÓLICA ANUAL~

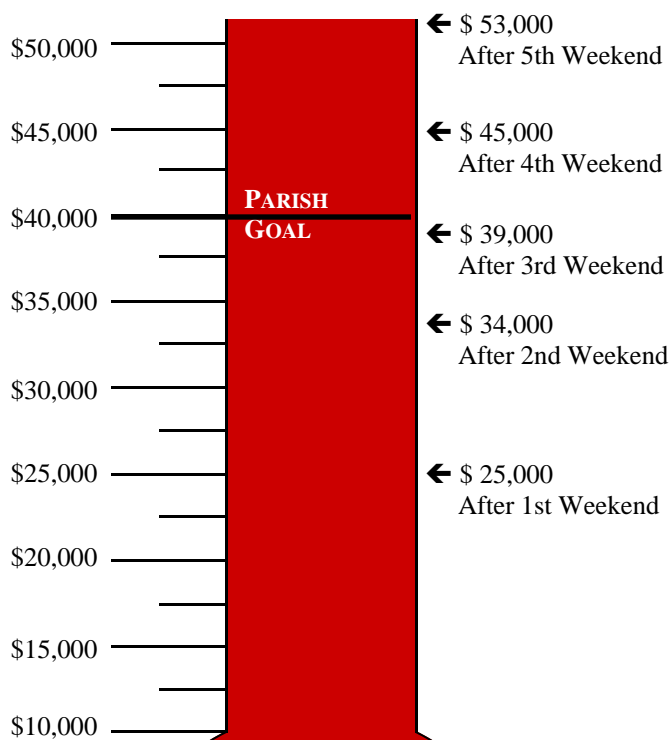
PASAMOS NUESTRO OBJETIVO!

¿QUÉ GRAN LOGRO!

Gracias a Dios, seguimos recibiendo donaciones de muchos. Hemos recaudado \$ 53,000 hasta este momento.

Nuestro **objetivo de parroquia** fue recaudar **40,000 dólares** en donaciones y promesas y hemos mantenido el recurso abierto por un tiempo limitado. Sé que la gente está contenta de que **el 25% de los fondos recaudados en nuestra parroquia se devuelven a nosotros para nuestros propios ministerios y personas en necesidad.** Mientras que cerramos la Apelación Católica Anual en la Semana Santa, usted encontrará referencia durante todo el año para que la gente pueda dar en el recurso del año 2010.

Gracias por su continúa generosidad. Es maravilloso ver lo bueno que son nuestros feligreses. Que dios te bendiga.



~REFLECCIONES DE LA EUCARISTIA~

Asi como visitan nuestra Catedral, muchas veces personas preguntan por la traduccion del Latin en el area de la capilla del Sagrado Sacramento de la Catedral que nosotros con gusto les proveemos para su enriquecimiento espiritual. Por favor guarde esto.

ARCO DETRÁS DE LA TORRE DEL TABERNACULO/
PALABRAS USADAS DURANTE LA BENDICION

¡Tu les has dado pan del Cielo, conteniendo en si mismo toda dulzura!

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BASE DE LA CÚPULA/POR SAN TOMAS DE AQUINAS:
O Sagrado banquete en cual Cristo es recibido, la memoria de sus pasion es renovada; donde el alma es llenada de gracia y una plegaria de gloria futura es dada a nosotros.

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ADENTRO DE LA REJA DE LA CAPILLA EUCARISTICA/
POR SANTO TOMAS DE AQUINAS;

Inclinandonos entonces, dejemos adorar tan gran Sacramento. La ley antigua nos da lugar a un nuevo rito; Fe provee la falta de vista. Al Padre y al Hijo sea la alabanza y gloria, salvación, honor poder y bendicion; a El, de quien procede, sea la misma adoración.

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AFUERA DE LA REJA DE LA CAPILLA EUCARISTICA/
POR SANTO TOMAS DE AQUINAS;

Canta, mi lengua, el misterio del cuerpo glorioso y la sangre preciosa, que el Rey de las naciones, fruto del vientre real, servido como el rescate del mundo. Palabra hecha carne, por su palabra el cambia el pan ha su cuerpo y vino se convierte en la sangre de Cristo. Aunque nuestros sentidos nos fallen, solo Fé hara un corazon verdadero firme.



UNA BENDECIDA, SANTA TEMPORADA DE PASCUA A TODOS EN JESUS RESUCITADO

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Easter Flower donations are being accepted in memory of loved ones. Special envelopes are available in the pews, or you may just write on your checks "For Cathedral Flowers in Memory of ____."

We were blessed doubly this year to have also received the donated services of Vicky Marco of Bella Bloom who lovingly created all the altar arrangements as her Easter gift to our church! Bella Bloom is located near the Cathedral at 812 J Street between 8th and 9th Streets. Vicky specializes in Wedding and Event Floral Design. Her website: www.bellabloomflowers.com



~ ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES ~

The Cathedral Parish will begin Adult Confirmation Classes on Tuesday March 9 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level for those who, for whatever reason, have never been confirmed. Bishop Jaime Soto extends this invitation each year providing that candidates have prior instruction. The Adult Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Soto on May 22, 2010, at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please call Sister Jenny at 444-5364 to join this class.

~ WELCOME BACK FOR EASTER PROGRAM~

This program is designed to facilitate an open ongoing dialogue for nonpracticing Catholics or for those Catholics who have recently returned to the Faith. The program is to help pave the way for returning to the Sacraments. The program will be held on six consecutive Tuesdays from April 6 through May 11, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the lower level of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament 1017 11th St., Sacramento, CA. Free parking is available in the parking facility adjacent to the lower level Cathedral entrance. For more information and/or to register, please contact Tim Longdon at 916-359-5540 or Sister Jenny Aldeghi at 916-444-5364.

GET YOUR EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

Sister Jenny announces the 5th Annual Easter Raffle to benefit all the Religious Education Programs here at the Cathedral. Tickets on sale now for only \$1. Purchase tickets in the vestibule every Sunday after Mass or ask any of the many religious education students. Support our local Religious Education programs and buy some tickets. We have over 500 children in religious education classes throughout the week!

~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

The Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 am Mass will be discontinued. Instead, the Children's Liturgy of Word will only be at the 11:00 am Mass.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Fr. Michael Kiernan to receive St. Vincent de Paul Society's First Annual Benefactor Award during St Vincent de Paul 4th Annual Benefit for the Poor dinner. The Sacramento District Council, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is proud to announce its First Annual SVdP Benefactor Award will be presented to Fr. Michael Kiernan. Executive Director of Catholic Charities. The award will be presented at the District Council's 4th Annual Benefit for the Poor fundraising dinner on April 29, 2010 at the Hilton Hotel, 2200 Harvard St., Sacramento, The keynote speaker is Oregon State head baseball coach Pat Casey speaking on "FAITH-FAMILY-BASEBALL" Tickets \$150. Sponsorships and Advertising available. Please call Frank Plavan at 916-715-8666 or Dee Smith at 916-487-6160 for additional information.

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

MON 4/5/2010 MONDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 2: 14, 22-23; Mt 28: 8-15

12:10 pm: Cheathan Hodges +

5:10 pm: Yvonne Strawa +

TUES 4/6/2010 TUESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18

12:10 pm: Charles & Genevieve Fagan +

5:10 pm: Sandra Cantu, S.I.

WED 4/7/2010 WEDNESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35

12:10 pm: Toan Nguyen +

5:10 pm: Luis Raúl Rodríguez +

THUR 4/8/2010 THURSDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 3: 11-26; Lk 24: 35-48

12:10 pm: Teresa Diaz +

5:10 pm: Constancia Lobo +

FRI 4/9/2010 FRIDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER

Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14

12:10 pm: Perfecto Miranda +

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WED & THUR 12:40PM-4:45PM FRI 12:40PM-3:45PM

TO SIGN UP CALL ISABELLA CAZARES 391-1760 OR 833-1948,

OR E-MAIL BECAZ96@SBCGLOBAL.NET

CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY SUNDAY

AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES