

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Vatican Basilica Holy Saturday, 26 March 2016 (Part 1 of 2)

"Peter ran to the tomb" (*Lk* 24:12). What thoughts crossed Peter's mind and stirred his heart as he ran to the tomb? The Gospel tells us that the eleven, including Peter, had not believed the testimony of the women, their Easter proclamation. Quite the contrary, "these words seemed to them an idle tale" (v. 11). Thus there was doubt in Peter's heart, together with many other worries: sadness at the death of the beloved Master and disillusionment for having denied him three times during his Passion.

There is, however, something which signals a change in him: after listening to the women and refusing to believe them, "Peter rose" (v. 12). He did not remain sedentary, in thought; he did not stay at home as the others did. He did not succumb to the sombre atmosphere of those days, nor was he overwhelmed by his doubts. He was not consumed by remorse, fear or the continuous gossip that leads nowhere. He was looking for Jesus, not himself. He preferred the path of encounter and trust. And so, he got up, just as he was, and ran towards the tomb from where he would return "amazed" (v. 12). This marked the beginning of Peter's resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope: he allowed the light of God to enter into his heart, without smothering it.

The women too, who had gone out early in the morning to perform a work of mercy, taking the perfumed ointments to the tomb, had the same experience. They were "frightened and bowed their faces", and yet they were deeply affected by the words of the angel: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (v. 5).

We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are – so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancour and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the centre of our lives.

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MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Amelia Tognazzini who recently passed away. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wed., Apr. 13, at 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Mon., Apr. 11. at 10 a.m. in the Class Room followed by lunch out.

FAITH SHARING

Would you like to enrich your Faith journey? Everyone is welcome to attend one of the Faith Sharing groups that meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. & Fridays at 10 a.m. Please call Gary & Bonnie at 927-aaaa for info.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL

The 2016 Bishop's Annual Ministry Appeal is drawing to a close. Our financial goal for this year is \$11,500. Currently we are at 96% of our goal. Please take some time in prayer to consider what your commitment will be if you haven't already done so. Envelopes are available in the hall & pews.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED



People are invited to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. EMs are needed for the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday. If you can help, please call Judy at 995-aaaa.

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are needed for the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday. If you can help, please call Dinah at 995-aaaa.

TOGETHER IN JESUS

Our instructional program in preparation for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation begins this Sun., April 10. Classes will take place between the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. For more info., please call Kristi at 927-aaaa.

> Next Sunday's readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100: 1-5; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Apr. 16-17)

Sat. 5 pm: (3rd Sat.) Lector: Cindy Mazzacane

EMs: B. Mazzacane, J. Edwards, one more needed

Ushers: Frank Hlavaty, one more needed

Server: Basil DuBois

Music:

Sun. 9 am: (3rd Sun.) Lector: Peter Brewer

EMs: Jerry White, Stan & Dinah Piwowarski

Ushers: Loren Davis, Steve Semas

Server: Tim Woodman

Coffee: S. Semas Hospitality: T. & T. Woodman

Sun. Il am: (3rd Sun.) Lector: Jean-Luc D'Abreau

EMs: Tom & Karen Hogan, Elisa Kiesewetter

Ushers: Helen Terrio, Eileen Sandland

Server: Phil Kiesewetter Cantor: Anne Bennett

Hospitality: Sheri Matarese, Diane Fletcher

MASS INTENTIONS (Apr. 9-17)

Sat. †Richard L. Miller by Carolyn Atkinson

Sun. @ 9 St. Joseph's Parishioners

†Angelo Romanazzi by Vie Romanazzi Sun. @ 11

Elizabeth & Irene Sigmund by Mon.

Louise Gorfain

Tues. †Charlie Mitchell by Eleanor Garcia

Blevins Lockett by Lynn & Cliff Garrison Wed.

Alex Matarese by his parents Thurs. †Miriam & Mike Hull by the family Fri.

†Manuel Goulart by Maria Goulart Sat.

St. Joseph's Parishioners Sun. @ 9

Sun. @ 11 For the living & deceased members of

St. Joseph's Women's Society

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church. For further information call the office at 995-3243.

Let us Pray For the Sick: May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or

chronically ill: Jessica Jones, Pettit, Elizabeth Joey Sigmund, Helen Franz, Terry Cross, Sam Ayoob, Jim Cox, Hull, Dinah Helen Piwowarski, Sonia DeCicco, Bettencourt. Glen Bennett, Lena Minetti. Innette Starkenburg, Joyce Thayer, Virginia Avalos, Scott Wilcox, Sean Owen,



Tom Mee, Janet Brewster, the Murray Family, Diane Howard, Mary Stenbeck, Stefan LeRoy, Noemia Brazil, Colleen Costa, Mary Grace Tassone, Shalom Simon, Derek Yonekura, Jeannine Bennett, Frances Foutz, Noelia Souza, Trudy Minott, John Paul Hope, Gage Berry-Carney, Peggy Rudnick, the Aulbach Family, Ernie Gambellin, Mana Nelson, Bob Timone, Jeff Chames, Tina Tull, Angela Lazear, Sally Equinoia, Randy Briscoe, Zan Barr Anthony Avila, Michael Eckels, Peg Jung; Jim Smith, Elizabeth Porter, Taylen Hallett, Raul Gois, Carol Kramer, Gloria Rambaud, Mario Gois, Joanie George, Isaac Lindsey, Mark Sigmund, Ken Hermanson, Kelly Wade, Joe Nunes, Ben Work, James R. Greene, Sr., Larry Stayton, Elise Peltzer-Koehler, Aaron Demuth, & Anne Rindge.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

Donations may be made electronically. Use your checking, savings, or credit/debit card. Save yourself the hassle of writing a check & remembering to bring your envelope. Forms are available at the back of the church. You may also sign up by using a secure webpage at www.stjosephcayucos.org.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will host its quarterly <u>Prayer Breakfast</u>. Featured speaker will be Maria Echeverria who has suffered numerous and painful ordeals in her life. Instead of blaming God, Maria will share how she has chosen to survive by clinging to her faith and living in the Light of Christ. <u>Date:</u> Sat., Apr. 30. <u>Time:</u> 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. <u>Place:</u> Santa Maria Inn. <u>Cost:</u> \$25/person. Reservations: Dolly at 878-0420.

HIGH TEA & FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

This special fundraiser will feature the Hollywood Icons that influenced our favorite fashion trends throughout the years. So dust off your hats & pull out your gloves for an afternoon of fashion, friends, & fun! <u>Date:</u> Sat., Apr. 30. <u>Time:</u> 11:30 a.m. <u>Place:</u> St. Williams Catholic Church Hall, Atascadero. <u>Cost:</u> \$25/person. For more info., call Lynn at 239-1597.

Proceeds to benefit the "Memorial Monument for the Unborn" at San Luis Cemetery.



Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Retrouvaille (pronounced retrovi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. This program is highly successful. For confidential info., or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on May 6-8 call: 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com.