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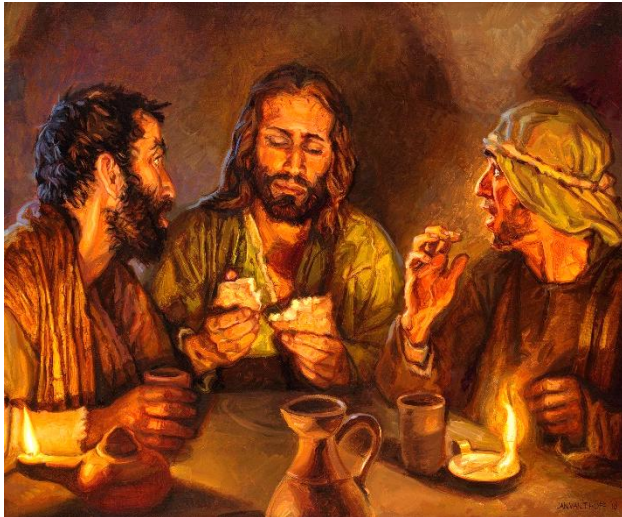
The Church is open

weekdays 7:30 – 6:30pm,

Saturdays & Sundays 7:30 - 5:15pm

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



*They recognized Jesus
in the Breaking of the Bread.*

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

Office Manager: Chris Giacometti: #1

Mass times: #2

Youth Faith Formation: Jennifer Bedoka
#3

Executive Board: Tony

Madia/Chairperson, Linda Biondini/Vice

Chairperson, Katie Chase, Larry

Ruminson, Diane Colbrook

Floral Decorations: Cesira Heric

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am, Thu
1-1:30

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1 month notice. The
preparation session will be on April 26th
3:30pm/Hall

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.
Usually, it is celebrated after 10:30 Sunday Mass

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

The Welcoming Church: Sundays 1pm.

Exposition & Benediction: Thu. 12:15-1:45pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Apr 18 4pm +Victor Menezes

Sun/Apr 19 8:30am For the Parish

10:30am +Mr. & Mrs. Reginato

Tue/Apr 21 12:15pm +Josphine Yates

Wed/Apr 22 8:15am Ints of Kevin McDonough

6pm Confirmation with Bishop Vasa

Thu/Apr 23 12:15pm Ints of Daniel Patrick

Fri/Apr 24 8:15am Ints of Prudencia Ananbu

Sat/Apr 25 4pm Ints of Charles Mc Collum

Sun/Apr 26 8:30am +Ambrosio Miguel

+Luz de Dios

10:30am For the Parish

Events in the Parish

Sun/Apr 19 9:30am SVDP Mtg/Hall

11:30am Hispanic Ministry Mtg/Hall

1pm Welcoming Church Mtg/ Hall

Tue/Apr 21 6pm Executive Board Mtg

Wed/Apr 22 6pm Confirmation

Stewardship

For 4/12/26

Plate: \$11,408, **Building Maintenance** \$1,596
The 2nd collection this week is for Liability Insurance.
Your continued generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Last Sunday Homily Highlights

- Jesus wishes us all peace and not to be depressed.
- We have scars in our lives, but they cannot rule us.
- Jesus gives us the Holy spirit to guide us in all things
- Do not focus on doubt but believe

Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33,

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21, **Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

Sunday Reflection

Sinners yet Loved Suppose you and I are walking along in the countryside, and a stranger starts to stroll along with us.

“What are you discussing as you walk along?” he asks? We stop, dejected.

One of us, maybe you, says to him in reply, “are you the only person in the world who does not know of the things that have taken place during these years and these centuries?”

He replies, “What sort of things?”

You say, “we had promised to continue Christ’s works, to revere his presence, to preserve his love and to let it overflow through us to everyone.” You stare at the ground. “But now the Church is falling apart. So much is happening, including betrayal of the Church’s mission.”

“Betrayal?” the stranger says.

“Yes. We found out that some of our own priests and even some Bishops have gone against the

very mission they were sent to preach. And churches are closing in all the cities, and dioceses are going bankrupt! And hardly anyone is entering the priesthood now, so how are we going to have the sacraments?"

I gesture to you with a "calm down" motion, but you go right on talking.

"We have crucified Christ all over again! Oh, we were hoping that he would make the whole world come right!"

"How slow of heart you are to believe all that the prophets spoke," he says quietly. "Is it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things even today and so enter into his glory?"

"What do you mean?" you stutter. "Why should he suffer? And worse, why would he let all these horrors happen, in Ukraine and the South and, and, and, and ..."



He raises his hand. He begins to tell us everything that refers to himself in the scriptures, beginning with Moses and all the prophets. His voice is very kind. He shows how God had endlessly sought a loving relationship with his people, and how these would agree for a while but then turn their backs and

run away. Battles and wars, belief and unbelief, rich versus poor and sick, the very ones who are aching for love.

He tells us that there is only one way the human heart could say Yes to God and mean it.

One human being had to do it on behalf of us all, one who was human to the core and who could not refuse to remember God's love, even in the midst of mindless suffering and death. This one would be with the troubled people of the world, be with them in every pain and also every joy of their lives. God's love, he said, is stronger than death.

The stranger goes on with us and stays with us. He walks with human beings now, with a love so deep that we can always count on it, even if we are sinners. It is a love which strengthens us and sends us out. It is God's love.

You are calm now as we walk, and I am too. Maybe the resurrection did happen, you whisper to me so that the stranger cannot hear it. We both nod. We have recognized him. We see him in the breaking of the bread, but also and astoundingly in the breaking bones of the world. John B. Foley, S.J.

- **Discussion Question: How does the Eucharist help me recognize Jesus in my own life?**

Sunday Family Connection

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

Quote of the Week

"The Eucharist is the food of eternal life"

St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Sunday, April 19th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Hall

5 pm Youth Group/Hall

5 pm Class Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

L3/Atrium

Monday, April 20th

6:30 pm Confirmation Practice/CH

Tuesday, April 21st

3:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

L1/Atrium

Wednesday, April 22nd

3 pm 1st Year First Communion

3 pm 2nd Year First Communion

3 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L3/Atrium

6 pm Confirmation Mass

Sunday, April 26th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Hall

After 10:30 am Mass May Crowning Practice

5 pm Youth Group/Hall

5 pm Class Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

L3/Atrium

Faith Formation Registration is open, please scan the QR code or packets are available at the Faith Formation table.



Night of Peace Tickets for Sarah Hart and Francesca LaRosa are available for the May 3rd Concert. A pasta dinner by Pasta King will be available after the concert. Stop by the formation table if you are interested in attending.

Email sesreled@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our ministry!

Please pray for the health intentions of:

Giovanna Desimone, Jim Estrella, Nancy Keegan, Mary Piccioni, Jim Turegano

If you want a name on the list, please call the office

Pray for the Souls of: Claire Ribeiro and Vivian Tarango. Please keep their families in your prayers.

SES Women's Guild Scholarship The SES Women's Guild is excited to announce we are now accepting applications for the 2026 scholarship program. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.

This will be awarded to a graduating high school senior student who plans to attend a college, university, or trade school.

Eligibility: be a practicing catholic and member of the SEAS parish and in good standing academically with their current school/education program Applications can be picked up in the parish office. **Deadline:** turn into the parish office by Thursday, April 30th

Ministerio Hispano estaremos rifando un ramo de flores y certificados sumando \$200.00 este 10 de Mayo después de misa de 10:30am. Los boletos estarán a la venta a partir del 18 de abril hasta el 3 de mayo. \$20 cada boleto o 3 por \$50. Un gran



presente para las Madres!

Hispanic Ministry will be having a raffle on May 10th after 10:30am mass, consisting of a flower arrangement and gift certificates with a value of \$200. Tickets will be on sale starting today, April 18th-May3rd. \$20 each or 3 for \$50. It could be a great Mother's Day present!

Only six tickets left!

St. Vincent de Paul College Prep News
Now Enrolling: Grades 9-12

St. Vincent de Paul College Prep is currently accepting applications for the upcoming school year. We invite you to experience our vibrant campus community firsthand.

To schedule a personalized family tour, please contact Kerry Pedersen at kpetersen@svhs-pet.org



pet.org or call 707-763-1032 ext. 113.

Summer Camps: Academics, Arts & Athletics
(Grades 3-9)

Our engaging summer camp programs offer students the opportunity to explore new interests, build skills, and have fun in a supportive environment. For more information, contact Tony Greco at tgreco@svhs-pet.org or scan the QR code to learn more.



Mustang Alumni

Are you a St. Vincent alum? We'd love to reconnect.

Please email alumni@svhs-pet.org with your updated contact information to stay informed about upcoming alumni events and opportunities.

Pastor's Corner

Anyone who would like to take an Easter lily from outside the back door, please do!

May Crowning

All parishioners are invited to join us on May 3rd for our May Crowning at the 10:30am Mass. We are inviting families and their children to participate by attending a practice. **Sunday, April 26th after 10:30am Mass, Tuesday, April 28th at**



3:30 pm, and Wednesday, April 29th at 3pm. Practices will be 15-20 minutes.

Para una **reflexión sobre el Tercer Domingo de Pascua en español**, puedes considerar lo siguiente:

El encuentro con Jesús:

Reflexiona sobre cómo Jesús se encuentra con los discípulos en el camino a Emaús, un momento de transformación personal y de reconocimiento de su resurrección.

La comunidad de los primeros cristianos:

Considera cómo la comunidad de los primeros cristianos experimentó la presencia de Jesús a través de la enseñanza del Señor y la celebración del Eucaristía.

La importancia de la fe y la comunidad:

Pregúntate cómo la fe y la comunidad pueden fortalecerse a través de la reflexión y la oración en este día especial.

La paz y la unidad: Pide a Dios que traiga paz y unidad a tu vida y a la de tu comunidad en este momento de celebración.

Estas reflexiones pueden ayudarte a profundizar en la significancia de este día en la fe cristiana.

Ministry Schedule April 25th & 26th

4pm Mass

Readers: Linda Anderson, Evelyn Estrella

EMS: Janice Dyer, Tony Madia, Tony Turegano

Ushers: Liz Ritchie, Olivia Salazar

Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Pat Yates

8:30am Mass

Readers: Dolores Sanchez, ?

EMS: Remie Alinas, Diane Cook, Dianne Foppoli

Ushers: Gus & Liz Chang

Greeters: Jo Ruminon, Mary Thayer

10:30am Mass

Readers: Fred Adam, Nora John

EMS: Jovita Bishop, Lorraine Datu, Giovanna Desimone

Ushers: Scott & Milagros Morrical

Greeters: Fred & Janet Adam

A Prayer Based on the Road to Emmaus

Open our eyes, Lord.

**Without the gift of your revelation,
our eyes are kept from recognizing you.
Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly,
in all your glory.
So that we, too, may proclaim to a world in**

despair,
that we have seen the risen Lord.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Stay with us, too, we pray,
in every part of our journey,
no matter how full of doubt or fear we may
be today through your Holy Spirit.
We pray, that you will open our eyes, too
Help us see you in the Breaking of the
Bread,
in all your beauty,
and in all your loving power. Amen

