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SUNDAY
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am (in English)
1:00 pm (en Español)

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Consult Web Page:  www.smcsf.org/parish/baptisms

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First Fridays: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
THE CATHEDRAL URGES YOUR GENEROSITY

During this time of Livestreamed Masses, closed to the public, we join church communities worldwide in losing a primary source of support for pastoral ministries, operating expenses, and many programs that continue despite current limitations. Please help us with your contributions if you are able to give.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Online: smcsf.org/donate
- By mail: 1111 Gough St, San Francisco, CA, 94109.
- In Person: Donation Slots are located just inside the Main Entrance to the Cathedral.

Our humble gratitude is sincere and whole-hearted. Thank You!

ALL MASSES LIVESTREAMED ONLY, through at least May 31st. Check here for Updates. Please visit: sfarch.org/livestreams

Your Mass Intentions will be remembered by our Priests in their private celebration of the Mass. Masses with “No Intention” will be offered for the health of those suffering from Covid-19

Saturday May 16 - (See Readings for Sunday)
5:30 pm + Martha Serle (Birthday remembrance)

Sunday May 17 - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
7:30 am + Rolando Ventura
9:00 am Intentions (81st Birthday) of Fabio Dias
11:00 am Intentions of All Parishioners
1:00 pm + Dionicio Facio

Monday May 18 - Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
7:30 am + Alfonso Del Fierro
12:10 pm + Alfonso Marciscano

Tuesday May 19 - Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
7:30 pm + Yum Chang Soon
12:10 pm + Josefina Torres

Wednesday May 20 - Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
7:30 am Intentions (Health) of Yvonne Bansil
12:10 pm Intentions (Health) of Martina Sexton

Thursday May 21 - Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
7:30 pm + Dylan Gil-Gomez
12:10 pm + Fausto and Anacleta Siazon

Friday May 22 - Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
7:30 pm No Intention
12:10 pm + Chuck Haase

Saturday May 23 - Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47: 2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
8:00 pm No Intention

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 25th

ONE MASS ONLY: Livestreamed at 8:00 a.m.
(There will be NO MASSES Livestreamed at 7:30 am or 12:10 p.m.)

EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 31

Our Coronavirus Precautions have currently been extended through May 31. Look here for updates.

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Families are encouraged to seek time together to pray as a unit.

SAFETY CLOSURE SCHEDULES
PUBLIC MASSES CANCELED
In accordance with public health regulations, All Public Masses have been canceled through at least May 31st.
GIFT SHOP, OFFICE AND EVENT CENTER
Closed to the public during this time.

MASSES LIVESTREAMED
LIVESTREAMING THE MASS
https://sfarch.org/livestreams
Weekday Masses will be livestreamed each day at 7:30 a.m. and 12:10pm.
Weekend Masses will be livestreamed on Saturday at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am in English, and at 1:00 pm in Spanish.

OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
CATHEDRAL OPEN HOURS
When not closed for safety during Mass Livestreams, the Cathedral remains open for private individual prayer.
Please observe a safe distance of at least 6 feet from other worshippers, thank you.

* MONDAY THRU FRIDAY: 8am-11:45am; & 1-5pm
* SATURDAY: 9am-5pm
* CONFESSIONS: Sat, 4-5pm, Guadalupe Shrine
* SUNDAY: 2:30-5:00pm

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES
ARCHDIOCESAN RESOURCES
The Archdiocese website offers some beautiful and timely prayers, devotionals, and guides to keeping the Sabbath Holy, all designed specifically for this unprecedented period of Social Distancing. Please visit:

* sfarch.org/prayers
* sfarch.org/devotionals
* sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath

♫♪ SUNDAY CONCERTS ♫♪
All concerts cancelled through AT LEAST June 21
Concert Series Tentatively Resumes on Sunday, June 28, 2020, 4pm: Kevin Navarro, Piano
Please refer to Music Department for updates:
Dr. Christoph Tietze (415) 567-2020, ext 213

ABOUT PARA ORACIÓN PRIVADA
La catedral estará abierta para poder hacer sus oraciones privadas cuando no esté cerrada durante las misas en vivo por internet. Por favor, observe una distancia de al menos 6 pies (2 metros) entre personas, gracias.

* LUNES A VIERNES: 8am-11:45am y 1-5pm
* SÁBADO: 9am-5pm
* CONFESIÓN: Sábado, 4-5pm, Altar de Guadalupe
* DOMINGO: 2:30pm-5pm

PRECAUCIONES DURANTE REFUGIO EN CASA
MISAS PÚBLICAS SIGUEN CANCELADAS
De acuerdo con las regulaciones de salud pública, todas las Misas públicas han sido canceladas hasta por lo menos el 31 de mayo.
TIENDA DE REGALOS, OFICINA Y CENTRO DE EVENTOS
Todo cerrado durante este periodo.

MISAS EN VIVO POR INTERNET
sfarch.org/livestreams
Todas nuestras misas incluyendo la misa de la 1:00 pm en Español el domingo se transmitirán en vivo por internet aquí.

RECURSOS ESPIRITUALES
Ofrecidos por la Página Web SFARCH.ORG
* Oraciones: sfarch.org/prayers (una en español)
* Devociones: sfarch.org/devotionals (inglés)
* Santificar el Día del Señor en Casa: sfarch.org/keeping-the-Sabbath (bilingüe en español e inglés)

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SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL

These meetings, facilitated by Deacon Chris Sandoval, will take place at the Cathedral Event Center, or on ZOOM. Please watch here for updates.

“STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY”

Spiritual Support Group for People with Life-Threatening Illnesses
**Friday, June 5th, 2020 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

This ministry offers spiritual support for people with life threatening illnesses. Diagnosis of such an illness can provide an opportunity to seek spiritual support through Word, Sacrament and Community.

This free support group is held on First Fridays. The session will also provide guidance on Catholic Teaching and the preparation of Health Care Directives for medical care.

Please email Deacon Christoph Sandoval for venue at rcs7777@comcast.net

“THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE”

Grief Support Group
**Friday, June 19th, 2020 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon**

A free Grief Support Session is held at St. Mary’s Cathedral on third Friday of each month.

These sessions provide information on the grieving process, and tips on coping with the loss of a loved one. This is an opportunity to mourn in a safe, private and confidential setting.

Please email Deacon Christoph Sandoval with your request to join the ZOOM Video/Telephone Online group at rcs7777@comcast.net

RAZÓN DE NUESTRA ESPERANZA

“¿Cuál es la razón de tu esperanza?”. Imagina que alguien se te acerca y te hace esa pregunta. No “¿qué es lo que esperas?” o ¿qué esperas hacer?” No; no se trata de los deseos de poseer cosas o de aspiraciones en la vida, sino “¿por qué tienes esperanza?”.

Hoy Pedro nos dice que debemos estar dispuestos a responder esta pregunta. A decir verdad, pocos son los que se dedican a pensar por qué tenemos esperanza. Por suerte, las Escrituras de hoy nos ofrecen la respuesta. Esperamos porque Cristo sufrió por nosotros, a fin de que podamos venir a Dios. Esperamos porque sabemos que, en el Espíritu, Dios nos concede otro Defensor en Cristo que permanecerá con nosotros por siempre.

Sin importar lo que podamos esperar, o lo que esperamos poder hacer, siempre debemos saber y proclamar la razón de nuestra esperanza: la presencia de Dios en Cristo con nosotros por el poder del Espíritu.

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You are my shelter; you guard me from distress; with joyful shouts of deliverance you surround me (Ps 32:7).

As we continue to take shelter in our homes to help stem the spread of the coronavirus, this prayer of the psalmist reminds us that our only true refuge is the Lord alone. We ask God to shelter all those suffering from physical and economic distress as a result of this pandemic. I am also well aware of the spiritual distress that so many of our people are experiencing due to the unavailability of attending Mass in person. I therefore wish to send you this communication to update you on steps we are taking to reopen for public Mass here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

For these last several weeks I have been joining my brother bishops in California for our weekly videoconference meetings to discuss the current situation and strategize how to begin safely to reopen for public Masses. We all agree that we should do this in sync with government regulations for sound safety protocols, and to that end have initiated a conversation with government leaders in Sacramento on this topic. I myself have been in touch with local government leaders here, as well as consulted with top experts in the fields of health care and epidemiology. I have also been in contact with Metropolitan Gerasimos of the Greek Orthodox Church, who has shared with me the similar concerns of the bishops of the various Orthodox jurisdictions in California. The next two weeks will be the critical test: San Francisco has “flattened the curve,” and if this trend continues for these next two weeks, it will be safer to loosen some of the current restrictions on day-to-day activities.

In any event, I wish to inform you that I have formed a committee of pastors and lay people to draft safety protocols, in keeping with current government regulations, that will enable us to begin accommodating our people for public Mass. Clearly, it will be different from what we are accustomed to, since numbers will have to be limited in order to observe the required physical distance and other safety measures. However, working with this committee, I look to find a way to accommodate the greatest number of people possible for Mass while in no way compromising the safety restrictions necessary to protect our people from contracting and spreading the virus.

The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in place, and so those who fear becoming infected may remain at home in good conscience. The usual advisories also remain in place for those who should remain at home and avoid exposure to any public gathering, including worship: the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions making them especially vulnerable to infection, those who have recently had contact with someone tested to be COVID-19 positive, etc. Sunday, of course, is still the Christian Sabbath and so must be kept holy, even if in-person attendance at Mass is not possible. You may attend any livestreamed Mass in the Archdiocese remotely via the Archdiocesan website. You will also find there an Act of Spiritual Communion and other resources (sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath).

God is our shelter, and God delivers from distress all those who remain true to Him. Let us therefore persevere in faith, hope and charity, trusting that in God’s time and in God’s way, God will surround us with joyful shouts of deliverance.
MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO DE SAN FRANCISCO

PRIMEROS PASOS PARA LA REAPERTURA DE LAS MISAS PÚBLICAS
UNA ACTUALIZACIÓN PARA EL PUEBLO DE DIOS DEL ARZOBISPO CORDILEONE
12 DEL MAYO DEL 2020

Tú eres un refugio para mí, me guardas en la prueba, y me envuelves con tu salvación (Salmo 32:7).

Mientras continuamos refugiándonos en nuestros hogares para ayudar a detener la propagación del coronavirus, esta oración del salmista nos recuerda que nuestro único y verdadero refugio es el Señor. Pedimos a Dios que proteja a todos aquellos que sufren de dificultades físicas y económicas como resultado de esta pandemia. También soy muy consciente de la angustia espiritual que mucha de nuestra gente está experimentando debido a la falta de disponibilidad para asistir a la Misa en persona. Por lo tanto, deseo enviarles este mensaje para ponerlos al día sobre los pasos que estamos dando para reabrir las Misas públicas aquí en la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco.

Durante estas últimas semanas me he reunido con mis hermanos obispos de California en nuestras reuniones semanales por videoconferencia para discutir la situación actual y elaborar una estrategia para empezar a reabrir con seguridad las Misas públicas. Todos estamos de acuerdo en que debemos hacer esto en sintonía con las regulaciones del gobierno para los protocolos de seguridad, y para ello hemos iniciado una conversación con los líderes gubernamentales en Sacramento sobre este tema. Yo mismo he estado en contacto con los líderes del gobierno local aquí; también he consultado con los principales expertos en los campos de la salud y la epidemiología. También he estado en contacto con el Metropolitano Gerásimos de la Iglesia Ortodoxa Griega, que ha compartido conmigo las preocupaciones similares de los obispos de las diversas jurisdicciones ortodoxas de California. Las próximas dos semanas serán la prueba crítica: San Francisco ha “aplanado la curva”, y si esta tendencia continúa durante estas dos semanas, será más seguro aflojar algunas de las actuales restricciones en las actividades diarias.

En cualquier caso, deseo informarles que he formado un comité de párrocos y laicos para redactar protocolos de seguridad, de acuerdo con las normas gubernamentales actuales, que nos permitirán empezar a acomodar a nuestra gente para la Misa pública. Evidentemente, será diferente a lo que estamos acostumbrados, ya que habrá que limitar el número de personas para observar la distancia física requerida y otras medidas de seguridad. Sin embargo, trabajando con este comité, busco la manera de acomodar el mayor número de personas posible para la Misa sin comprometer de ninguna manera las restricciones de seguridad necesarias para proteger a nuestro pueblo de contraer y propagar el virus.

La dispensa para asistir a la Misa dominical se mantendrá, y así los que teman infectarse podrán permanecer en casa con la conciencia tranquila. También se mantienen las advertencias habituales para quienes deben permanecer en casa y evitar la exposición a cualquier reunión pública, incluido el culto: los ancianos, aquellos con condiciones de salud preexistentes que los hacen especialmente vulnerables a la infección, aquellos que han tenido contacto recientemente con alguien que ha dado positivo en la prueba de COVID-19, etc. El domingo, por supuesto, sigue siendo el sabat cristiano y por lo tanto debe ser guardado como santo, incluso si la asistencia en persona a la Misa no es posible. Pueden asistir a cualquier Misa en vivo en la Arquidiócesis de forma remota a través del sitio web de la Arquidiócesis. También encontrarán allí un Acto de Comunión Espiritual y otros recursos (sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath).

Dios es nuestro refugio, y Dios guarda en la prueba a todos los que se mantienen fieles a Él. Perseveremos, pues, en la fe, la esperanza y la caridad, confiando en que, en Su tiempo y en Su manera, Dios nos envolverá con Su salvación.
Love... as God Intended

6th Sunday of Easter – Year B

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." -- John 14:15

Since the late 1960s, the subject of love, a very prominent theme that crosses cultural and religious boundaries throughout human history, underwent yet another shift in understanding as the baby-boomercame of age. Nowadays, the subject of love is usually associated with an intense emotional state of happiness connected with a person, ("I love him/her") or thing ("I just love that doggy in the window"). In other contexts, the subject of love cannot be discussed separate for a kind of banal eroticism in which the portrayal of love, particularly on television and the movies, cannot be clearly conveyed to a seemingly intelligent audience, without the person or persons involved in that love, expressing it in some sexual manner.

For others, however, love is often evoked as a great legitimizer of any number of outlooks and behaviors, which, prior to the moral upheaval of the 60s, would be seen as scandalous, or, at the very least, questionable; so that if something is done out of love, in the name of love, or because of love, it is somehow to be considered socially and morally acceptable. Where St. Paul wrote: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:7), the modern understanding of "love" is that it allows all things, tolerates all things, accepts all things, permits all things. In short, "all you need is love."

In John's Gospel, however, Jesus gives a revolutionary approach to the social and moral attitudes of the modern world; an idea of Love as God intended. Jesus gives us His great commandment: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love" (John 15:9), and "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). He even goes on to state "there is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). In all three of these instances, however, Jesus classifies the love of which he speaks with a detail that might be considered a bit unnerving to our cultural sensitivities -- "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15),
Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2020

Love — as God Intended

"You will remain in my love, if you keep my commandments," (John 15:10), and finally, "You are my friends if you do what I command you," (John 15:14).

Clearly Jesus is directing us to the kind of Love we, as Christians, are to practice. Before all other considerations, beyond any eroticism or base emotionalism, before any justification or legitimization of socio-cultural attitudes and considerations toward various actions and lifestyles, Love, first and foremost, consists of obedience to God's commands. Without that, call it what we may, it is not Love.

When all is said and done, (1 John 4:9-10). Jesus, in turn, further expanded the standard of Love by living and acting, first and foremost, in total obedience to the

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ST. RITA OF CASCIA (MAY 22)

If you’re ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita’s shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candle-light vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children.

Wise people warn: be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita’s two sons swore revenge.

Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven.

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