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Psalm 118:24
April 12, 2020

SAT 04/11 8:00 pm EASTER VIGIL MASS
SUN 04/12 8:00 am Dolores Maso (L, Healing)
9:30 am Edwin B. Ecarma (L, B-Day)
Brisbane 9:30 am For the Parishioners
Spanish 11:00 am Felix Partida (L, B-Day)
Elisa Lara & Fidel Partida (D)
Segunda Gomez (D)
12:30 pm Mina Immediate & Extended Families
MON 04/13 7:00 am Myrna Ecarma Maunes (L, B-Day)
Angelo GarciaGodos (D, Anniv.)
Leticia Aquino (D, Anniv.)
TUE 04/14 7:00 am Antonio & Refugio Pelayo Family (D)
Margaret & Eugene Finerman (D)
WED 04/15 7:00 am Busuttil & Chetcuti Families (D)
Heinrich Santos (D)
5:30 pm Noel, Anthony, James Lim (L, B-Day)
THUR 04/16 7:00 am Santos, Galit, Barbudo Families (D)
FRI 04/17 7:00 am Joseph Tinh Nguyen (D)
SAT 04/18 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Foti & Family (D)
Long Tran (L, B-Day)
4:00 pm Neil E. Garcia (L, B-Day)
Charlie Borg (D)
Edda Leonetti (D)
SUN 04/19 8:00 am Petra Andres (L)
Juanita Muro Munoz (L, Healing)
9:30 am Maximo M. Quero (D, Anniv.)
Corazon P. Quero (D, B-Day)
Brisbane 9:30 am For the Parishioners
Spanish 11:00 am For the Parishioners
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Masses
for the week

ATTENTION: Due to the citywide Shelter-In-Place Order, all parish activities have been canceled until further notice. This includes all scheduled weekday and weekend masses. However, Archbishop Cordileone has asked that pastors or their delegates should celebrate private mass, or mass without a congregation, in their parish churches every day. In this way, Mass will continue to be celebrated in every parish while respecting the social distancing that is being urged on us. In addition, Archbishop Cordileone has asked that this designated Mass be live streamed, if possible.

ATENCIÓN: Debido a la Orden de Refugio en toda la ciudad, todas las actividades parroqueales han sido canceladas hasta nuevo aviso. Esto incluye todas las misas programadas entre semana y fin de semana. Sin embargo, el Arzobispo Cordileone ha pedido que los pastores o sus delegados celebren misa privada, o misa sin congregación, en sus iglesias parroquiales todos los días. De esta manera, se seguirá celebrando misa en todas las parroquias, respetando el distanciamiento social que se nos insta. Además, el Arzobispo Cordileone ha pedido que esta misa designada se transmita en vivo, si es posible.

LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY-FRIDAY:
7:00 a.m. Morning Mass

WEDNESDAY:
5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration & OLPH Devotion

SATURDAY:
7:30 a.m. Morning Mass

SUNDAY:
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. English Mass
5:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY-SUNDAY:
8:00 p.m. Daily Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Church is open daily from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Confession is available by appointment only.

REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS:

Despite the suspension of public masses, Fr. Thuan will continue to offer mass for the faithful’s intentions. Masses will be livestreamed via Facebook Live at facebook.com/sfvisitacion. If you are not a Facebook user and are prompted to log in or open an account, simply tap on “Not Now” to continue.

A pesar de la suspensión de las misas públicas, el Padre Thuan continuará ofreciendo misa por las intenciones de los fieles. Las misas se transmitirán en vivo a través de Facebook Live en facebook.com/sfvisitacion. Si no es un usuario de Facebook y se le solicita que inicie sesión o abra una cuenta, simplemente toque “No ahora” para continuara.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and united myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or
(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

ONLINE PARISH GIVING PAGE
There is a new and convenient means to keep the parish community healthy and strong even when the church is locked and the pews are empty. No offertory gifts need be lost because of the suspension of attendance at Masses. The contributions that are critical to parish operation can be made instantly at the Lifeline page on the Archdiocesan website, sfarch.org/lifeline. Using the donation tool is easy: Select Church of the Visitacion Parish or Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission from the dropdown menu, enter the amount of the gift, complete the form, and submit. Visit the Lifeline page to see Archbishop Cordileone explain this initiative on video.

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GROCERY MINISTRY IS LAUNCHED
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Funding is available to Catholic groups able to dedicate a minimum of 15 hours a week to this project during the crisis. HLD is recruiting Catholics to establish short-term grocery-buying and delivery ministries during the pandemic. These ministries will provide groceries, without charge, for those in financial need. In addition, they will do shopping and delivery for those who have funds to buy groceries but are homebound because of COVID-19 health concerns.

For complete information and instructions on how to participate, visit the webpage at sfarch.org/loveyourneighbor or sfarch.org/amaatuprojimo. If you have questions, contact HLD at (415) 614-5571 or LifeandDignity@sfarch.org.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During this time of uncertainty, much of our time has been spent waiting: we wait for the stay-at-home orders to come and for the social distancing to end, we wait for the latest data to show that the curve is flattening, we wait for this pandemic to be over. In the midst of all the unknowns, it can be hard to hope. However, Holy Week is about hope.

We enter into the holiest time of the year in which we commemorate and celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It will be a different Holy Week from any other we have experienced. We are physically apart, and are not able to celebrate like we usually do, but that doesn’t mean we are alone or that this time is any less holy.

We have the opportunity to choose hope. Whether on our own, with our housemates, or with friends and family, we can act. We can pray, we can trust in God’s promises, and we can patiently await Christ’s resurrection. Though we are separated, we are still One Body — united in our faith.

Although today may not be filled with the glorious gatherings, delicious brunches, and family Easter egg hunts we’re accustomed to, Jesus Christ has still conquered the grave, and no virus, cancellations, or any circumstance can change that.

Let us rejoice in this most important day! Try to find joy in the small blessings — the sunshine and blooming flowers — and also in the hope we have knowing our savior has conquered death.

Our church is praying for you and for all those suffering from this pandemic. We look forward to gathering together again soon. Please keep Church of the Visitacion in your prayers and we of course appreciate your financial support.

Have a very blessed Easter season!

Fr. Thuan Hoang

“He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.” - Matthew 28:6

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Durante este tiempo de incertidumbre, pasamos gran parte de nuestro tiempo esperando: esperamos que lleguen las órdenes de quedarse en casa y que termine el distanciamiento social, esperamos los últimos datos para mostrar que la curva se está aplanando, esperamos que termine esta pandemia. En medio de todas las incógnitas, puede ser difícil esperar. Sin embargo, la Semana Santa se trata de esperanza.

Entramos en la época más sagrada del año en la que conmemoramos y celebramos la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. Será una Semana Santa diferente a cualquier otra que hayamos experimentado. Estamos físicamente separados, y no podemos celebrar como solíamos hacer, pero eso no significa que estemos solos o que esta vez sea menos sagrado.

Tenemos la oportunidad de elegir la esperanza. Ya sea por nuestra cuenta, con nuestros compañeros de casa, o con amigos y familiares, podemos actuar. Podemos orar, podemos confiar en las promesas de Dios, y podemos esperar pacientemente la resurrección de Cristo. Aunque estamos separados, todavía somos Un Cuerpo — unidos en nuestra fe.

Aunque hoy puede no estar lleno de reuniones gloriosas, deliciosos almuerzos, y cacerías familiares de huevos de Pascua a las que estamos acostumbrados, Jesucristo todavía ha conquistado la tumba, y ningún virus, cancelaciones, o cualquier circunstancia pueden cambiar eso.

¡Alegrémonos en este día tan importante! Traten de encontrar alegría en las pequeñas bendiciones — la luz del sol y las flores florecientes — y también con la esperanza de saber que nuestro Salvador ha conquistado la muerte.

Nuestra iglesia está orando por ustedes y por todos los que sufren de esta pandemia. Esperamos reunirnos nuevamente pronto. Por favor, mantenga la Iglesia de la Visitación en sus oraciones y, por supuesto, apreciamos su apoyo financiero.

¡Tengan una bendita temporada de Pascua!

Padre Thuan Hoang

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