

EASTER SUNDAY ~ THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 23, 2008



WHEN CHRIST YOUR LIFE APPEARS,
THEN YOU TOO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY.

—Colossians 3:4



ALLELUIA

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

My dear parishioners,

Lent has been a special time for spiritual renewal through fast, abstinence and intensive prayer. All of our personal efforts and sacrifices have contributed to building a better community.

Trusting in Jesus' promise, I believe that we are ready to move from our sufferings and from our sense of death, to the glorious mystery of Resurrection. This Paschal Mystery is the core of our christian faith. We are a risen people! Let us celebrate it with great joy!

I wish all of you a wonderful and happy Easter.

Sincerely,

Father Guillermo

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

One of the more notable activities of the Lord's public life was healing the sick. Healing was one of the explicit ministries entrusted to the 72 disciples when they went on mission. Communal services that celebrate God's healing mercy experienced through the Sacrament of anointing the sick call to mind, for both the sick and the well, the healing power of God's love and the challenge of each of us to be instruments of healing in the midst of so much suffering in our fragile world.

We hope that all who suffer serious illness, those who are elderly, and anyone about to have surgery will come to receive the anointing next Saturday, March 29 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please arrive before 5:15 and sit in the pews reserved for you at the front of the church.

happy easter

ARE YOU VISITING OUR CHURCH TODAY? WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

St. Matthew Church is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation and comfort to the sick and those who mourn. If you are not already an active member of this community, consider sharing in what we have to offer.

EASTER SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our neophytes, **Yuki Okamoto** and **Joseph Benavides**, as they each receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at our Easter Vigil liturgy and to our candidate, **Ramon Ruiz**, who, on Easter Sunday, receives the sacrament of First Eucharist. May God be with them and give them happiness in living the fullness of Catholic life!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our young adult Confirmation class thanks all the folks who gave donations toward the Confirmation program last weekend. Your help is very much appreciated!

COMUNIDAD MEETING

Comunidad will meet on April 1st at 7:00p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. The producer, Robin Voss will join us to present her acclaimed documentary, "For the Bible Tells Me So." It will be the first-ever screening of the film for a Catholic group. Friends and family of all faiths are welcome to join us for this very special event. Due to the film's running time, we will start the screening promptly at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided.

...REFLECTIONS...

The readings for the Second Sunday of Easter are listed below along with two questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

- 1) Think of a time in your life when you have felt a deep sense of God's peace. What brought this about and were you able to share this peace with others?
- 2) Have you ever felt like you were a "doubting Thomas" and how was your faith in God restored?