



# The SPIRE

The Newsletter of the  
Episcopal Church of the Ascension

## FROM THE RECTOR

Over the last couple of months, I have had some meaningful walks down hallways, streets, jetways, and aisles. I've walked down the hallways of a couple of hospitals. Some of the time I knew what I could expect to find, and sometimes the unknowns were troubling and cause for trepidation. Some of those trips were by myself, and some were with people for whom the discovery meant everything – a husband on the way to hear how his wife's surgery had turned out, a son arriving in the middle of the night to see his parent who had been taken ill, and family members leaving after the death of a loved one. I've had several walks up and down Baldwin Avenue with colleagues seeking my perspective on the options, dilemmas, and challenges in front of them. I seem to have been on more airplanes recently than is usual for me. One happy trip down the jetway was to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for our nephew. And, of course, I've walked down the aisle of the Church of the Ascension. The Sundays of Lent carry a solemnity as we process in silence. Some other processions have been accompanied by the familiar words – "I am the Resurrection and the Life says the Lord..."

As we enter Holy Week and Eastertide, let us join the meaningful walks of our Lord Jesus. Let us enter Jerusalem with him. Let us walk with him to the upper room. Let us walk with him to the Garden of Gethsemane. Let us walk with him on the Via Dolorosa. And let us be attentive to his presence as we, in our own way, walk towards Emmaus. And as we continue to walk hallways, streets, jetways, and aisles, let us do so with faith, believing that Jesus knows our destination and accompanies us on our journey.

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## FLOWERS NEEDED!

We need you to help us decorate the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday by bringing your fresh cut garden flowers/greens to Mass with you that Thursday night. We will use your flowers to make our Altar beautiful. (Please bring them in a disposable container.) Someone from Altar Guild will be there to accept your additions to the Altar of Repose.

Thank you,

St. Anne's Altar Guild



## APRIL 2012



## Holy Week and Easter

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
Mass (Rite I)	8:00 AM
Mass (Rite II)	10:15 AM
<b>Monday, Holy Week</b>	<b>April 2</b>
Mass	7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, Holy Week</b>	<b>April 3</b>
Mass	7:00 PM
<b>Tenebrae</b>	<b>April 4</b>
Mass	7:00 PM
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
Mass	7:00 AM
Foot Washing and Mass	7:00 PM
Watch at the Altar of Repose	9:00– 12 AM
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 6</b>
Watch at the Altar of Repose	7– 11:00 AM
Stations of the Cross	Noon
Veneration of the Cross	7:00 PM
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>April 8</b>
The Great Vigil & 1st Eucharist of Easter	<b>6 AM</b>
1st Easter Brunch	8:00 AM
Easter Egg Hunt	8:45 AM
Festival High Mass	10:15 AM
2nd Easter Brunch	



# TIME FOR TOES!



## Egg Decorating Party

Join us on Holy Saturday (April 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM) in Hawks Hall for lunch and some very egg-citing fellowship. We will stuff plastic eggs and dye hard boiled eggs for the 2012 Easter Egg Hunt! Help us make this Easter the most egg-cellent yet! Please bring one dozen hard-boiled eggs, and we'll provide the rest of the items for the festivities! Contact Scott or Jobi with any questions.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> following the Easter

Sunrise Service

**BRING YOUR OWN EASTER BASKET!**



On Maundy Thursday, the liturgy of washing the feet provides a tangible way to actually live the story we have grown up hearing by re-living what the disciples experienced as their dirty, dusty feet were washed by the hands of Christ.

In recent years, many worshippers have declined the opportunity to fully participate in this ceremony of remembrance; and their reason commonly is: "I don't want my feet to be seen!..." Is this silly? Perhaps.

What does this hesitation mean in our constant search to open our hearts and minds to fully incorporate the Gospel into our lives? How can we overcome it?

One thing we at Ascension can do is to make our feet physically acceptable for participating in the food washing. . And here's how:

This year, we will prepare for the footwashing together as all children and their families are invited to come for a pre-service pedicure on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the senior high room in the parish house! The Daughters of the King are providing some wonderful nail care products, and Sunday School Teachers will be eagerly waiting to offer amateur toenail paint to any who are interested. We will have light snacks on hand and will adjourn at 6:55 to attend the service in the sanctuary at 7 PM.



## Making our Church beautiful for Easter.....

### can you help?

April is the regularly scheduled work party month; however, this month is also Easter. Therefore, we will split our work party into two parts: part 1 will be decorating the church on Saturday March 31st for Palm Sunday (April 1<sup>st</sup>) starting at 9am and part 2 will be Saturday April 7th at 9am to clean up the grounds for Easter and the egg hunt. Your help during these work days is very much appreciated and welcomed. All can participate, especially ladder climbers.

Mike Beach, Verger



## Women's Fellowship Potluck Luncheon



Join us on **Saturday, April 28th** for the Women's Fellowship Potluck Luncheon. It will be held at 11:30 am in Hawks Hall.

Bring a dish...

Bring a friend...

Have a good time!

## Senior Warden's Column

The photograph to the right was captured in the north transept of York Minster Cathedral in 1903 by the noted English photographer Frederick H. Evans. Evans' work was the subject of a recent exhibition and book at the J. Paul Getty Museum.<sup>1</sup> Like several of his famous cathedral images, Mr. Evans gave this one a name: *In Sure and Certain Hope*. As most of you know only too well, the reference is to the Burial Service from the Book of Common Prayer:

"Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; *in sure and certain hope* of the Resurrection unto eternal life."

I've always enjoyed the wry cognitive dissonance of a pithy oxymoron: jumbo shrimp, student athlete, military intelligence, legal ethics, organized medicine, rap music, etc. While I would not suggest that *certain hope* belongs on that irreverent list, there is a poignant tension between *certain* and *hope*. Embedded somewhere in that uneasy bond is the mystery of faith. The complex relationship between faith, hope, and certainty has been explored by a broad spectrum of theologians and philosophers from St. Paul.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

(Hebrews 11:1)

to Anne Lamott

The opposite of faith is not doubt, it's certainty.

Deep philosophical insights notwithstanding, there is certainly no doubt that *in sure and certain hope* has been getting a real workout at Church of the Ascension this year. The recent deaths of long-time parishioners Ann Poland, Wilma Clark, and Charity Barber have cast a solemn shadow across the parish. These passings have been accompanied by grieving family, numerous hospital visits, memorial services, and the emotionally draining responsibilities of pastoral care.

As we all know, Father Michael is exceptionally good at pastoral care; but it's an exhausting discipline. Fatuma Sado, the Ethiopian woman who won the recent LA Marathon, is an exceptionally good runner; but I'll bet she didn't jog home after the race; everyone needs some rest. Our Rector doesn't complain about it, but I can assure you his Lent has been replete with pastoral care opportunities. Some reinforcements may be in order; stay tuned.

In the meantime, I would strongly encourage each and every one of you to eat your vegetables, get some exercise, and take your blood pressure medicine; we've already reached our 2012 quota for funerals. As we are commanded in Deuteronomy 30:19, "I have set before you life and death...therefore, choose life." Good choice.

1. Lyden, Anne M., "The Photographs of Frederick H. Evans," Getty Publications, Los Angeles, © 2010.

Jay Packer



**Meet Deacon Ed Sniecinski.....** It is with pleasure that we announce that Bishop Bruno, the Rector and Vestry, the Archdeacon Joanne Leslie, and Deacon Ed Sniecinski have all agreed to his assignment to serve here at the Church of the Ascension. Deacon Ed will be assisting with liturgy, preaching regularly, helping with pastoral care and administration, and of course, "other duties as assigned..."

Deacon Ed's professional career encompasses forty years of diverse experience in the fields of Education, Business, and Non-profits. In 2001, he joined the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles as Chaplain to the Bishop. In January, 2005, Ed was ordained a Deacon and named Canon in 2007. In 2011, he launched *Discern with Me*, an interactive web site sharing personal journeys through the "in-between" places of our lives...from brokenness to wholeness. ([www.discernwithme.com](http://www.discernwithme.com)) Ed is also a motivational speaker, retreat leader, and spiritual director. He sits on the Boards of Hillsides and Holy Family Services.

His ministry is deeply grounded in a desire to stand at the edge of his knowledge using all his capabilities to meet the broken and poor, never forgetting that he is one of them.

And finally from the Deacon himself: "To all my sisters and brothers at Ascension: I am deeply honored and blessed to be reminded that as I walk with you, I walk in the Presence of the Holy One."

## From Our Ministry Intern

At the midway point in our Lenten series, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the discussions we have been having. As you may recall, this series looked at ways in which we may find glimpses of Christ or God within the media we consume and ways to bring our own experiences of Christ and God along with us when we utilize or experience media and technology. To this end, we've been looking at video and audio clips, photos and blogs, and doing some brief theological reflections and prayers based on the ideas and questions we find there. This process has been sometimes enjoyable and sometimes challenging, but I'd venture to say that it has been consistently stimulating for those of us present.

I do not wish to imply, however, that technology and mass media are automatically good of themselves. A parishioner gave me a copy of an article that quite rightly questions the costs we incur by living in a technology-driven world. Our attention spans have grown shorter, and our relationships have suffered from our inability to focus our attention on the actual people around us because we are more interested in the people who are NOT there but who are calling, texting, tweeting, and emailing us. I can't really remember the last time I had a lengthy conversation with someone in which neither of us answered a phone call or text or checked our email. Yet it is not that we care about each other less than our parents' or parents'-parents' generations, but that our brains have adapted very quickly and become re-wired to constantly be attuned to short-term distractions rather than long-term focus.

Such short term distractions can be quite annoying and sometimes downright daunting; however, if we ignore the problems inherent in new media, we will cut ourselves off from entire populations of people for whom these forms are an important part of their lives. We can neither spread nor hear the Gospel when we are locked into our patterns of communication, whether they are old ways we've established for years or the latest fad we've become addicted to all too quickly. As we head into Holy Week together, I'd like to suggest that we invite Christ to shine a light on how we give and receive communication. How would Christ view our casual texts or tweets? Would he want to invite us to enter into deeper conversation with those around us? Or for those who shun all things modern, even cell phones or email, perhaps Christ wants to ease our fears and teach us to connect gently and lovingly with those around us in new ways. *Submitted by Marianne Zahn, Ministry Intern*

## Getting to Know You... by Jobi Harrell, Minister to Younger Persons

Since beginning my position last August, I have spent much of my time here at Ascension 'getting to know you.' One thing I have learned is that each week, there is an opportunity to meet yet another person (or persons) that I haven't had the privilege of meeting before.

Truth be told, I'm desperately anxious when meeting new people. Regardless of my perceived ability to function at an appropriate level within society, I am a complete introvert and fret internally every time I say something that I wish I had said better --or not said at all.

So how does my anxiety translate into working at a church where 'meeting people' is my job? Well, I have it easy. I can start any conversation by saying: "Hi, my name is Jobi. I work here at Ascension, and I do not believe I have met you yet." My other favorite church conversation starter is: "How did you come to worship at Ascension?" Each time I greet someone new to me, I am blessed to meet yet another amazing creation of God as I learn who you are and why you came to Ascension. Hearing each unique story has not only helped me to learn more about each of you, but I have also been inspired and strengthened in my own journey.

I think all of us are enriched whenever we get to know someone new. With that in mind, please take a moment to think about the following three questions:

1. Do you know the person in the pew in front of you, those in the pew behind you, and those sharing the same pew with you?
2. Do you *really* know the person?
3. When you greet another in the name of Christ, are you fully present?

The job of welcoming each other into the body of Christ is a job that belongs to everyone in the community, and it is up to each of us to make it happen. Each week as we gather in worship and in fellowship, we must intentionally extend ourselves so that we may, in turn, receive the blessings that others have for us.



I have learned by facing my own anxieties about new conversations, that my story has become better and richer for having you each as a part of mine; and I am very thankful for that! As the Lenten Journey moves toward the Easter miracle, let us each live the mystery of the resurrection by continuing to share our stories with each other.

## “What’s new and what’s old this Holy Week and Easter”

There is comfort in knowing the core of how we worship here at Ascension, and particularly how we observe Holy Week and Easter, changes very little year to year. That is not to say that we are stuck in some rut or that we aren’t attentive to ways to enrich our worship life together. On Tuesday of Holy Week, we welcome back Mother Jennifer Beal as celebrant at the 7 pm eucharist as she visits the diocese for the Renewal of Ordination Vows.



This year, something from our past is being restored. Decades ago, people were encouraged to bring cut flowers, either from their own gardens, from the grounds here at Ascension, or even from the store to add to the setting put in place by the Altar Guild for the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday. We are trying to restore this custom. If you are bringing flowers, please add them either at the beginning of the Maundy Thursday service or as you participate at the Watch. Also this year, due to changing devotional practices among our several generations of Ascensionites, we will be closing the church at Midnight on Maundy Thursday and reopening it at 7 am on Good Friday. Folks are still encouraged to sign up for their Watch at the Altar of Repose. Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

## Catechesis Volunteer Assistants

We are looking for a few good volunteers. Diocesan guidelines call for two adults to be with children at all times in a classroom setting such as our Atrium. If you would like to volunteer as an assistant with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please contact Cameron Cox at 626.797.0639 or via email at thecoxclan@sbcglobal.net. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meets on Sundays between services in the "Atrium" (adjacent to the playground).



## \$12 = Three Lives Saved

Our goal at Ascension this Lent is to purchase 366 nets. If we can reach this goal, we can save 1098 lives --an entire village! . Of course what ever we do will be good, but can you imagine an entire village!! If 80% of the mosquitoes are eliminated, the whole population is gone. Now that is a goal to get behind.

So far, we have already purchased 87 nets....How many more can Ascension contribute?????

Please write your check today. Remember 40 days in Lent and 30 cents a day = 1 net! Only \$12 will save 3 lives.

Please put your check in the plate with Nets for Life in the memo line or make your contribution directly to Diane Rhodus or Jackie O’Sullivan.



## APRIL 27-28

Our youth group is participating in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine— learning the truth about hunger, poverty, injustice, and what God thinks about it all. We don’t think it’s right that thousands of kids are dying from hunger every day. So we’re doing something about it.

On April 27th - 28th we’re going without food for 30 hours to raise money so that others can eat. Students will eat their last meal for 30 hours during their Friday lunchtime. The formal program will begin at Ascension that evening at 6 pm. The senior youth group will stay overnight in the Parish House for study, worship, and activities that aim to stretch our understanding of the serious issue of hunger in our world.

### Here’s how you can help:

1. **Pray.** Ask God to bless our students as they overcome hunger.
2. **Volunteer.** Come join us during our Famine Weekend.
3. **Give.** Just \$30 can help feed and care for a child for a month.

Contact Jobi Harrell ([Jobi@ascension-sierramadre.com](mailto:Jobi@ascension-sierramadre.com)) for more information.

## Formation

“Development in Christian faith and practice...a lifelong process

“...Moving toward becoming the person God calls us to be”

“...Takes place chiefly through education, study, worship, and prayer {and}... through our mutual support of one another.”

From [www.ascension-sierramadre.com/wp/ministries/formation/](http://www.ascension-sierramadre.com/wp/ministries/formation/)

## Cursillo: What's That?

It starts with a whole lot of planning and prayer from people you have never met. These people have traveled the Cursillo path before you. Add energy, focus, and a willingness to learn more about who you are on your spiritual journey with Christ. Mix in prayer, song, and stories with opportunities to listen and discuss as well as enjoy quiet exploration. Flavor with excellent food, new friends, and staff members who are concerned not only with your well being, but also with ensuring that you leave with more spiritual fulfillment and direction than you brought with you when you arrived. Put this combination all together and you have a Cursillo weekend.

Cursillos de Cristiandad, or Cursillo, is defined as a short course in our Christian faith. “It’s about how you can bring your faith into the everyday environments you live in - your home, your work, your church, your social activities, etc. ... and not with a sledgehammer - it’s not about proselytizing - but with a clear understanding of your own faith and Christ’s call for unconditional love.” (sic) 1

My Cursillo weekend was nothing like what I had expected. In fact, I really didn’t know what to expect. All I had been told was that I would enjoy myself. Truth be told, I was actually a little uncomfortable about the unknown weekend in front of me. However, Keiko, my Cursillo sponsor, and Sandy, also a Cursillista (one who has completed a Cursillo weekend) picked me up at my home, took me out for a lovely dinner, and delivered me to the Cursillo House in Pomona. We talked a little bit about Cursillo on our way to Pomona but spent more time discussing the exquisite harvest moon that accompanied us on the way to our destination. The details of the Cursillo weekend are best left as part of the actual experience. The surprise and the “...what’s going to happen next...” increased my level of amazement as well as my focus and introspection. Even though I personally didn’t know what was going to happen next, the Cursillo program itself is well defined and generally follows the same structure for most participants. Piety, Study and Action, and the exploration of our journey as Episcopalians are the foundation of a program designed for both men and women (different weekends). The basics of the Cursillo program can be found in many places including web sites, books, and handouts.<sup>2, 3</sup>

An integral part of my Cursillo weekend was my connection to Ascension. A shining light was the presence of Joy Barry. I have no doubt that she was there as a staff member assigned to helping ensure the quality, consistency, and love offered to each Cursillo candidate. But for me, she represented Ascension. There were wonderful posters created by Ascension youth that were placed with gladness on our meeting room walls. There were many other thoughtful signs of care and support offered to the Cursillo candidates from Ascension. I very quickly knew that I was where I was supposed to be and that my church was part of that support and plan.

As lovely as our discussions were on Thursday evening, my talks with Keiko were even more focused and special after she picked me up on Sunday afternoon and brought me home. She knew what I had experienced during the weekend because she too had shared a similar experience, just during a different time and in a different state. I understood even more about the importance of a sponsor and the prayerful commitment made by one individual to sponsor another. It is my goal to pass my experience on to someone else in the future. I do believe that to keep it, you have to give it away.

Our talks also focused on “What’s Next?” The next step after the 3 day Cursillo weekend is called the 4th Day, a journey which, with God’s help, basically lasts for the rest of your life. Small groups made up of those who have completed the Cursillo weekend meet on a regular basis “...to pray together, to share their joys and sorrows, and to support each other as active Christians in their own environments.”<sup>3</sup> These small groups periodically get together at larger gatherings called Ultreya, a Spanish word that generally means “onward” or “keep on going.” My understanding is that Ultreya is a joyful opportunity to join together in music, program, and fellowship as a community dedicated to sharing the faith, hope, and love we receive as gifts from God. Given that I am the new kid on the block, I am just beginning this 4th day journey. I will have to let you know how it goes.

For additional insights, please feel free to contact the following Cursillistas (those who have completed the Cursillo weekend): Adela Gomez, Keiko Sakatani, Diane Rhodus, Joy Barry, Barbara Larson, Melinda Monochino, Hal Barber, and Kevin Barry.

May God continue to wrap His arms around you and hold you close.  
Maggie Byrne Outhouse

1. [www.stfrancisepiscopalchurch.org/Cursillo.html](http://www.stfrancisepiscopalchurch.org/Cursillo.html)
2. [www.natl-cursillo.org/leaders/ultreya.pdf](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/leaders/ultreya.pdf)
3. [www.sccursillo.org/aboutus.html](http://www.sccursillo.org/aboutus.html)



# SAVE THE DATE(S)

On **November 18, 2012**, The Very Right Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce will confirm and receive into the Episcopal Church candidates who have prepared in the fall 'Confirm not Conform' courses.

Confirmation Classes will take place in the parish library on Sundays from 12 PM – 1:30 PM from September 16th – November 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes are open to all who are interested in confirmation, re-confirmation, and reception into the Episcopal Church.

Please contact Jobi Harrell ([jobi@ascension-sierramadre.com](mailto:jobi@ascension-sierramadre.com)) for more information.

## ♪ Notes from the Loft ♪

On the first of April, as we celebrate the Liturgy of the Palms, the choir will lead the congregation into the sanctuary with the words of Psalm 118:19-29 sung to an Ancient Gallican chant. The anthem "Christ's Palm Sunday Welcome" by Austin Lovelace will be sung between two palm-related hymns. Passion Sunday will be observed musically by the singing of three movements of Theodore Dubois' hauntingly beautiful setting of The Seven Last Words of Christ:

During the offertory: The Second Word, "Verily, Thou Shalt Be With Me Today in Paradise," presented by tenor Ben Bliss, baritone Charley Noecker, and choir;

During communion: The Sixth Word, "Father, Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit," sung by tenor Ben Bliss and choir;

As closing voluntary: The Fourth Word, "My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?" sung by baritone Mark Riebs.

The Maundy Thursday service will feature the exquisite Durufle "Ubi Caritas," "I Give You A New Commandment" by Peter Aston, and the Taize chant, "Eat This Bread."

During the veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the choir will sing "Crux Fidelis" by John IV, King of Portugal.

Easter Sunday will feature "Choral Fanfare on 'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today,'" "Light's Glittering Morn" by Craig Phillips, an exciting setting of CORONATION ("All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name) by Michael McCabe, and the exquisite "Alleluia" of Randall Thompson. Trumpeter Jay Cohen and oboist Sean Dougall will join the festival choir in this gala celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

The observance of Easter through music will continue throughout the month of April.

Wishing each of you a meaningful journey through Holy Week and into the joy of Easter!

Debora Huffman, Director of Music and Organist



## Tiger Scouts Invade Hawks Hall

Did you know that Hawks Hall is taken over by Tigers on Monday nights? Yes, that's right! The Tiger Cubs from Cub Scout Pack 110 have their regular DEN meetings every Monday at Ascension from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. Cub Scout Pack 110 was chartered in January of 1987 and has been active in Sierra Madre ever since. The Cub Scout PACK is made up of Tigers, Bears, Wolves, and Webelos. The Tiger Den, the youngest group in the Pack, is a program designed for first grade (or age 7 boys or those who have completed Kindergarten) and is led by Assistant Den Leader and Ascension Member Alan Tierney.

Pack 110 enjoys being active in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and the small-town environment that [Sierra Madre](#) provides. The Southern California weather allows them to remain active and outdoors the entire year. Cub Scouting is a great experience for young boys! It's a positive environment where boys are challenged and encouraged to "do their best" and to grow and develop character, physical fitness, and citizenship. Cub Scouting is all about doing: camping, hiking, and other hands-on activities. Even more so, Cub Scouting is all about the family. If you are interested in this Den or the Pack, please contact Jason Davis at [jason.b.davis@disney.com](mailto:jason.b.davis@disney.com) or 818-468-6334.

Our vision is that *The Episcopal Church of the Ascension* serves Christ today for those who will come to know Christ tomorrow.

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## April/May 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESD	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>						
<p><b>1</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p>8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Ed. Hour &amp; Choir 10:15 am Mass</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:45 pm Yoga</p> <p><b>TENEBRAE SERVICE</b> 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>MAUNDAY THUSDAY</b></p> <p>7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Forum 10:30 am Staff Mtg 6pm Time for Toes 7:00 pm Foot Washing &amp; Mass</p> <p><b>Watch at the Altar of Repose 9 pm to Midnight</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>Watch at the Altar of Repose 7 am to 11 am</b></p> <p>Noon Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>Let's get ready for Easter....</b></p> <p><b>9:00am-Noon Parish Work Party</b></p> <p><b>Noon-2:30 Jr &amp; Sr Youth Egg Decorating Party</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>EASTER</b></p> <p>6:00am The Great Vigil &amp; 1st Eucharist of Easter 8:00am 1st Easter Brunch 8:45am Easter Egg Hunt <b>*NO CATECHESIS*</b> 10:15am Festival High Mass</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>11am Prayer in the Chapel 6pm Dinner Group</p> <p><b>CITY OF SIERRA MADRE VOTING</b> 7am—8pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:45pm Yoga 6pm Mass 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7am Mass 9am Forum</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
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## STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH THE WEEK



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