

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all of you who by your ministry, presence and participation made our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter celebration truly inspiring and at times spectacular! I list below the names of our new Catholics and those receiving adult confirmation at last weekend's Easter Vigil. Congratulations!

This Wednesday evening we welcome Bishop Richard Garcia of Sacramento who comes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 88 of our teens who have been preparing over the last year. Thank you to the Confirmation team of adult and peer leaders who have worked with them; and also a word of thanks to our Youth Minister Shawn Wehan and his assistant Helen Christian for the great work they have been doing all year including weekly Youth Group, Confirmation preparation and Retreats, the wonderful "Night Christ Died" production on Palm Sunday and the Good Friday cross walk. Shawn will be leaving us as Youth Minister in June; our search committee hopes to be hiring his successor by the end of May.

Next weekend after all the masses we will be hosting a **Ministry Fair** to introduce all parishioners to the great variety of services and ministries going on in our parish; and to invite those interested to join in. There will be information tables and displays for **38 ministries** featured in the gym; please be sure to allow yourself some time to drop in and visit after mass next weekend. It will be a busy weekend with the women's morning of recollection also offered in the parish hall with Sister Patty Bruno from 9:00-11:30 am, and the first three of our "first communion masses" at 9:30 am, 11 am and 12:15 pm also on Saturday morning.

Again, thank you for your support and participating for a really exciting Easter to Pentecost season.

Your Pastor,

P.S. Welcome to our New Catholics and Adult Confirmed: Megan Bohan, Lauryn Marie Bryght, Christina Castro, Sarah Cole, Michael T. Colley, Wanjai Colley, Randy Alan Conner, Deborah Moritz-Farr, James Farr, Stacey Fry, Karen Golightly, Larissa Ellen Goni, Samantha Croess, Kelly Harrison, Lisa Johannimgmeir, William Johansen, Marc Johnston, Kimberley Keating, Nancy Kelly, Tracy Lickiss, April Christine Loveland, Don Ludlum, Garst Peterson, Thomas Searle, Steve A. Stewart, Clyde Trombettas and Ann Marie Walker.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- SUNDAY** -**The Second Sunday of Easter / Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions**
-Fourth Sunday Food Drive
 -No RE Classes / No CLOW
 -Jr/Sr Confirmation, Ministry Center, 10:45-12:15 pm
- MONDAY**
 -No RE Older Sacraments (Gr 3-5)
 -CTK Rosary Bead Makers, Ministry Center (Library), 7:15 pm, Contact: Jane at 825-2832
 -Adult Education Meeting, Parish House, 7:30 pm
- TUESDAY**
 -Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, Following 8:00am Mass
 -MOMS' Support Meeting, Ministry Center (DR, Library, Chapel), 9:30-11:30 am
 -Staff Meeting, Parish House, 10:30 am
 -RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm
 -No RE: Grades 7/8
 -Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, VCMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, contact Andy @229-3038
-VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION, Rooms A/B, 7-8 pm
 -Grief Ministry Social, Ministry Center (Dining Room), 7:00 pm
-Jr/Sr Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Rehearsal, Church, 7:00 pm
- WEDNESDAY**
 -Spanish Prayer Group, Ministry Center (Common Rm), 7:30 pm
 -RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm
 -No RE: Grade 6
 -Jr/Sr Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor, Gym, Meet at 6:45 pm
-Confirmation Ceremony, Church, 7:30 pm / St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Ministry Center, Chpl, 7 pm
 -Weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting, 6 St. Lawrence Ct., 7:30 pm (for info. call 932-0395)
 -Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY**
 -Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), 10 am
 -RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm
 -First Eucharist Practice in Church: **3:30-4:30 pm** for 9:30 am 4/29 Mass; **4:45-5:45 pm** for 11:00 am 4/29 Mass; **6:00-7:00 pm** for 12:15 pm 4/29 Mass
 -RCIA Post Season, Ministry Center (Chapel & Dining Room), 7:15 pm
- SATURDAY**
 -Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873
-A Woman's Saturday of Recollection with Sr. Patricia Bruno, O.P., Parish Hall, 9-11 am (Advance Tickets \$5)
-2nd Grade First Eucharist, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:15 pm, Church
-Ministry Fair, Gym, Following 5pm Mass
- SUNDAY**
-The Third Sunday of Easter / Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society
-Ministry Fair, Gym, Following all masses
 -RE Program for 3 year olds (A), Room D, During 9:15 Mass
 -RE PreK/K Program: PreK, Parish Hall, A,B & C; K Program, CTK School; During 9:15 Mass
 -No Children's Liturgy of the Word / Youth Group: Topic Night, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm
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Registration VBC – April 25th - Tuesday: It's now or never!

Your calendars are marked!! Vacation Bible Camp Registration is this Tuesday April 25th in Room A/B from 7-8 pm. Camp is for all children **presently** in K-Grade 5. \$50 fee. Remind your neighbors so they won't be disappointed. Questions 686-1017.

Don't Forget Your Wine!! We appreciate your support for our RE Wine Booth. Remember you may bring your wine to chuech on the weekend of April 22/23, 29/30 and May 6/7. You may also drop your wine off at the RE Office or Parish House. Thanks! Questions 686-1017.

Parents Right to Know Initiative – You are invited after masses today to stop at the information table and, if you wish, add your signature to the petition to put an initiative on the California Ballot that would require parental notification prior to a minor's abortion; minors, if necessary, would also be allowed a confidential hearing to request a waiver, to insure the report of any abuse which is currently not provided, and to

protect minor girls from coercion to have an abortion.

An Emergency Preparedness Fair is being sponsored as a public service by the Pleasant Hill and Martinez congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-.Day Saints. This is not intended as a fundraising or proselytizing activity. Participating organizations are expected to include, The City of Pleasant Hill, American Red Cross, Contra Costa Water District, PG & E, The Search and Rescue Dept of the Sheriff's Department and the Pleasant Hill Police Dept. Saturday, April 29th from 10 am to 2 pm at 555 Boyd Rd.. For info call 229-9949.

Winter Nights – For two weeks hundred of volunteers worked hard to make Winter Nights Shelter an enjoyable experience for the homeless children and their parents while they lived at Christ the King. The shelter staff, the homeless families, and the Interfaith Council Board want to thank the parish for hosting Winter Nights.

A Letter from Bishop Vigneron

Dear Pastors and Pastoral Staffs,

The future of immigration policy is being considered by the U.S. Senate. The Church is involved in this important policy debate because it involves serious moral issues which impact the lives and dignity of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Oakland and around the nation. The position of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops is that only a comprehensive approach to the immigration crisis will solve the problem and create a humane immigration system in our nation.

As you probably know, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed a bill that is comprehensive including many, but not all, elements of the US Bishops' position. It contains (1) a pathway to citizenship for the undocumented, (2) expanded legal avenues for work and family reunification, (3) specific relief for farm workers and undocumented students, as well as (4) border and interior enforcement (which give us the most concern.) As this bill is debated and in the weeks to come, the Church will witness to our values in this area by teaching, praying, and advocating for just laws and policies. We hope this will be a process which invites dialogue and advances mutual understanding.

As the country struggles with this important policy issue we commit ourselves to support those who are suffering and struggling in our communities. Many are far away from home and family, living in the shadows, fearful of discovery and deportation. As the Body of Christ we welcome them as our brothers and sisters and extend our compassion and community support without judgment.

I ask you to remember those who suffer poverty and injustice around the world, especially those who are migrants and refugees, who walk the way of the cross each day. May we share that journey together, learning from each other, sustained in hope by the risen Christ.

Sincerely yours,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Bishop of Oakland