



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ONCE I WAS DEAD,
BUT NOW I AM ALIVE FOREVER AND EVER.

—Revelation 1:18a

April 7, 2013

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

DO NOT BE AFRAID	<p>Did you notice? Today is called the “Second Sunday of Easter,” not the “First Sunday after Easter.” Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ’s victory.</p> <p>The readings begin with the “signs and wonders” abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter’s “shadow might fall on one or another of them.” Then, in a powerful passage from the book of Revelation, the visionary falls down “as though dead” upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: “Do not be afraid . . .once I was dead, but now I am alive forever.”</p> <p>In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples, and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ—more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself—touches us and whispers, “Do not be afraid.”</p>
MARKET BASKET	<p>Today our market basket is standing outside the church for your donations of non-perishable foods which will be given to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Without your help, many people would not receive the food they need to feed their families. Thank you for your continued support of this effort.</p>
HELPING OUR COMMUNITY	<p>Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to bring food and a friendly visit to homebound seniors. Volunteers provide this service once a month to help the frail and elderly who have no other resources. Volunteers must have a valid driver’s license and be available to pick up food and deliver it to the senior’s homes. Volunteers must complete an application and background check. Please contact Joan Dilig at 562.591.1351 between 9:30-noon or 1:30-5p.m. Monday—Friday if you are interested.</p>
CARMELITE SISTERS	<p>The Carmelite Sisters invite you to a celebration of faith at Santa Teresita in Duarte, CA. Come and enjoy a day of faith, justice, praise, worship, games, food, and fun at the Family Faith Festival. Saturday, April 20th at Santa Teresita. Kick-off of celebration at 11:00a.m. finishing with a 3:00p.m Mass.</p>
THANK YOU MINISTERS!	<p>A big thank you to Cyndi Saiza, our Liturgy Director. Not only at Easter and Christmas, but throughout the entire year, Cyndi initiates, coordinates, maintains, orders, provides, plans, assigns, ...<i>whew</i>, and oversees our liturgies. Right next to Cyndi are many dedicated and generous ministers who devote their time to make our liturgies rich in music, prayer and surroundings...our choir directors and members, our lectors, our altar servers, our extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, our hospitality ministers, and those who create a beautiful environment to enhance our liturgies. Thank you one and all!</p>
SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS	<p>We spent 40 days in the penitential season of Lent which led us to this joyful 50-day Easter season. Our Triduum liturgies were extraordinary as we celebrated the passion and resurrection of Christ, the feast of feasts! We must remember that these very special days are meant to determine the shape of our daily lives, that is, how we work, how we play, the way we pray, where we spend our time and how we take care of our neighbors. We have an obligation and duty to take part in something that is greater than ourselves. Let us all try to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed through building up our community of faith and sharing the peace of Christ with a world in need.</p>
REFLECTIONS	<p>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14 Gospel: John 21:1-19</p> <p><i>Jesus’ first words to his followers were “Peace be with you.” How do I exercise my power to speak, make peace and forgive in my family, among friends and in the community of faith?</i></p>