

PARISH INFORMATION & SCHEDULES

Office Phone 510-792-1962 - Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:00am to 12noon

Sundays: 9:30am to 11:30am.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday Mass: 8:30am

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30am, 10:00am,
12:00noon

Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

Registration in the Parish

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community.

Please complete a registration form available online.

(Parish Info)

St. Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you know is in need, please consider calling 510-796-5494.

Knights of Columbus

For information, please contact: Juan "Jappy" Francisco (415) 269-5973.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is home-bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

Marriages and Baptisms

Please leave a message at the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for Baptisms.

Baptisms

Please call to **make an appointment** with Fr. Antony. For details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Jappy/Jan Francisco (415) 269-5973.

Baptism Preparation/Training class: Last Friday day of the month from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

Baptism Celebration: Last Saturday of the month 11:30am in the church

Faith Formation

For questions or help with registration, please contact Sheila Remolar Reduta at (650) 743-5728 or sjtafaithformation@gmail.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Please contact FrancesAnn McKenney at 510-648-4876 or contact the parish office at 510-792-1962.

Funerals

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Bill Russell at (510) 901-2191.

Mother Teresa Center Reservations.

Call the office 510-792-1962 or email MTC@sjapostle.net. (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



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PARISH CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings

Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting

First Monday 7:30pm

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

3rd Monday 7:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Monday 7:00 pm

Bishop Begin Assembly 3546

Business Meeting, 4th Thursday 7:30pm

Pastoral Council

4th Tuesday 7:00pm

Monthly Devotions:

First Friday begins at 8:30am Mass, adoration during the day, 6:30pm Rosary, 7:30pm Mass

KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn 4th Sunday after 10am Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

United Conference of
Catholic Bishops Website

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (John 21:1-19)

PETER'S TRIPLE CONFESSIONS

Their hopes seemed dashed, and the apostles walked in darkness,
With Jesus' death, their life engulfed in sadness.
Their life had turned bitter, and their future seemed bleak,
With their Light gone, they became spiritually weak.

In discouragement, the apostles went to fish,
Without catching anything, they looked sheepish.
Jesus appeared to them just after daybreak,
But they didn't know Him, as they weren't fully awake.

He asked, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"
They said, "Nothing" as they bathed in the morning heat.
"Cast your net farther to your right" was His request,
Following His word, they threw the net at His behest.

To their surprise, the apostles made a huge catch,
With nothing what they caught could be outmatched.
They cooked some of the fish they caught for their breakfast,
Once they recognized Jesus, no one was downcast.

Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him more than others
With triple assurance, Peter gave Him his answers.
On the night of His arrest, he would deny Him thrice,
For Jesus and the gospel, he would pay a great price!

Jesus chose weak Peter as the leader His Church,
On him, the rock, Jesus would build His only one Church.
Peter preached the gospel with a total commitment,
To die for Jesus was his greatest accomplishment.

QUESTIONS:

1. What challenges do you face in obeying God?
2. How does God help you when you admit your weakness?
3. How encouraged do you feel, and what do you do when feeling discouraged?

REFLECTIONS:

For the Apostles, everything suddenly seemed to be over. Jesus was crucified, His shepherds were scattered, and the future looked bleak. They were unsure of their own safety, fearing the enemies of Jesus coming after them as well. They hid themselves and chose to venture out only at night. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, suffered from terrible pangs of guilt. He could not take it anymore and so one day he told his companions, "I am going fishing." They were the words of a man who was totally discouraged. He felt he had let down His Master and companions instead of leading with courage. Peter's companions returned to their nets after almost three years.

After fishing the whole night, though, they had caught nothing. At daybreak, the resurrected Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not recognize Him. Jesus asked them if they had anything to eat, and they said they had not caught any fish the whole night. Jesus suggested that they cast the net on the right side of the boat, and upon doing so, their net was full to the breaking point and they needed extra hands to haul the net containing one hundred fifty-three large fish weighing hundreds of pounds.

MAY 4, 2025



**MESSAGE
FROM
FR. ANTONY**

Why did they fail to recognize Jesus? Perhaps distance or poor light prevented them from seeing Him clearly. Perhaps Jesus' post-resurrection appearance was different. Perhaps their eyes were clouded so that they did not recognize Him. Maybe they were drowsy as they did not sleep the whole night. On the Emmaus Road, the disciples' "eyes were kept from recognizing Him" until "He took the bread and gave thanks." When He broke the bread and gave it to them, "their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him." At the big catch, the disciple who Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Peter heard it was the Lord, he threw himself into the sea to rejoin His Lord.

Jesus invited them to "come and eat breakfast." By then, all of them knew it was Him. Jesus took the fish and bread and gave it to them. This wording has Eucharistic overtones, but there is no mention of blessing or breaking bread, both of which are part of the usual Eucharistic formula. This is also reminiscent of the earlier feeding of the five thousand on the shores of this same sea. Jesus is sensitive both to people's physical and spiritual needs. At our best, the church follows Jesus' example by feeding, clothing, housing, and educating people. Our concern for people's physical needs not only relieves human suffering but also constitutes a powerful spiritual witness. This was now the third time that Jesus had revealed Himself to His disciples after having risen from the dead.

Now came the triple confessions of Peter. After they had finished with their breakfast and they had rested enough, Jesus turned to Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." This same question was repeated three times. Peter was troubled because Jesus asked him three times. Peter denied Jesus three times on the night of Jesus' arrest, and now Jesus offered him three chances to redeem himself. The traditional explanation is that *agapao* is the stronger, more sacrificial kind of love, the kind of love that focuses on the welfare of the beloved. *Phileo* is a significant but less demanding brotherly love or friendship. Jesus asked twice if Peter loved him with the deeper *agapao* love, and Peter responds by affirming the less deep *phileo* love. The third time, Jesus' intention shifts to *phileo*, using Peter's word, asking if Peter loves Him with the less deep *phileo* love, and Peter is hurt to hear Jesus downgrade His question to match Peter's earlier responses.

However, the interplay of *agapao* and *phileo* are so nicely done in verses 15-17 that it seems likely that the author intended the contrast to highlight Peter's failure and diminished confidence. But the key to this verse is love, love of Jesus. That is the one thing needed for Christian discipleship. In the Synoptics, Jesus gives Peter an evangelistic role by promising to make him a fisher for men. Now, He gives Peter a pastoral role of caring for His sheep.

After this Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Earlier, Peter had said, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus responded by predicting that Peter would deny Him three times. Now, Jesus told him that He will glorify God by His death just as Jesus glorified God by His. It is likely that Peter was martyred during Nero's persecution of Christians in 65 A.D., prior to the writing of this gospel. Legend has it that Peter asked to be crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to emulate his Lord. But, there is no sure evidence to prove this.

In closing, I would like to capture the attention of my readers to Jesus' words, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." Now, Peter and those with him were all experienced fishermen. They thought they knew everything about fishing, yet without any hesitation or any further discussion, at His word, they threw their net and caught a huge catch of fish. The lesson we should learn from this is that it is only in obedience to God that we can be productive. We can achieve great things if we are obedient to God and follow His will every day of our lives. All things are possible with God. The huge catch of fish is the best testimony to it. Even the expert fishermen like Peter and companions failed to catch fish and they were disappointed. But see what they could do when they trusted the Lord! Are you ready to do what God tells you – no matter what it takes? Peter and his companions became followers of Jesus. When we have a personal experience of Jesus, our life will never be the same. Like Peter, we will leave everything and follow Jesus. A personal experience of Jesus will help us to recognize how sinful we are, as Peter confessed, "Lord I'm a sinful man". All of us are sinners and need a savior. The good news is that Jesus can set us free. It's not only Peter's situation that changed. Peter's life was transformed. He now became the rock on which Jesus could build His church. The good news is that Jesus is here to do the same with you and He can solve all your problems.



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If you have any questions, please call
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The following are the dates available for the Year

Jan 26

Feb 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 6

May 4 & 18

June 1, 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

Aug 10 & 24

Sept 7 & 21

Oct 5 & 19

Nov 2, 16 & 30

Dec 14 & 28

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<https://apnews.com/article/conclave-definition-what-happens-92a4da4116a62ccc165a63d1ae3c30dc>

What is a conclave?



VATICAN CITY (AP) — [A conclave](#) is the centuries-old election of a pope that derives its name from the Italian “con clave” (with a key) to underscore that cardinals are sequestered until they find a winner.

Cardinals have no contact with the outside world after the master of liturgical ceremonies utters the words “[Extra Omnes](#)” the Latin phrase for “all out,” to ask all those present except the cardinal electors to leave the Sistine Chapel to begin the voting process.

In between votes, the cardinals will be staying at the Domus Santa Marta hotel in Vatican City and possibly another nearby Vatican residence, since there are more cardinal electors than Santa Marta hotel rooms.

How will it work?

The conclave begins May 7, in the afternoon.

The day begins with Mass celebrated in the morning by the dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re.

In the afternoon, the cardinals process into the [Sistine Chapel](#) and take their seats. A priest delivers a meditation and the cardinals take an oath. After the “Extra Omnes,” the conclave begins.

Unless there are any outstanding questions or problems, cardinals take a single vote the afternoon of May 7, seeking a two-thirds majority. If they don't find a winner on the first ballot, they retire for the evening and return to the Sistine Chapel the following morning.

They can take up to two votes each morning, and two each afternoon until they have a winner.

Who gets to be part of the conclave?

[Only cardinals under age 80](#) are eligible to vote. Current regulations notionally limit the number of electors to 120, but popes often exceeded that ceiling and today there are 135 who are eligible.

Those cardinals who are over 80 can't vote but can participate in pre-conclave meetings, known as general congregations, in which church problems are discussed. It was in these meetings in 2013 that then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio spoke about the need for the church to go to the "existential peripheries" to find those who suffer — an off-the-cuff speech that helped his election.

Are there major differences between this conclave and previous ones?

St. John Paul II rewrote the regulations on papal elections in a 1996 document that remains largely in force today, though Pope Benedict XVI amended it twice before he resigned.

Francis didn't introduce any changes into the conclave itself, though [his influence will surely be felt](#) given he named 108 of the 135 cardinal-electors who are eligible to vote.

Benedict's most notable change to the original 1996 document was to exclude the possibility that a pope could be elected by a simple majority if voting was stalemated. Benedict decreed that a two-thirds majority is always needed, no matter how long it takes. He did so to prevent cardinals from holding out for the 12 days foreseen by John Paul and then pushing through a candidate with a slim majority.

If the conclave lasts that long, the top two vote-getters go to a runoff, with a two-thirds majority required to win. Neither of the top two candidates casts a ballot in the runoff.

Who is eligible to be elected pope?

Any baptized Catholic male is eligible to be pope, but since 1378, only cardinals have been selected. Cardinals over age 80 can be elected pope, even if they can't be in the room to cast a ballot.

Why aren't women part of the process?

Francis and popes before him have [upheld the ban](#) on ordaining women as priests, which precludes them from being pope. Under Catholic doctrine, the priesthood is reserved for men because Christ chose only men as his 12 apostles. The teaching is considered divinely inspired and infallible.

So, the voting process is a secret?

Benedict tightened the oath of secrecy in the conclave, making clear that anyone who reveals what went on inside faces automatic excommunication.

In John Paul's rules, excommunication was always a possibility, but Benedict revised the oath that liturgical assistants and secretaries take to make it explicit, saying they must observe "absolute and perpetual secrecy" and explicitly refrain from using any audio or video recording devices.

They now declare: "I take this oath fully aware that an infraction thereof will incur the penalty of automatic excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See. So help me God and these Holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand."

How does the conclave announce that they've selected a new pope?

After the ballots are pierced, they are burned in a cylindrical stove at the end of the voting session. Black smoke from the Sistine Chapel chimney means no decision; white smoke signals the cardinals have chosen a pope and that he has accepted.

Chemical cartridges are added to ensure there is no confusion over the color. To produce black smoke, a cartridge containing potassium perchlorate, anthracene — the component of coal tar — and sulfur is burned with the ballots. For white smoke, a cartridge of potassium chlorate, lactose and chloroform resin is burned with the ballots.

Bells also are rung to signal the election of a pope, for further clarity.

The new pope is introduced from the loggia overlooking St. Peter's Square with the words, "Habemus Papam!" ("We have a pope!") and his chosen papal name. The new pope then emerges and gives his first blessing.

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