

### **St. Vincent de Paul Collection**

There will be a collection for St. Vincent de Paul on the **weekend of April 29 & 30**. We thank you for your contributions to our mission of providing food, fuel, transportation, clothing, housing and other assistance to people in need in our parish community. Our volunteers could not provide this support without your generous donations.

### **WINGS (Women in God's Spirit™)**

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages Spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

Our meeting will be at the Transfiguration Church Hall and during this time we will be following current COVID 19 safety protocols, i.e., social distancing and wearing of masks.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Joan Luise Hill**  
**Topic: Miracles, Your Secret Superpower**

For further information or, if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie/willkiecarolyn@gmail.com

### **Save the Date**

26th Annual Shuffle—Saturday, May 6th at  
Moreau Catholic High School  
27170 Mission Blvd.  
Hayward, CA 94544

**New this year—a 5K timed run at the Moreau Track 7:00 to 8:00 am. Registration fee for adults—\$50, for youth — \$25 (16+ with student ID)**

The Shuffle from 8 to 12 is a free event which includes a walk, morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment, a drawing for door prizes and “Kidz Zone with bouncy houses, games and prizes.

Please join this event which raises funds to support FESCO’s programs that support homeless families with children.

Go to fescoshuffle.org to join a team or donate. For more information, call volunteer, Chris Ippolito at 510-343-4876 or Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473.

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### **OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

#### **Neophytes**

Perhaps you’ve noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren’t they done? What’s going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called “neophytes,” and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name “mystagogy.” They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community.

As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

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### **EMMAUS AND THE MASS**

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

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### **St. Vincent de Paul Cookie Sales**

St. Vincent de Paul members are selling cookies before and after mass this weekend to raise funds to provide food, transportation, utilities and other support for people in need in our parish community. Please stop by after mass to purchase some cookies while helping us help others.

*Thank you for your support!*

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OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

**CHAPTER SIX  
ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND  
SPIRITUALITY**

**I. TOWARDS A NEW LIFESTYLE**

#205 Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning. We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom. No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts. I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us.

*To be continued on next week's bulletin.....*

**Dress-a-Girl Ministry**

Volunteers needed to sew simple sundresses. Supplies provided. Bring scissors, pinking shears and wear a mask. For further information contact: **Yolanda Arredondo** at **510-303-4023** or email at **yarredondo747@gmail.com** Hope you can join us.

**Thank you for advertising in our bulletin.  
We appreciate your support!**

**Credit, Debit and Electronic  
Check Offerings**

If you would like to make your Sunday offering by credit or debit card or, electronic check, please go to our website: [transfigchurch.com](http://transfigchurch.com) and click on the "Donate" tab. Please call the office for further assistance if needed.

**Coffee and Donuts**



Clarence and Sheila Decanno will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

**Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekend of:

**Apr 8th thru Apr 9th — \$  
Easter Donation — \$**

(compared to \$12,000 average weekly stewardship goal)  
Thank you for continuing in your stewardship role of providing for the upkeep of our parish community.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Psalm** — 16

**Second Reading** — 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel** — Like 24:13-35

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*May your words, O Lord, be in my thoughts, on my lips, and in my heart. May they guide my life and keep me near to you.*

**Mass Intentions (Apr. 22, 2023—Apr. 28, 2023)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Rudolfo Recio
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Rufina Jardin
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Maria & Antonio Andrade
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Jeanie Peixoto
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	For The People

**Your Prayers Are Requested for the  
Repose of:**

**Nora Ibio**  
(Wife of the late Ernesto Ebio)

**Why I volunteer for St. Vincent de Paul**

My mother and her sister mentioned SVdP frequently when I was in grade school (a long time ago). They always donated clothing to SVdP and made sure that whatever they had to give was donated.

When I was seven years old there was a fire at a Catholic School, Our Lady of the Angels, and 92 children died. I remember SVdP being active in helping afterward.

I want to honor/represent my mom and aunt's desire to be involved with SVdP. In our Chapter (Conference) there are so many opportunities to be involved on so many levels, and I think that is great. There is no pressure to participate in any particular activity. Jesus said: *"if you do this for one of these, you do it for me."*

By: Carol Barazi



Monday evening, Apr. 24, 2023 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [m.dresen@comcast.net](mailto:m.dresen@comcast.net). if attending remotely. Free will offering.