



Easter Sunday

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April 20, 2025

St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Lakeport & St. Peter Mission , Kelseyville

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Monday—Thursday / Lunes —Jueves:
12:00 pm—4:00 pm
Website: www.stmaryslakeport.com

Mass Schedules:

St. Mary Immaculate Church, Lakeport

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)
Sunday 10:30 am (English) & 12:00 pm (Spanish)
Wed, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am (English)

St. Peter Mission , Kelseyville

4085 Main St. Kelseyville, 95451

(Mail and telephone to St Mary's office)

Mass Schedule: Sunday & Tuesday at 9:00 am (English)

Reconciliation / Confesiones:

Saturday/Sabado 4:15 pm & by appointment/con cita

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill out the form below and return it during the offertory collection or mail it to the parish office.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

As I reflected on the great mystery of Easter—the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus—I was reminded of a vivid memory from my childhood that still speaks to me today.

I grew up in a village where most families lived by farming. A canal flowed through the village, separating our homes from the church. For nine months of the year, it ran with water, but in the hot summer, it dried up completely. When that happened, we boys used to play there, especially in the evening as the sun was setting. The dry canal had many bushy branches along its edges, and as night approached, snakes would begin to appear. We often saw water snakes, Indian rat snakes, Indian cobras, and sometimes even Russell's vipers, which are highly venomous.

We called it “snake hunting.” With long sticks in hand, we’d go exploring. When we saw a snake, the bravest among us would step forward first. He would strike the middle of the snake to stop it from moving, then carefully strike its head and remove the venom from it. After that, we would each take turns making sure the snake could no longer harm anyone.

This memory came to my heart as I thought of what Jesus did for us.

In a way, Jesus is that brave one—the strongest, the most courageous. He came into a world filled with danger and evil. He faced the ancient serpent—the devil—and through His Passion and Cross, He struck the blow that would destroy the power of sin and death.

Just as the book of Genesis tells us:

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

And St. Paul reminds us:

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:26)

Jesus, through His death and Resurrection, has fulfilled this promise. He has crushed the head of the serpent. He has broken the power of sin. He has defeated death once and for all.

This is the joy of Easter: that we no longer live in fear of sin or death, because Christ has conquered them both. As St. John Chrysostom once preached:

“O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!”

So today, we rejoice! The tomb is empty, and the light of Christ shines into every dark place. Let this Easter be a time of hope, renewal, and courage—for the same Lord who crushed the serpent walks with us still.

May the Risen Christ bless you and your family with His peace and joy this Easter season.

Alleluia! He is truly Risen!

Mass Intentions

Sunday 20—10:30 am +David Pokorny &
+ Tracy Rogers

12:00 pm + Natalia Quintana

April 18 – April 26, 2025

Easter Octave & Divine Mercy

Novena: Daily Mass & Divine Mercy Chaplet – All Are Welcome!

During the Easter Octave, the Church invites us to rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus for eight full days. In this sacred time, we will also pray for the Divine Mercy Novena, leading us to the great feast of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27.



Daily Schedule – April 18 to April 26:

- ◇ 8:30 AM – Divine Mercy Chaplet (in English)
- ◇ 9:00 AM – Holy Mass in English
- ◇ 6:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet (in Spanish)
- ◇ 6:30 PM – Holy Mass in Spanish

Let us lift our hearts and minds in prayer and gratitude, and asking Jesus, the Divine Mercy, to bless our families, our community, and our world.



How to Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Begin with the Sign of the Cross:

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

□□ Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

□ **On the Our Father Beads (the large beads), pray:**
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

□ **On the Hail Mary Beads (the 10 small beads), pray:**

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

□ Repeat for all five decades (1 Eternal Father + 10 “For the sake...” each).

□ Conclude with the Holy God Prayer (Repeat 3 times):
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

✦ **Closing Prayer: Eternal God**, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Weekly Collections:

April 12 & 13 2025

First Collection	\$3,898
Second Collection	\$1,608

Annual Ministry Appeal: 2025.

So far, we have raised \$5,706—just \$5,894 away from reaching our goal! We are thankful for the generosity of those who have already contributed to the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). If you haven't donated yet, please consider it. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Parish Hall Roof Completed— Thank you!

Financial Update:

- Total cost of the roof project: \$45,000
- Amount collected so far: \$19,936
- Amount paid to Humberto Roofing: \$34,418
- (Remaining goal): \$25,064

We are truly grateful for your continued generosity.

Lenten Almsgiving: Offering the Savings from Fasting and Abstinence

As we fasted and abstained during this holy season of Lent, we encouraged you to consider offering the money you saved from these practices to support the needs of the poor and those less fortunate. Thank you for your generous hearts and commitment to making this Lent a time of true giving. Please place your donation in the special collection boxes or envelopes marked “Lenten Almsgiving.”

Attention!!!!

Do you know of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive communion? Please contact Carol Dvorak @ 707) 489-9425

First Holy Communion

The parish of St. Mary's invites everyone to attend Our Children's First Communion Mass on Saturday, May 3rd at 11 a.m.

St Peter's News: Mother's Day Breakfast!!! Sunday May 11th at 10:00 am \$25.00 each

Pre-Baptismal Class

Pre-baptismal instruction class will be held on Thursday, May 1st, at 6:00 PM in St. Mary's Parish Hall. For more information, contact the office (707) 263-4401.

Pasion Play

All Practices will be held at the Passion Play grounds at 701 Westlake Rd. In Upper Lake, CA. All practices are on Sundays: March 30th, April 6th, April 13th April 27th, May 4th and May 10th. From 1:30pm—4:00pm

April 26 & 27 Spanish Couples Retreat

Married, engaged, or newlyweds? Join us for a special day of reflection, prayer, and connection with your partner and other couples. Strengthen your relationship and grow in faith together. To register contact Maricela Morales: 707 322 5815; Aida Chavez 707 536 7198 .

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