

Mercy Seekers

“... Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
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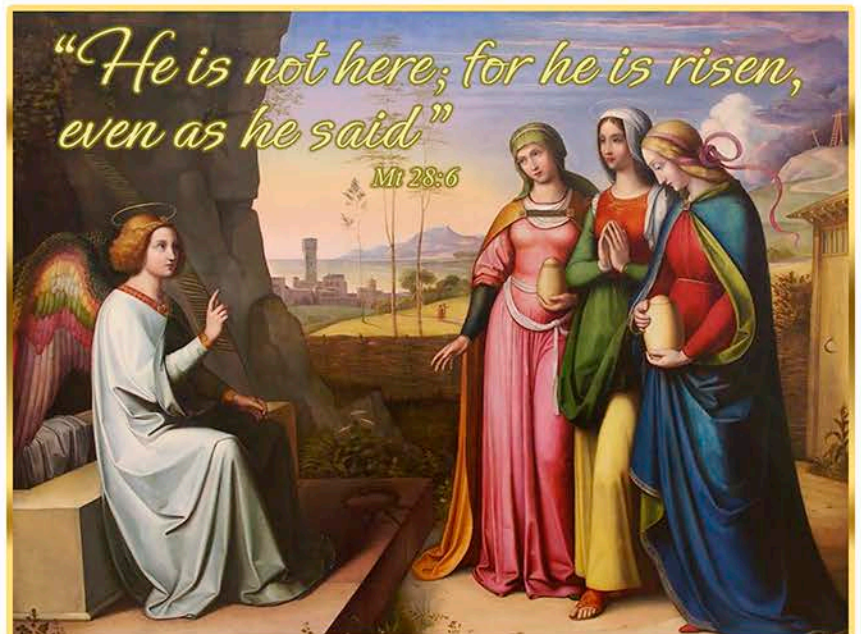
Mary's Mercy Center -The 'egg' is one of the common symbols of Easter. The 'egg' symbolizes new life and hope. We have Easter egg hunts. We have chocolate Easter eggs and so forth. Easter always brings hope and especially to those to whom hope is denied. I mean the poor and less fortunate. There is a philosophy abroad in the land which denies Easter or hope to people who are down on their luck. People think and opine "If I give them money, will they buy drugs or booze? They should work like the rest of us." People have all sorts of opinions and protect themselves and their money over helping out the less fortunate. It was the same with Jesus at the passion. "He deserves death" because He didn't fit in. His message was unacceptable, even the good works he performed were called into question. Yet there was a statement made by one of the guards which said "truly He is the Son of God."

Jesus said "Blessed are the poor in spirit" and also He said "as long as you did it to the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." So suspend your judgment and embrace His judgment and you will find Jesus, a resurrected Jesus. Have a blessed Easter. Remember Easter is a call to new life....a resurrected life

- Father Mike

Have a blessed Easter season!

ALLELUIA



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More than 10 years ago, Jack H. Brown, the late and then Stater Bros. Markets' CEO and Chairman, launched "Heroes Challenge", an event to support local charities addressing critical needs in their communities. The event brings together Medal of Honor recipients, professional golfers, celebrities, sponsors and others to "Make our community better!" The funds raised by

"Heroes Challenge" are donated to local veteran programs and other programs selected by Stater Bros Charities. We are pleased to be among the organizations selected this year. Our administrator Mike Hein and board member Terry Kent attended the event for Mary's Mercy Center. Remember this honor extends to you, who keep us in prayer, volunteer and donate.



4th Annual Foster & Homeless Youth Services Summit



Staff members from Veronica's Home of Mercy attended the 4th Annual Foster and Homeless Youth Summit. There were workshops given by California Department of Education, partner agencies and local school district personnel. Topics included: available services to assist foster and homeless youth beyond graduation, wellness, self-care, district and trauma informed best practices. The keynote speaker, Mark Anthony Garrett, a leading expert within the Child Welfare and K-12 educational industry, was impactful. Growing up he faced many hardships, such as poverty, neglect, homelessness, abandonment and abuse. In time Mark realized he had to take his destiny into his own hands. With guidance from mentors and encouraged by the advice of his third grade teacher to never give up on life and to always strive for excellence, Mark

enrolled in college and went on to become a two-time U.S. Achievement Academy Award Winner, and among other honors received the highest honors given by his college. These experiences inspired him to dedicate his life to helping troubled youth and adults overcome negative challenges and discover that they have greatness within them. The staff picked up valuable skills and a renewed sense of the importance of the work they do at Veronica's Home of Mercy.

REMEMBER - You are a part of this important work and together we are making a difference.





Easter Blessings



Many thanks to Mrs. Jaramillo and her family for donating Easter Baskets to the children of Veronica's Home of Mercy. We are also grateful to 'Dr. O' and her women's fellowship group. These group of women brought new purses for the mothers at Veronica's Home of Mercy. More than just than just the purses these ladies gave the gift of self - spending time visiting and encouraging our residents.



Arrowhead Credit Union Senior Marketing Manager, Stefanie Villalobos and Arrow Heart Members brought a donation of diapers and wipes to Veronica's Home of Mercy. We thank them for their generosity in providing these much needed items to our families..

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Did You KNOW



In February 2018 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **5,584** (includes 1,205 lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **757 bags**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **298 and 31 pairs of shoes**

Hygiene kits: **275 plus 99 shaving kits**

Hair cuts: **13**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **114 of which 95 were for extreme emergencies.**

Children's Program: **28 families' needs were met. In addition to diapers, wipes and formula we helped some of these families with two car seats, one baby bathtub, plus over 100 pounds of clothes.**

Thanks to your generosity we were able to help families with a dining table and six chairs, two end tables and a coffee table, plus a recliner.

We were also able to help our homeless guests with 75 pounds of pet food.

THANK YOU - what we are able to do is possible because of you!



2018 VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

Volunteers, you should have your invitation to Mary's Mercy Center's Volunteer Luncheon. Even if yours hasn't arrived yet please RSVP by April 9th to Ernestine at (909) 889-2558.

When: Sunday April 22, 2018, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of the Assumption, 796 W 48th St, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Fr. Barry will start the celebration with mass at 2 PM in the church.