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April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

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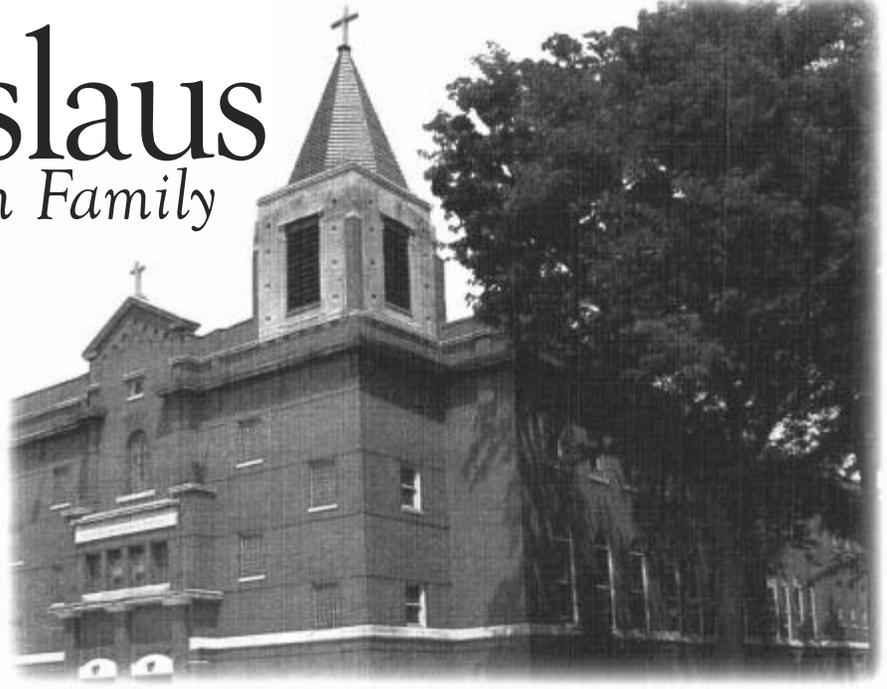
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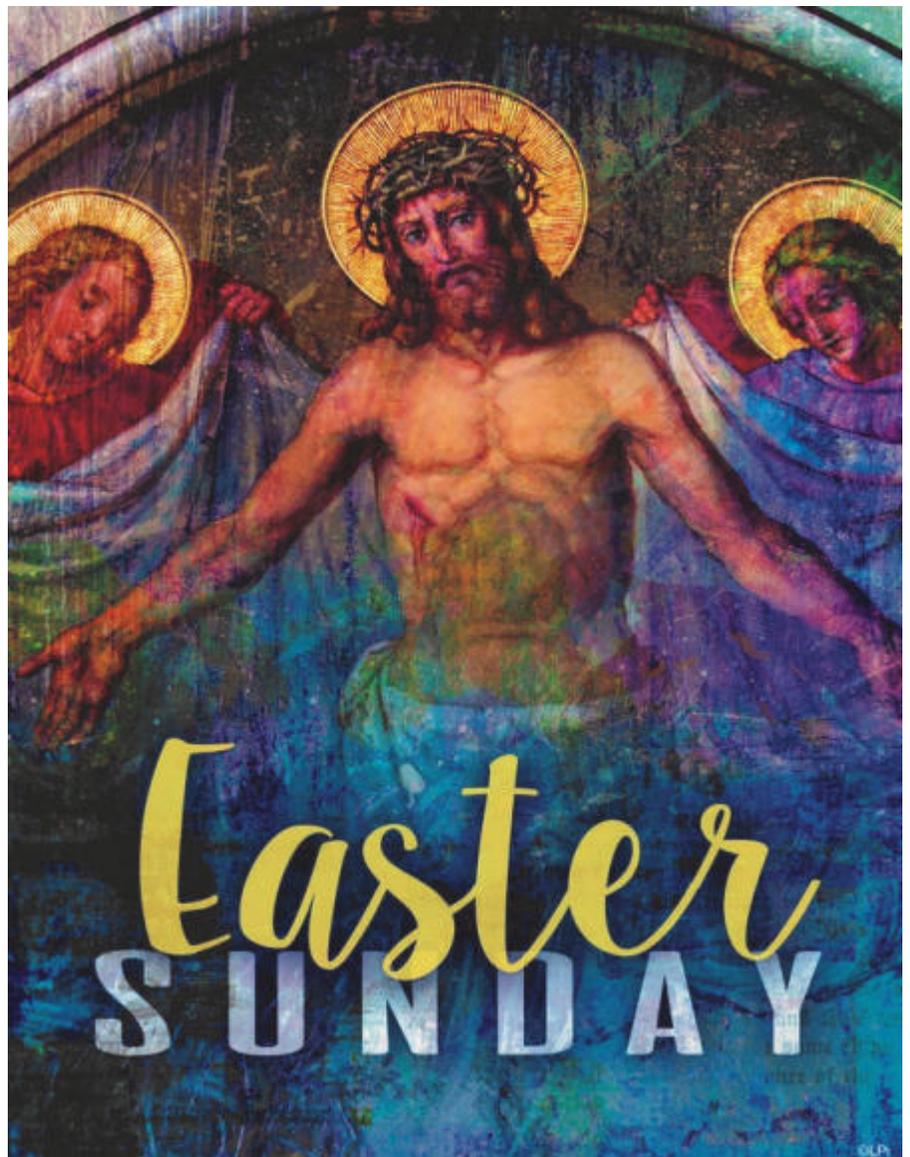
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Liturgical Notes for the Week

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is THE DAY the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities, we may merit through them to reach eternal joys.

Today we celebrate the new creation that began with the dying and rising of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. Today we light the new fire to burn the paschal candle for fifty days. Today the words of scripture tell once again the story of creation and the gift of covenant with our God, climaxing at the empty tomb "Alleluia" is restored to our vocabulary, to be sung and proclaimed. Tonight we celebrate the new life forever flowing from the dying and risen Lord out into the world and into all of cosmic creation. Today blessed water will be poured over our heads. As we renew our baptismal promises and pray the great prayer of Eucharist and enter into deeper communion with each other through the working of the Holy Spirit. Today is THE MOST GLORIOUS DAY OF LIGHT AND LIFE.

Peace Be with You

*An Easter Meditation (+1956) by Luis Maria Martinez,
Archbishop and first official Primate of Mexico.*

When the angels announced to the world the incomparable, unprecedented joy of Jesus' birth, they make two promises: one in favor of heaven, the other in favor of earth; the former, the glory of God; the latter, peace to men of good will. Both of these pledges include and summarize the entire work of Jesus Christ in this world: to give glory to God and to bring peace to souls. Peace is the gift that Jesus Christ brought us from heaven, his gift, the gift of God; a gift so beautiful, so profound, so all-embracing, so efficacious, that we shall never truly comprehend it. Peace is the sea of Christ. It is not just one of his man gifts; it is, in a certain way, his own gift. On that unforgettable night, the last that he spent on earth, the sweet night of the Cenacle and the Eucharist, Jesus left peace to his loved ones as a testament of his love: Peace is my bequest to you (Jn 14:27). Our Lord's customary greeting to his Apostles after his resurrection was this: Peace be upon you! Furthermore, he recommended that in pursuing their apostolic mission, they should always say these words upon arriving at any house: Peace be upon you. Holy Church, the perpetuation of Jesus himself throughout the centuries, understands our Lord's spirit thoroughly. Adopting her Master's expression in her liturgy, she constantly invokes peace upon her children. While imparting peace to us, she disposes us to give peace to one another. Almost all the sacramental rites terminate with an expression of peace. The newly baptized, the Christian strengthened by confirmation, the

sinner purified in the sacrament of penance, all receive a message of peace: "Peace be with you" or "Go in peace." The Church has done nothing else nor does she intend to do anything else than to give glory to God and peace to men of good will. She has no other mission.

Prayer for the Evening

Let us cry out in praise:

my lord and my God! Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn

Crown him the Lord of life,

Who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife

For those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,

Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring,

And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love,

Behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds yet visible above

In beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky

Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his burning eye

At mysteries so bright.

Today's Prayer: *Christ has died*

Christ is Risen

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Marian Prayer to pray each day of these upcoming fifty days of the Easter Season.

Queen of Heaven/Regina Caeli

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia, has risen as he said, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia! For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray; O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Scripture Reflection

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus. Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are. Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday, April 4, 2021

St. Paul speaks these words to us today. Get rid of old yeast to make a yeast of sincerity and truth. For Christ is risen.

- ◆ What do I need to shed?
- ◆ What truth will I tell - kindly yet boldly?
- ◆ My new yeast will be _____?



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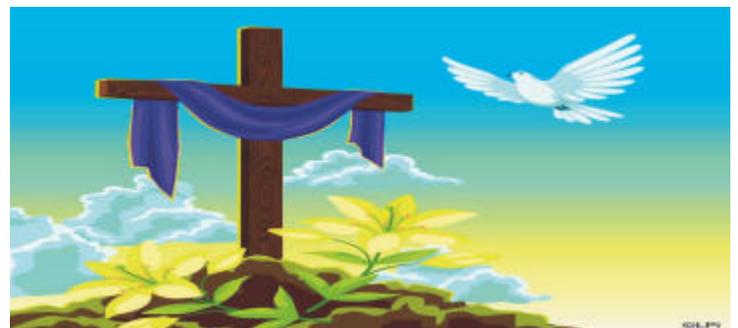
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Everyday Stewardship

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?" I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after. Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right. But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday. So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Inspiration For The Week

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.



APRIL 4, 2021 •
EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 5

Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, April 8

Friday, April 9

Saturday, April 10

4:30pm †Luis Rodriguez int. Rodriguez & Delli Colli Families
 †Edward Ciba, Sr. int. Family
 Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

**Sunday, April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
 Divine Mercy**

8:30am †Evelyn Smith int. Sister, Mary
 †Julia A. Lelek int. Sophia & Diane Kania
 †Anthony Jimenez int. Jimenez Family

Quote from Pope Francis

Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer: The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the Eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI. The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3). So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast – it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize – we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile -believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return – to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

Gospel:

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

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