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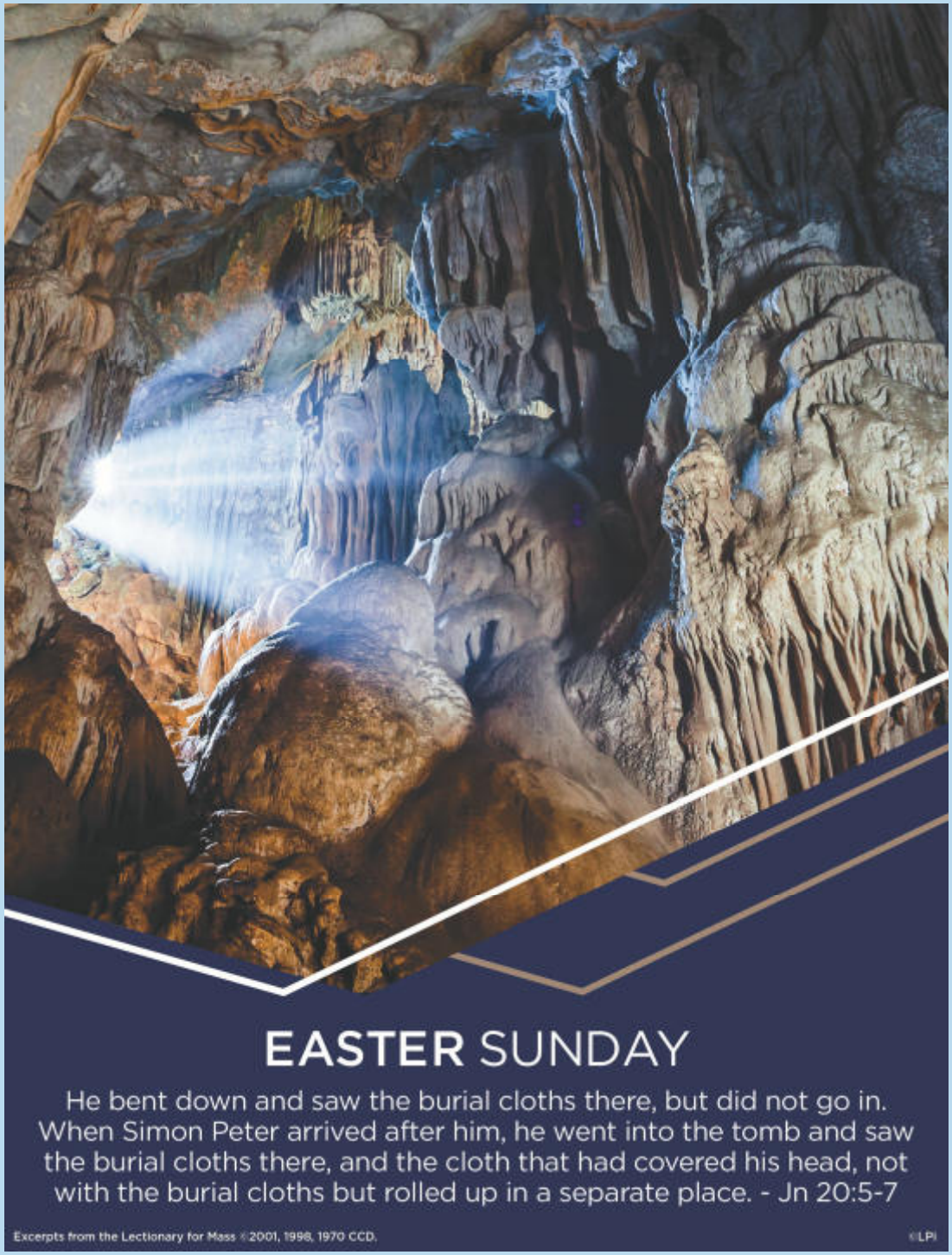


APRIL 4, 2021 • EASTER SUNDAY

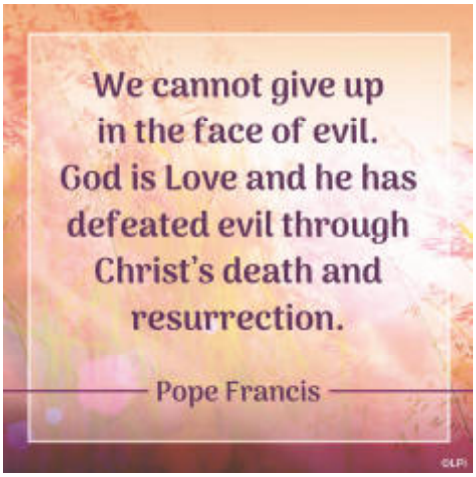
Worship & Ministry Schedules

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 3	8:00 pm		For All Parishioners
Holy Saturday			
Sunday, April 4	7:30 am		For All Parishioners
Easter	9:00 am		For All Parishioners
	11:00 am		For All Parishioners
Monday, April 5	8:15 am	✞	Louis A. Marlin
Tuesday, April 6	8:15 am	✞	Mary Lynch
Wednesday, April 7			
Thursday, April 8			
Friday, April 9			
Saturday, April 10	4:30 pm		For All Parishioners
Sunday, April 11	8:00 am	✞	Robert Doyle
	10:30 am	✞	Brian Jaskiewicz
		✞	Therese Fritz

LECTORS

Saturday, 4/10	4:30 pm	J. Palmer
Sunday, 4/11	8:00 am	M. Schauf
	10:30 am	P. Deiters



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Mass Schedule

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm
Sunday ..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Monday & Tuesday ..... 8:15 am

Baptisms

Third Sunday of every month

Sacraments of Healing Reconciliation:

First and Third Saturday of the Month ..... 9:00 am
Or by Appointment

Anointing

Last Saturday of the Month Following Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday after Mass until 11:00 am

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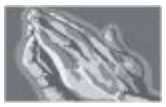

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Lord, also hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 5
8:00 am Parish Office Closed
8:15 am Mass

Tuesday, April 6
8:15 am Mass
8:45 - 11:00 am Adoration
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Human Concerns

Wednesday, April 7
6:30 pm SVdP

Thursday, April 8
9:00 am Holy Dusters

Friday, April 9
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 10
2:00 pm Wedding
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 11
8:00 am Mass
Family Faith Formation
9:15 - 10:15 am Divine Mercy Holy Hour
10:30 am Mass
11:30 am Baptism
7:00 pm AA Meeting

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Sanctuary Candle Intention

This week's Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

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Parish News

Wedding Banns

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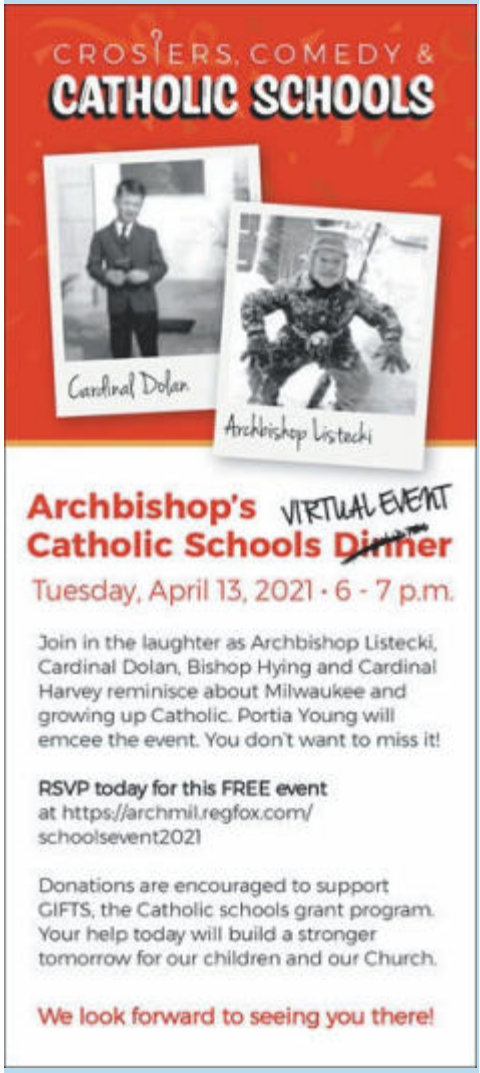

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-3

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Weekly 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.

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Celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy

at St Benedict on Sunday, April 11th
with a
Divine Mercy Holy Hour
in between the Sunday morning Masses from 9:15am - 10:15am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer Service

Jesus told St Faustina… "My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

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*
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EASTER 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Early on Easter morning, three women go to the tomb of Jesus to anoint His body, per Jewish custom. Approaching the tomb, they discuss the dilemma of rolling back the large stone that covers the entrance, for it is too heavy for them to move. It is at this moment that they realize the stone has been rolled away and, upon entering the tomb, Jesus' body is nowhere to be found. Rather, an angel greets them with the instruction, "Do not be amazed!" Jesus had risen just as He had foretold. (Mark 16:1-7)

How often during this past year have we discussed with one another our human frailty amid the heavy burdens that confront us? Like the three women, we continue with our daily responsibilities amid uncertainty, doubt, and confusion. If this past year has taught us anything, a lesson may be that we have less control over our lives and the successes we seek than we once thought. Rather than depress or frustrate us, this realization should be a consolation to all those who celebrate the Resurrection.

It was precisely in this moment of the recognition of weakness that the glory of God was made manifest. While the women entered the empty tomb in sheer amazement, the heavenly being reminded them, "Do not be amazed!" What is burdensome, overwhelming, destructive, and even deadly for humans, is conquered by Christ. God has promised to save us, and Christ has surely risen from the dead. Do not be amazed!

What the angel is instructing the women – and all of us now – is to believe that God is faithful. Every worry of the human heart comes from a lack of trust in God's faithfulness. During Lent, we may have profoundly experienced these worries as we tried to let go of the behaviors or treasures we cling to for security and comfort. At Easter, we rejoice in the event of God's faithfulness that destroys the fears, even the ultimate fear of death, forever. Rather than be amazed, or in disbelief of the saving power of God, we are called to rejoice in His faithfulness and love for us.

I invite you to ponder the reading from Isaiah 54 that was read at the Easter Vigil. We hear the Lord say:

> *Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, my love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD, who has mercy on you…*
>
> *All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In justice shall you be established, far from the fear of oppression, where destruction cannot come near you. (Is 54:10-14)*

In the many ways we have all been challenged, confounded, or wounded this past year, I ask you to bring these burdens to the empty tomb. Together with the women, encounter the glory of God's faithfulness and let your heart rejoice in His mercy and love for you. His love will never leave you. Let us all bring the joy of the Resurrection, which we celebrate at every Mass, to our families and communities.

With a heart full of gratitude for your faithfulness, I am,
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerome E. Listecki

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