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SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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Father George Evans

Happy Easter! May this greatest of Christian feasts be our celebration of love and peace, gifts coming to us from God through the hard-won victory of Christ. He is our brother and God. He loves us despite our frequent flatness of response or our indifference to the splendor of what we celebrate today.

One of my happy tasks during this Lent has been the preparation of a session (offered once in person, and four times on Zoom) for our Confirmation candidates in Grades 9/10. It is entitled "The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ." It has been a timely, reflective plunge into the topic for me, and I felt rightly challenged to prune all I read and considered, to make it all as accessible as I could for our teenagers. In their ongoing development as persons and as Catholic Christians, they are dear to Christ. Their gifts, poised to be encouraged and tapped, are valuable for the current life of our parish and for the future of our Church and world.

From Bishop Robert Barron, in his book *And Now I See*, comes this Easter-related message (p. 218): "The wonderful good news, of course, is that (Jesus Christ, after his resurrection) confronts those who betrayed, denied, and abandoned him, not with violence or even righteous indignation, but the simple word *peace*. To be sure, he shows them his hands and his feet, that is to say, the marks of his death, for he doesn't want them to forget what they did to him. God's own heart appeared in human form, bearing a word of reconcilia-

tion and love, displaying for all a new vision of humanity, and the world killed him.... In him we see our sins, but much more importantly we see the God who has gone into sin itself to rescue us and who therefore comes bearing the peace that surpasses all understanding. We can begin to sense here the source of the ecstatic religious experience of the first believers: we killed God and God still loves us; we performed the most heinous, unthinkable act, and we are still offered peace; we have tried, as thoroughly as possible, to distance ourselves from God, and he returns.”

Maybe spend some time with these quoted words. Each of us can somehow resonate with them. Our need for Easter and Christ’s message is strong, and that message of forgiving love is flowing freely during these holy days. Let’s receive the risen Christ’s gifts and pass them on to others. No one is beyond the redemption wrought in Christ.

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The Saints of the Glass Windows Father Evans, has prepared short video profiles, each of the 35 saints depicted on the beautiful windows. Father Evans locates every saint in time and place, provides some information on the life story, comments on the symbols included in the saint’s depiction, suggests what can inspire us, and offers a brief prayer to that holy one. Visit holynameparish.com and see banner.

Mark	April 25
Catherine of Siena	April 29

What is Holy Week? Holy Week begins Palm Sunday and ends Easter Sunday. Holy Week is very special, the high point of our liturgical year. And the *Triduum*, three days, include Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, celebrate the most amazing story the world has ever known. We remember with awe, sorrow, joy and gratitude the three days when Jesus had Passover dinner with His apostles, was arrested, tried and sentenced to death, scourged and nailed to a cross and died and then rose from the dead. We have just finished preparing for this week through 50 days of Lent, with special prayers and reaching out to help others.

Today I want to tell you some of the details about the Holy Week story so you have an idea of why Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are so important. Maybe next year you can come to church on one or two of these nights to be part of this very important liturgy, these are sacred rituals. You can gain a richer understanding of how Jesus prepared for his death, remember and mourn His death and listen to the accounts of his glorious resurrection—His coming back to life after He was crucified.

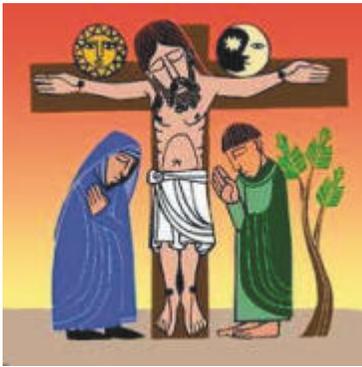
Holy Thursday we celebrate the Last Supper. We witness Jesus serving His apostles in great humility by washing their feet. Jesus brought his apostles together so they could all have Passover dinner together. The Liturgy is the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This Mass is very special. We know that Jesus knows his trial and suffering and death will happen very soon. Yet Jesus spends the night teaching the apostles. Jesus surprised his friends by getting up from the dinner table and taking a bowl and towel from the entrance to the room and washing the feet



of each one of the men at the table. Imagine if your brother said “don’t get up, I am going to wash your feet.” In Jesus’ time, people wore sandals, no socks or barefoot. The roads were not paved and were dusty or muddy or both. After 10 hours of walking in the dust and mud, your feet must be caked in dirt. Washing those feet was no small task. And the *boss* was doing the washing, very extraordinary and humbling. Think about your brother washing your feet. It makes you uncomfortable. Think about why?

Then Jesus blessed the bread and the wine and gave us the words that the priest speaks at Mass to consecrate the bread and wine and with the Holy Spirit through a miracle turn them into the body and blood of Jesus. We call it the Holy Eucharist.

After dinner, Jesus walked with his men about a half a mile to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and prepare for his Passion and Death. After Holy Thursday Mass, the Holy Eucharist is transferred to a place of repose. The ordinary tabernacle is not used. This place of repose in the Church gives us a chance to go pray with Him during this night—during this day of the Triduum during Holy Week. A special time and a special chance to be close to Jesus. We leave the church in silence—the Mass doesn’t end. The Triduum has begun—the three days remembering and praying together the Passion of Jesus Christ, Death and Resurrection.



Good Friday is the day we mourn the death of Jesus. After Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane Holy Thursday evening, he was found guilty, scourged and nailed to the cross. The soldiers lifted Jesus up on the cross left Him to die.

The parish holds the Stations of the Cross at noon. The evening service begins quietly as the celebrant and deacon enter the sanctuary, the altar area, and lie down on the floor. A dramatic and prayerful act repeating the same action that they performed when they were ordained. This act demonstrates the faithful’s respect, reverence and humility before our Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Friday ritual is not a Mass, but does include the Liturgy of the Word and the distribution of Communion. After reading the Passion of the Lord from Gospel of St. John, we pray the Solemn Intercessions—not just for our parish but for the world. We pray for the whole Church, the Pope, our Bishop, the catechumens (the two women becoming Catholics Holy Saturday), and all people in the world inviting everyone to ask for God’s blessing. Everyone in the church is then invited to come forward for Adoration of the Cross. Each one of us can come forward to show Jesus our love and gratefulness for all that He has given to us in our own way. After communion everyone leaves the church in silence.

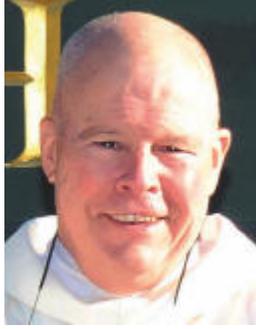
Holy Saturday is the high point of our liturgical year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus rising from his tomb. We know from the gospel readings that the women found the heavy stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. His burial wrappings were the only thing left behind. An angel told the women when they came to anoint their friend.

In church we celebrate a new beginning—a new birth of the Church. On this day 2,000 years ago everything changed, never to be the same again. Jesus conquered death and opened the gates of heaven for each one of us.

The service starts with a bonfire—the signal of new birth in a dark church. The presider blesses the new Paschal candle (other years everyone lights their own candle to join the effort to bring new light into the world.) The Cantor will sing the Exultant, the ancient and beautiful proclamation to celebrate this holy night. There are many readings during the Liturgy of the Word that tell us about the history of our faith. When the priest intones the Gloria, for the first time since Lent began, the bells ring, the choir sings, the trumpet sounds and the lights are turned on, we can see the flowers on the altar in the full light and the joy of Easter fills the church. This year we have two



women entering the church, becoming Catholics. They both will be baptized and confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion. The celebrant will bless the Holy Water Font with the new Paschal Candle. The service is full of joy and excitement.



Hallelujah, He Has Risen

Deacon Tim Donohue

The Triduum ends on Easter Sunday and we hold the joy of the Lord in our hearts.

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	<u>January</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>Date</u>
Offertory & Holy Day	\$19,792	
Received in mail	\$19,953	
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Total	\$49,995	\$332,525
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Plus Budgeted Deficit	\$32,250	
Total Offertory Needed	\$82,720	\$512,864
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APRIL 10 & 11		
SAT	4:00pm	Mary Hand
SUN	7:00am	Frank Aronno
	9:00am	Paddy, Patricia & John Clarke Thomas Clarke, Senior & Junior
	11:00am	Frank & Josephine DellaPenna

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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 ©LPi



I was thinking... March Madness: have you ever heard of it? It's about college basketball. Prompted by my grandson, my daytime *caretaker* these days of recuperation from successful heart surgery, we created a *bracket*, and with his help, and much to his delighted dismay, I chose mostly underdogs. He chuckled at the truth of my chosen name: *Nana's Impossible Dream*. On Day 0, we don't know who will win, but we had a lot of fun that morning, and that was the goal. It's been a tough 375⁺ days for most of us—it's been anything but fun—including for the kids who, like Charlie, haven't been to school for even a day.

Strange as it may seem, the experiences we are living during these past 375⁺ days pretty much look like the Good Friday, Easter Sunday, impossible dream story. During these days and weeks that has morphed into more than a year, our lives feel like a giant void: a void of rituals, of faces, of presences, of contacts, of life. This worldwide violent pandemic has taken away our certainties, our habits, our

feasts, our meetings, and in some cases, our dearest loved ones. Feelings of fear and loneliness, mixed with disorientation, bewilderment and grief, exacerbated by anxiety and anger, have taken hold of our youngest to our oldest. We feel lost. We feel anxious. We feel hopeless. It's difficult to imagine how—or if—we will ever resume our life as we knew it. We ponder where God is in all of this.

Doesn't that sound like the Good Friday—Easter story? The disciples were confused and afraid; some ran away and hid; some momentarily lost hope. The women stood at a distance, compassionate and stalwart. But their loyalty and love wavered and turned to confusion and hopelessness, when, on Easter morning, the tomb was empty! Their drama is ours. Their feelings are ours.

As Christians, we should know how to stand in the face of death in front of the silence of God and men. We should know that the joy of Easter is not the cancellation of the pain of the world. But life is not about *shoulds*. We're human, after all. Sometimes we're like the disciples; sometimes we're like the faithful women. We feel lost and alone, confused and scared, uncared for and scammed. But then we recalculate. We reclaim our footing in faith. We re-believe. We believe that Easter joy is that difficult ability to look at emptiness and have faith; to have hope when all seems hopeless; to muddle our way through darkness and see that glimmer of light. His Light. That's what makes us Easter people when we're living in a Good Friday world. Even when it feels like an impossible dream/nightmare, we go beyond the tears of what and whom we have lost and are willing to be open to what is to come.

We are willing to recognize the Risen Lord in the face of others—every other.

No virtual reality, no social media, however useful it's been, can make up for seeing our loved ones in person. But we will stay at home for as long as it takes, get the vaccination when it's available, and reunite when we can. We will care about each other. We continue to care for each other. That makes us Easter people. With Easter faith and hope, we transcend our doubt and we believe that out of this chaos will come order and beauty. As Easter people living in a Good Friday world, we believe that we will continue to live in His love. We live that impossible dream because we ARE Easter people!

Easter Blessings to you and your loved ones. May you know *the joy* of His resurrection, *The abundance* of His life, *the peace* of His presence and *the wonder* of His Love. And may it be soon that we are reunited with our family and friends and with our Holy Name Family!

PS Nana's Impossible Dream Team Day 7: Still last!



Fran Hauck, former
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