



*Easter Blessings from Resurrection Catholic Parish!*

# HAPPY EASTER!

## The Joy of Easter

Oh, dear Lord, when I first learned about your Crucifixion, fear was in my heart.

Knowing what they did to you is hard to understand. I was worried that we lost you but trusted, this was planned.

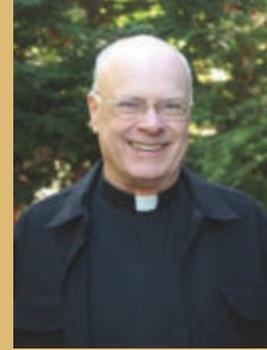
Now, I understand the joy your painful path would bring. Now, I know your sacrifice that we rejoice and sing.

Behold the joy of Easter, the miracle we were shown. Rejoice your Resurrection, our faith forever sown.

- Loyola Press

## Easter Letter 2021

From Fr. Bill Moisant,  
Pastor



We gather in this Easter season to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. However, we still remember how hard this year has been. Our American population has been ravaged by COVID with over 500,000 people dead. In addition to that tragedy, a major portion of our people have been injured in extensive blackouts and winter storms. Also, the level of civil disturbance in our country is disturbing and the threat of future violence to our democratic country is truly frightening.

In spite of all we have been through, though, we are united as God's people in the rays of the Resurrected Christ. We are a people filled with hope in the midst of troubles. We will get through this.

We believe that Jesus loves us and cares for us and that we will survive these times of challenge.

As I was sitting in the cold and the dark for days in February, I thought about Jesus lying dead in the coldness of a dark tomb. Suddenly, came a light. There was a warmth in the tomb as the Spirit broke in and raised Jesus to new life and new light. We have reason to be hopeful. Jesus' bodily power was restored by the Father and he experienced a new day.

In the midst of Easter joy, let us be a people of the light who are filled with hope for the future. More and more people are being vaccinated against the COVID threat. In the near future we will be past this pandemic. Life will return to some sense of normalcy. We thank God and a countless number of our medical professionals for that reality.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" (Thomas Ken 1674).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bill Moisant".

Fr. Bill Moisant, Pastor  
Resurrection Catholic Parish



*Congratulations!*

Many congratulations to our RCIA Elect and Candidates who were received into the Church at Easter Vigil. Through a combination of Zoom sessions and in person gatherings, this dedicated group worked hard all year long to learn our faith and draw closer to Jesus. Many thanks to our RCIA Director Betsy Taylor, and our RCIA Core Team for accompanying them.

**The Elect, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and full communion into the Catholic Church:**

Eden Pepos, Godparent: Nicole Raymond, Chosen Saint: St. Anthony of Padua

Jessica Houghton, Godparent: Luis Untalan, Chosen Saint: St. Joan of Arc

Justin Knight, Godparent: Jan Holmes, Chosen Saint: St. Augustine of Hippo

**The Candidate receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and full communion into the Catholic Church (on April 29th):**

Erik Meharry, Sponsor: David Ruelas, Chosen Saint: Pope St. John Paul II

**The Candidates, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation (already in full communion):**

Courtney Sanchez, Sponsor: Colette DeJonge, Chosen Saint: St. Terese of Lisieux

Lawrence Dimacali, Sponsor: Melissa Buac, Chosen Saint: St. Jude Thaddeus

*Prayer for the newest members of our Church: Lord, we thank you for each new member into our parish. Help us to welcome them, support them, and grow together in our faith. Help us to build up the Church, Your Body, and to love You and love others as we journey together. Amen.*

## Spring Updates

### **Lenten Small Groups/Adult Faith Formation**

Jesus' two greatest commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:37-39. One of our goals as a parish is to build community as the Body of Christ so that we can encourage each other, inspire one another and learn from one another. Our Lenten Small Groups will be continuing the next few weeks as we reflect on the call to love God and one another through Pope Francis's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. Please pray for us, and visit [rcparish.org](http://rcparish.org) to learn more!

### **Lenten Giving Opportunities**

This Lenten Season our parish worked to support two main causes, Family Promise and \$1.00 A Day for Lent. We partnered with Family Promise of Tualatin, an organization that supports families experiencing houselessness and keeps families together, rather than separating them into women's and men's shelters. Family Promise works to provide a variety of resources to families so that they can enter into and remain in permanent housing, rather than just a temporary fix. When families move into their new homes, Family Promise gives them a housewarming gift of a laundry basket with household supplies. We gathered items to fill these baskets all throughout Lent, and are tallying our final numbers. Keep an eye out for updates!

\$1.00 A Day for Lent: Each Lent, our Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, and Peace & Justice ministries collaborate together to serve our community members in need. This year's campaign was \$1.00 A Day for Lent. Gifts made to \$1.00 A Day will go toward purchasing gift cards from Safeway and Fred Meyer to be distributed to those in need. You can still

give by check (please write \$1.00 A Day for Lent/SVdP in the memo) or electronically through Resurrection's online giving platform, WeShare and select St. Vincent de Paul. Our final numbers for \$1.00 A Day and Family Promise will be in our weekly email newsletter. Thank you for your generosity!

### **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES**

Our Youth Faith Formation, Life Kids (PreK-5th), EDGE (Middle School) and LIFE TEEN (High School), continue to meet in person with safety precautions once a month, with Zoom sessions in between. Parish youth will be receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation later this spring!

Our Choir/Music Ministry meets via Zoom each week and continues to provide beautiful worship music for us at Mass. St. Vincent de Paul has provided food to 282 families, rent assistance to 154 families and utility assistance to 253 families. The Knights of Columbus Donated over 100 Sleeping Bags and partnered with the "Odd Fellows" to distribute 100 Winter Coats; and delivered over 2000 diapers and assorted toiletries to the Mother & Child Education Center.

Our Peace & Justice Committee partnered with Compassion to action, Woodburn Headstart, DHS and provided support by meeting material needs for 162 individual children & adults, 18 families in Wilsonville, in addition to DHS foster children.

Our parish's partnership with The Father's Heart Street Ministry has continued to flourish and be extremely fruitful in a multitude of ways. We serve a monthly breakfast every second Saturday, monthly hot lunch and sack dinner every fourth Wednesday as well as support the salary of an additional office manager in order to reach more people and connect them with resources including education, training and employment opportunities.

# Parish Information

## Mass Times & General Information

Saturday (Sunday Vigil Mass): 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:30 & 11:00AM \*livestreamed on Facebook

Wednesday Daily Mass 12:00PM\*livestreamed on Facebook

Thursday Daily Mass 8:30AM

**Adoration:** Wednesdays 12:30-1:30PM & 6:00-7:00PM

**Reconciliation:** Sundays after the 11:00 Mass by the roundabout.

**Sacraments:** Please call the parish office.

**Contact Us:** Call our office at (503) 638 - 1579, or email [office@rcparish.org](mailto:office@rcparish.org).

## Resurrection Catholic Primary School

Resurrection Catholic Primary School is a loving, faith community of students, staff and families devoted to the spiritual, emotional and intellectual development of each child.



As unique creations of God, our children are empowered to use their active and creative minds, to grow in understanding and compassion for others and to have the courage to live their beliefs. We are the only Catholic School in the Portland area that focuses exclusively on the early years of education (ages 3 - 8). In our years of experience, we've come to understand that these early years are the most crucial formative years for each child. These years set a foundation of learning, spiritual growth and confidence for everything to come. For more information on RCPS, visit [resurrectioncatholicpreschool.com](http://resurrectioncatholicpreschool.com) or email Tresa Rast at [preschool@rcparish.org](mailto:preschool@rcparish.org).

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING:

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."  
(Acts 10:43)



### PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.



### SECOND READING:

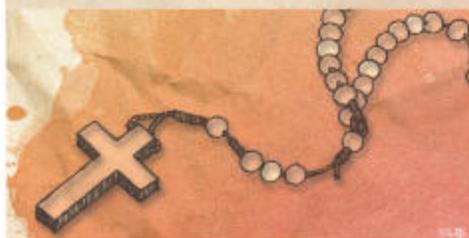
Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)



### GOSPEL:

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

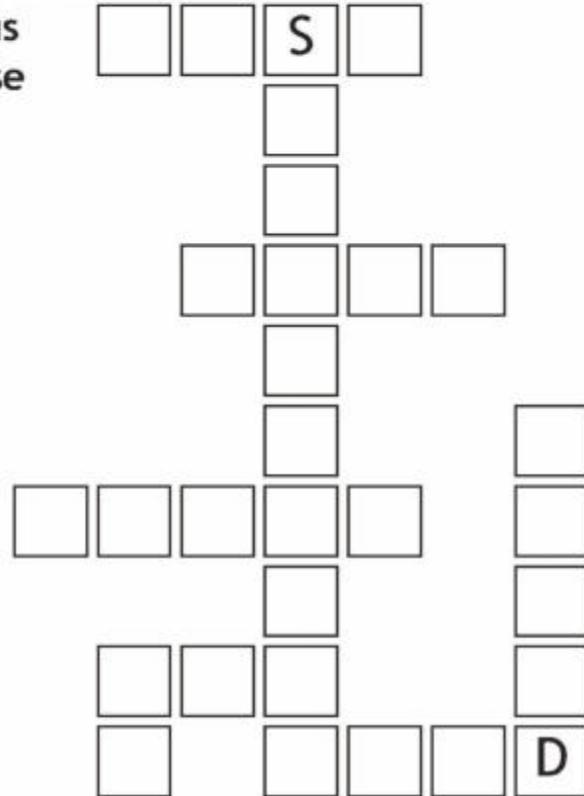
Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the 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.

## KIDS CORNER

### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**The Scriptures**  
said Jesus  
would rise  
to life.



#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

#### PRAYER

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.



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