

GOSPEL REFLECTION

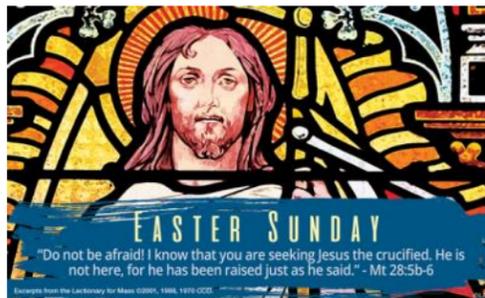
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves. Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don’t sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story. Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn’t important to me securing my next raise. Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn’t impress us or matter all that much. It’s all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”? There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn’t need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia! ©LPi

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
April 5, 2020	
Envelope Giving	\$2,491
Plate Giving	
Online Giving	\$1,923.66
Total	\$4,414.66
Funds needed a week to meet operations	\$5,000
Overage/Deficit	-(585.34)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God’s greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate. On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn’t take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Request for Prayers

- ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦
- Bill Gray
- Leonardo Cepeda
- Sandra Altomare
- Ignacio Bladimir Perez
- Maria Gonzales
- Edward Mazano
- Joanne Hunt
- Socorro Martinez
- Ruth Ramirez
- Fran Dreis
- Julian Lorenzo
- Helen & Buriel Smith
- Brigida McInvale
- Isela Gonzalez
- David Parra
- Brianna Parra
- Elisha Parra
- Jennifer Martinez
- Cristina Serrano

Easter 2020 EVENTS

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday			1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31			

Mass 9:00am English
Misa 11:00am Español

3:00pm English
6:00pm Spanish

Good Friday

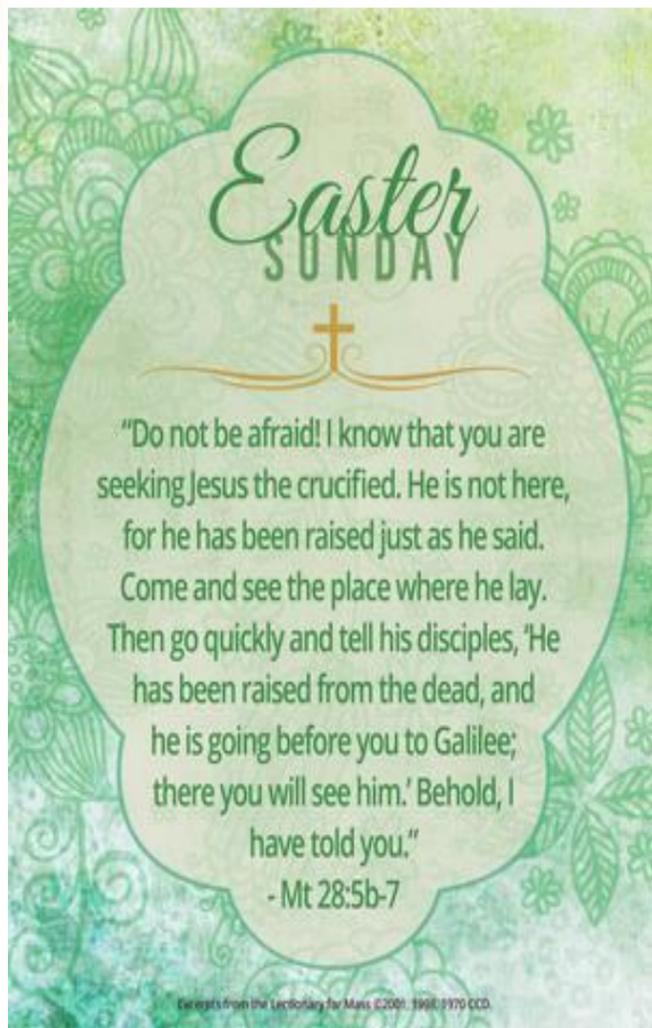
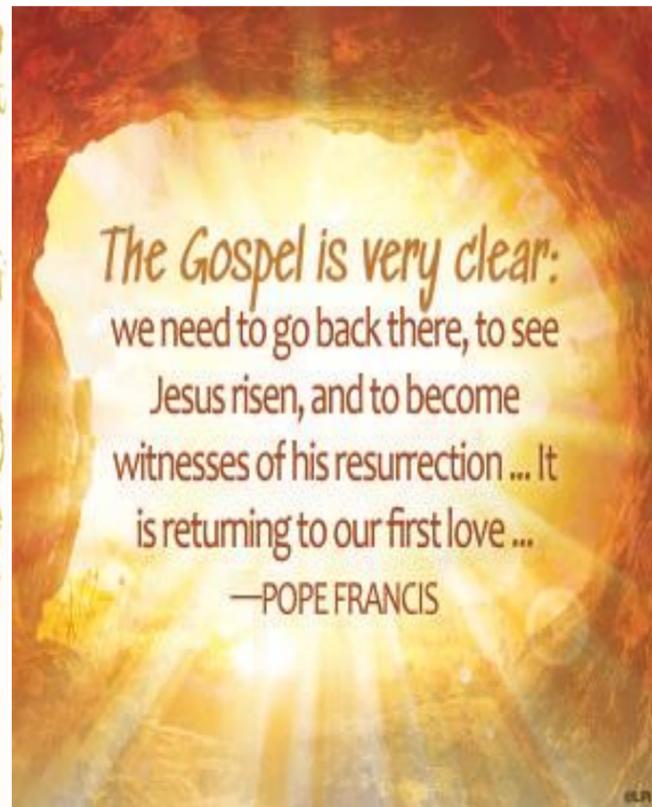
HOLY THURSDAY
6:00PM

Abbreviations:
K of C- Knights of Columbus
GOLF - Generations of Living Faith
MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild

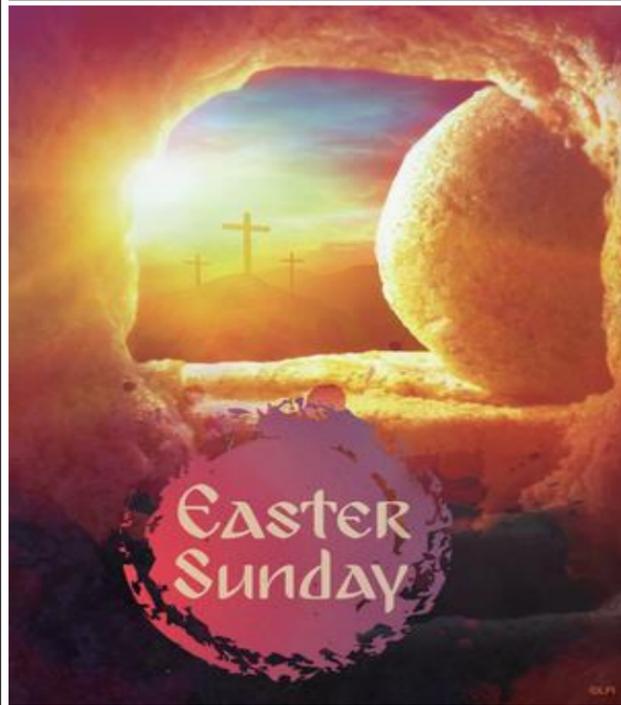
Trust

Trusting Me is a moment-by-moment choice. My people have not always understood this truth. After I performed miracles in the wilderness, My chosen children trusted Me intensely—but only temporarily. Soon the grumbling began again, Testing, My patience to the utmost. Isn't it often the same way with you? You are forced to choose between trusting, Me intentionally or rebelling, resenting My ways with you. This choice constitutes a fork in the road. Stay on the path of life with Me, enjoying My Presence. Choose to trust Me in all circumstances.

-Sarah Young
Jesus Calling
Enjoying His Presence

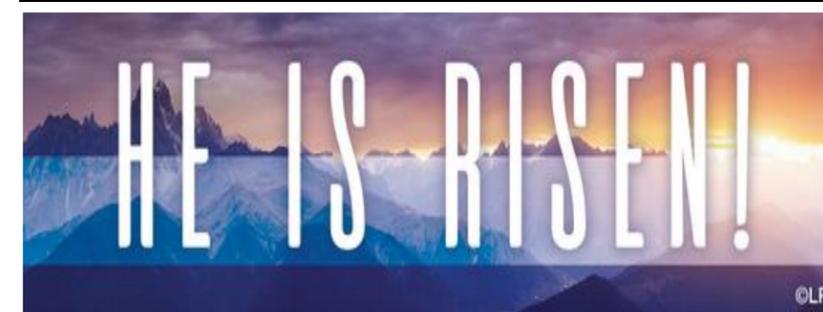


12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pray for Rev. Ben Bachmeier Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10	Pray for Rev. Ronald Bagley CJM Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15	Pray for Rev. James Bahash Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18	Pray for Rev. Abel Barajas Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35	Pray for Rev. Hugh Barbour O Praem Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48	Pray for Rev. Karl Bauer Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14	Pray for Very Rev. Efrain Bautista Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15



Observances for the week of April 12, 2020

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter



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Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it. Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday, are doing today, and may do tomorrow pretty much determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way in limiting our vision of him to his earthly accomplishments. But, we know through today's triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did stands in second place to who we now know him to be. Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia! ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading
Peter's speech about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus offers us a glimpse into the Church's earliest kerygma (oral proclamation) about Jesus. How is Peter's speech persuasive to you?

Second Reading
Using the metaphors of yeast and unleavened bread, Paul viewed the death and resurrection of Jesus as bringing a new life of "sincerity and truth" to the community of believers. How does the celebration of Easter unite your faith community?

Gospel Reading
Mary Magdalene is the first to realize that Jesus had risen from dead, and twice is told, "Do not be afraid." What fears are alleviated in you knowing that Jesus rose from the dead?

Why do we do that?

Confessing Sins

Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change. When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed. ©LPI



Our ACA Parish Goal for 2020 is \$38,000.00. so far we have a pledged amount of \$12,435 with \$4,590 as an Actual paid to date amount. Help us reach our goal for 2020 Turn in your pledge today!

A generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things that renew Humanity.

MAY GOD BLESS:

- Robert Smull
- Patricia Konja
- Rodney Snow
- Leonard & Cyndie Dasho
- Joe & Linda Coppola
- Ray & Shelly Dexter
- Desmond & Rosa Fonseca
- James M & LaNelle Johnson
- Robert & Kimberly Perry
- Joe Toland
- Paul Ziegler
- Phyllis Antoine
- Gerald & Annette Antoine
- Rick & Roseann Rinear
- Eugene & Karen Bennett
- Cesar & Adriana Garcia
- Mary Altomare
- Pat Ray
- Jose & Alma Olivares
- Pat Nybo
- Elman & Socorro Martinez
- Javier Bravo
- David & Paula Block
- Arnold & Isabel Gerhardstein
- Laura Schneider
- Tom & Tammy Knapp
- Paul & Linda Wargo
- Barbara Boes
- Richard & Chelita Flores
- Ernest & Eileen Briesse



“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” — Mt 28:5b-7

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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is “the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.” We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Masses will be livestreamed or taped as necessary and available on our website www.stpiusxjamul.com or on the Diocesan web-site www.sdatholic.org

Many other parishes will be streaming Daily Masses

APRIL 12, 2020 EASTER SUNDAY

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. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. — Jn 20:6-8

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