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### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.



Every Blessing of this Glorious Easter! He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!



## LIVE THE LITURGY— 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.

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oin us Next Sunday at 3 p.m. as Deacon Tom leads us in the celebration of Divine Mercy. This will include the chaplet, the Deacon's Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and spend this short time with the Risen Lord, the Source of All Mercy!

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU! HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD!



### A few interesting EASTER FACTS:

Pope Leo I calls Easter the 'Festum Festorum' the 'greatest feast' and adds that Christmas is celebrated *only* in preparation for Easter! Evidence from the mid-second century reassures us that Easter was celebrated from the earliest days of the Church.

The date for Easter is assigned to the first Sunday after the first full moon of the Vernal Equinox (Spring)!

Following Easter Sunday the Easter Season lasts seven weeks ending with Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church. So long after the chocolate eggs and bunnies have disappeared and long after the Easter ham and paska bread has been eaten, and after the Easter Parade has ended the Season continues on! Not only does the season continue but it comes in anticipation of the Ascension of the Lord and the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!

Keep the Alleluia In your heart all throughout Easter Prayer of St. Hippolytus of Rome

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate

## Easter Prayer of St. Hippolytus of Rome

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil

are fallen

Christ is Risen: The angels of God

are rejoicing

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the

dead are empty

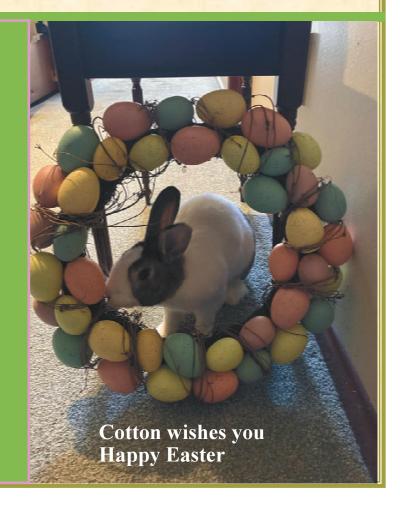
Christ is Risen indeed from the

dead,

the first of the sleepers,

Glory and power are his forever

and ever.





A word of **Gratitude** to all who assisted with the liturgies of Holy Week. There are so many details involved in preparing for this week and we count on the helping hands of one another. Thank You to my entire Staff—to Maintenance—and to all those who volunteered at the Masses as Lectors, Ministers of Eucharist, Sacristans, Ushers, Servers, and Music Ministry

HANK YOU to Cindy
Lee and to the many
good people who volunteered to
work our Fish Fry! I am so
grateful to all of you. You made
'something' happen in a parish
that hasn't had any activities for
a year! Your hard work and dedication is More than Appreciated> Thank You!

## Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven)

This prayer replaces the Angelus during the Easter season.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



WEDNESDAY April 7th —Weekday 11:00 AM Holocaust Memorial & DOSC Families (R)

FRIDAY April 9th—Weekday 11:00 AM Sandy Kitchen (C)

SATURDAY April 10th —Weekday 4:00 PM Jeff Pandora (K)

SUNDAY April 11th

8:00 AM Ann & Stanley Smolock (R) 10:00 AM Frank Bartok (K) 11:45 M Joan Imbrogno (K)

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Craig Palcisko



## **ALLELUIA!**

#### Just AN EASTER SUNDAY EVENING SUGGESTION from Father!

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him." -Luke 24

When the Easter Meal has been completed and the evening begins to work it's way to sunset we come to Easter Evening. It was on that very evening that the two disheartened disciples made their way out of Jerusalem. Their hearts were discouraged as they had 'hoped' Jesus was the Messiah. Suddenly a stranger approaches—walks and talks with them. They come to an inn where the two ask the stranger to come in with them. They sit at a table and when the stranger takes bread into his hands, breaks it, the companions realize it IS Jesus. With that realization the Lord disappears from their sight.

If you are able to go out and take a walk or spend time in your back yard or on your deck—welcome the quiet and spend a moment or two waiting for that same Stranger to accompany you. Tune into the quiet and welcome Him into your midst. OR—if possible, take a moment at your kitchen or dining room table to sit alone and re-imagine the scene of the two friends and the Divine Stranger in conversation. Have a silent, prayerful conversation of your own. Maybe just use the words from another appearance of the Risen Lord and repeat them a couple of times—slowly and prayerfully—'My Lord and My God'! I have a *personal custom* of setting three plates and three cups at a table (after the Easter Dinner has been cleared) for the two companions and the Lord on the Road to Emmaus. I have done this in the rectory for many years. It serves as a simple reminder of the Risen Jesus! **Alleluia!** 

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'Stay with us, Lord, the day is far spent...'





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May they to, know the Light of Christ and the peace He brings.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE 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 ©LPi

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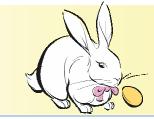
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**Baptism** - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

**Matrimony** –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

**Sacrament of the Sick** - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

**Reconciliation** - .By appointment

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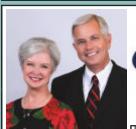
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