

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 12, 2020

Christ suffered for you,
and left you an example
to have you follow in His footsteps.

He did no wrong:
no deceit was found in His mouth.
When He was insulted,
He returned no insult.

When He was made to suffer,
He did not counter with threats.
Instead He delivered Himself up
to the One who judges justly.

In His own body He brought
your sins to the cross,
so that all of us, dead to sin,
could live in accord
with God's will.

By His wounds, you were healed.

1 Peter 2:21-24

Opportunities to Watch Mass

- WatchtheMass.com,
- withyourspirit database,
- Diocesan website, rca.org, and
- EWTN channel (cable & satellite)

No Masses, Faith Formation,
Reconciliation, or Adoration
being held at this time.



Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: "Jesus is Risen!" But why is this? Peter, John, and the women went to the sepulcher, and it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: The Teacher, their Teacher, the One whom they loved so much, had been put to death; He is dead. And there is no return from death. This is the defeat. This is the path of defeat, the path towards to sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, *He is not here, He is Risen.*

It is the first announcement: "*He is Risen.*" And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them.

The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed and fearful hearts: "*Stop, the Lord is Risen.*" But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there so much adversity, illness, war, human slavery, destruction, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then?

None of us is asked: "*Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?*" And the cross goes forth, and faith in Jesus comes down from it.

The Church today continues to say: "*Stop, Jesus is Risen.*" And this is not a fantasy. The Resurrection of Christ is not a celebration with many flowers. This is beautiful, but this is not it. It is something more. It is the mystery of the discarded stone, which becomes the foundation of our existence. Christ is Risen. This is what it means. Pope Francis

*To be consecrated to the Father
through Jesus means to be set apart
in the truth. What truth?
The truth that the suffering, death, and
resurrection of Jesus has made us sons
and daughters of God our Father.
It's the truth that the Father loves us
with the same love with which
He loves His eternal Son.
It's the truth that the Father always
wants to say to us,
'You are my beloved.'*

Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

Marriage Moments Susan Vogt

One of the beauties of marriage is that it can be a purifying commitment. No one knows you as well as your spouse, and it is through this intimate knowledge that your strengths and weaknesses are reflected back to you. This can be scary and discouraging at times. With a gentle touch and unfailing forgiveness, however, it can be a unique path to mutual holiness.

They Saw and Believed

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb and give thanks for "Christ our life." Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come -- the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory." Dr. Scott Hahn

Parenting Pointers Susan Vogt

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other is wings." - Hodding Carter If your life is rooted in faith, let your child see it. If your child takes a different path, believe that the Spirit will take care of him or her. As a parent of adult children your job is to let go but not give up.

Educational Resources

Free resources for all grade levels:
amazingeducationalresources.com.

MAGNIFICAT & MAGNIFIKID

Free on-line resources at:
www.magnificat.com/free

Sunday Visitor

Newsletter from OSVs: OSV.com.
Their Faith & Common Sense brochure addresses
questions you may have.

Daily CATHOLIC Wisdom

Prayer, meditation, and faith resources:
yourfriends@catholicwisdom.org.

Keep the Lord's Day

Sunday Morning Prayer from the
Liturgy of the Hours, order of the Sunday Mass
Readings & Prayers: Keepthelordsday.com.

Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The Gospel instructs us: Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.