EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2020

SEEK

“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.”

MATTHEW 28:5B-6
WE WILL ALWAYS SING “ALLELUIA”

Today, even in the midst of the Coronavirus and all its heaviness, Catholics around the world are singing “Alleluia!” The Lord is risen!

We know that, in Jesus Christ, death is finally defeated. Death doesn’t overcome God’s desire to live with us always.

That’s why, as Catholics, we’ve been singing Alleluia even in the midst of pandemics, wars, famine, natural disasters, violence, and the darkness that often unfolds us. We sing Alleluia because God is in each of our lives as we go through these tragedies. God tells us in the scriptures that he is with humanity, not against it. We can remove God from our lives, but God doesn’t want to remove himself from ours.

It’s even revealed in the title given to Jesus at birth: Emanuel, which Matthew tells us means “God is with us” (Mt 1:23). This brief description begins in chapter 1 of his gospel, and every chapter after reveals how that is really true. In fact, the very last line of the gospel ends with Jesus’ message to the eleven and to all of us: “behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt 28:20).

A life with God is never meant to end. Because of Jesus, our existence—our soul—never ceases to be held in God’s hands when we let ourselves be held. It’s why we sing Alleluia—even if we sing it with tears filling our eyes, with a heavy heart, and even afraid or very worried about where we’re headed and what life is going to be like going forward. Alleluia sung from the depth of the heart is a song of hope and trust.

Easter doesn’t happen without the experience of the cross, but the experience of the cross isn’t the final event. Easter is that moment of triumph in the midst of tragedy because we realize no matter what we go through, God is with us always, until the end of the age. He is the Father, the Protector, who takes us in His arms and says, “don’t be afraid, we’ll get through this. I’m here.”

This Easter, we may not be able to be with the people or family we want to be with—we cannot even be together to celebrate and sing Alleluia as God’s people at Mass. But, we will find ways to connect...“in the cloud.”

I’ve come to like that image because, biblically, God was in the cloud that came down from heaven to get close to earth and to be with His people. We remember what John the apostle tells us, that God is love. So, the love we feel for others is where God is present. And like the invisible properties that makes wireless things wireless, or cell phones ring, or Zoom meetings take place no matter where you are, God is the real connector. Social distancing doesn’t mean relationship distancing.

Let us embrace our virtual connectedness. Let’s reach out and look out for family, friends, and especially those in need; those who are alone and need to hear a human voice. Be a voice of faith, hope and love today. Connect. It’s a great way to celebrate Easter. May God continue to hold us together, even in the cloud.

–Fr. Mike
Mass Intentions

While we are unable to gather for Mass, Fr. Mike continues to pray and holds a Mass in memory of our parishioners and loved ones each day. We invite you to remember them in your prayers, as well.

Monday, April 13—Monday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 AM St. Hubert Parishioners

Tuesday, April 14—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8:30 AM St. Hubert Parishioners

Wednesday, April 15—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, April 16—Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, April 17—Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 AM St. Hubert Parishioners

Saturday, April 18—Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4:30 PM John & Lena Green

Sunday, April 19—2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
7:30 AM St. Hubert Parishioners
9:00 AM Greg Carlstedt; Rosa Rangel (int.); Diana Knight (int.)
10:45 AM Dennis Jankowski
12:15 PM Helen Glomb
6:00 PM St. Hubert Parishioners

Pray for...


Others  Those who protect at home and overseas

Deceased  Gene Farrell, William DeGoey, Steve Garrelts, Billy Gorzinski

To have a particular intention for those who are sick, recently deceased, or otherwise in need of prayers considered for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful during our Sunday liturgy, please go to the website, www.sainthubert.org and click on the Prayer Request button or call the parish office at 847-885-7700, ext.102.

A Spiritual Communion

A Spiritual Communion Prayer Service will be available every Sunday throughout this time when we do not have Mass. It is patterned after the Mass, is unique to St. Hubert with a reflection by Fr. Mike, and provides a way to keep our community connected and in prayer. When we cannot receive the Eucharist in person, we can still receive it by desire. Spiritual Communion is a profound prayer of longing to be with Christ. If you have a crucifix or an image of Christ on holy card or a statue, consider using it as a focal point for your time of prayer. Click the box “Spiritual Communion” on the front page of our website: www.sainthubert.org.

Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I HAVE SEEN THE LORD.”

John 20:18
Easter Sunday

Readings for the week:
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
Monday, April 13
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 14
Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 15
Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]
Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 16
Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]
Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 17
Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118: 1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 18
Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21
Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday, April 19
Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

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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 as important to me as 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!
Seeing Spring and Easter

By Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.

In my mid-20s, I spent a year as a student at the University of San Francisco. I had just been ordained a priest and was finishing off a graduate degree in theology. Easter Sunday that year was a gorgeous, sunny, spring day, but it didn’t find me in a sunny mood. I was a long way from home, away from my family and my community, homesick, and alone. Virtually all the friends that I had developed during that year of studies, other graduate students in theology, were gone, celebrating Easter with their own families. I was homesick and alone and, beyond that, I nursed the usual heartaches and obsessions of the young and restless. My mood was far from spring and Easter.

I went for a walk that afternoon and the spring air, the sun, and the fact that it was Easter did little to cheer me up, if anything they helped catalyze a deeper sense of aloneness. But there are different ways of waking up. As Leonard Cohen says, there’s a crack in everything and that’s where the light gets in. I needed a little awakening and it was provided.

At a point, I saw a beggar sitting at the entrance to a park with a sign in front of him that read: It’s springtime and I am blind! The irony wasn’t lost on me: I was as blind as he was! With what I was seeing it might as well have been Good Friday, and raining and cold. Sunshine, spring, and Easter were being wasted on me.

It was a moment of grace, and I have recalled that encounter many times since, but it didn’t alter my mood at the time. I continued my walk, restless as before, and eventually went home for dinner. During that year of studies, I was a live-in chaplain at a convent that had a youth hostel attached to it and the rule of the house was that the chaplain was to eat by himself, in his own private dining room. So, even though that wasn’t exactly what a doctor would order for a restless and homesick young man, I had a private dinner that Easter Sunday.

But the resurrection did arrive for me on that Easter Sunday, albeit a bit late in the day: Two other graduate students and I had made plans to meet on the beach at nightfall, light a large fire, and celebrate our own version of the Easter vigil. So, just before dark, I caught a bus to the beach and met my friends (a nun and priest). We lit a large bonfire (still legal in those days), sat around it for several hours, and ended up confessing to each other that we’d each had a miserable Easter. That fire did for us what the blessing of the fire the evening before at the Easter vigil hadn’t done. It renewed in us a sense of the energy and newness that lie at the heart of life. As we watched the fire and talked, of everything and nothing, my mood began to shift, my restlessness quieted, and the heaviness lifted. I began to sense spring and Easter.

In John’s Gospel account of the resurrection, he tells the story of how on morning of the first Easter the Beloved Disciple runs to the tomb where Jesus has been buried and peers into it. He sees that it is empty and that all that’s left there are the clothes, neatly folded, within which Jesus’ body had been wrapped. And, because he is a disciple who sees with the eyes of love, he understands what this all means, he grasps the resurrection and knows that Jesus has risen. He sees spring. He understands with his eyes.

Hugo of St. Victor once famously said: Love is the eye. When we see with love we not only see straight and clearly we also see depth and meaning. The reverse is also true. It is not for some arbitrary reason that after Jesus rose from the dead some could see him and others could not. Love is the eye. Those searching for life through the eyes of love, like Mary of Magdala searching for Jesus in the Garden on Easter Sunday morning, see spring and the resurrection. Any other kind of eye, and we’re blind in springtime.

When I took my walk that Easter afternoon all those years ago in San Francisco, I wasn’t exactly Mary of Magdala looking for Jesus in a garden, nor the Beloved Disciple fired by love running off to look into the tomb of Jesus. In my youthful restlessness I was looking for myself, and meeting only my anxious self. And that’s a kind of blindness.

Without the eyes of love we’re blind, to both spring and the resurrection. I learned that theological lesson, not in a church or a classroom but on a lonely, restless Easter Sunday in San Francisco when I ran into a blind beggar and then went home and ate an Easter dinner alone.

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Sacramental Life

ADORATION: Fridays after 7:00 AM Mass on Fridays.

BAPTISMS: To register for Baptism, stop in or call the Parish Office. Parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Meeting, which is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. You may attend this parent meeting either before or after the baby is born. Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM or at Mass by arrangement. You will confirm the date for Baptism by attending the Baptism Preparation Meeting.

FUNERALS: Please call the Parish Ministry Center Office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES: Please do not reserve your banquet hall before confirming the date with the church. Set your date by calling the Parish Office as early as possible as you plan your wedding—at least 6 months before the wedding. Weddings take place on Saturdays at 2:00 PM. Weekdays and Sundays must be arranged individually.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays after 4:30 PM Mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Ministry Center Office to make arrangements for a priest to visit.

Call the Parish Office 847-885-7700, ext.102 for further questions or to make arrangements.
O God, we thank you for implanting the gift of faith in human hearts. We thank you for sending Jesus, Your Son, as the fullness of your love. May his life and mission lead us to share in your divine life. Today we ask you to bless in a special way all catechumens and candidates, who have generously responded to the invitation of Jesus: "Come, follow me."

Help them to persevere in their journey of faith despite any difficulties. Bless those who minister through the RCIA program so that, under the guidance of your Holy Spirit, they may lead others to a life of faith in Jesus Christ. Grant that all parishioners will take an active role in bringing new members into the Church. Call us all to a renewal of our faith, and inspire us all to be your light in the world. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Please pray for these men, women and children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Baptized Christians who are preparing for reception into the Church with the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Baptized Catholics who are preparing to complete the Sacraments of Initiation—Confirmation and Eucharist.

Children in CMI
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this joyful season of Easter, the Church frequently prays Psalm 147. It expresses the new life and hope that we have in the Risen Lord. Here are the opening verses:

Alleluia!  
Sing praise to the Lord who is good;  
sing to our God who is loving;  
to God our praise is due.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel’s exiles,  
God heals the broken-hearted  
and binds up all their wounds.

Indeed, God is good. The Resurrection of Jesus leads us out of exile from the land of sin and death to new life. The power and presence of the Risen Lord heals our wounded and fragile lives and binds our hearts with new hope. That is why we sing praise to the Lord who is good.

With this great song of praise, Easter also challenges all of us to re-imagine our lives in light of the Resurrection of Jesus. With his grace, we can break free from the cycles of pain, violence, destructive forces, misunderstandings, and everything else that weighs us and our world down. We can re-envision our lives and live differently.

May God grant you and your loved ones renewal and joy in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Archbishop of Chicago
Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working
from home
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for
our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace
of God to our neighbors.
Amen.

Helping Each Other: Our Sunday Offering

In tough and challenging times, we are grateful for all those who are making an effort to send in their contributions either through the mail or by dropping them off at the church or parish office. We’re also grateful to those who are giving electronically at Give Central—which is becoming more popular in today’s world, and another way to give when you’re not physically present.

Our mission is to be able to build up the Body of Christ in our world around us, and we’re making every effort to keep it going. Thank you for continuing your support in these extraordinary times.

The St. Hubert Finance Council
St. Hubert School Students joined the Archdiocese of Chicago for #ChalkYourWalk! Students and families took to their sidewalks to share messages of School Spirit and uplifting positive images. Chalk images flooded in from students that reminded us of Jesus’ presence in this journey, how he is with us, and we are all still together even though we may be physically apart. The uniqueness of St. Hubert School is its sense of community, its sense of belonging, and Christ’s presence in what we do. To learn more about what makes our school so special contact: office@sthubertschool.org

We are virtually registering for the 2020-2021 School Year! Contact us for a virtual tour!
Preschool - 8th Grade
www.sthubertschool.org
office@sthubertschool.org
Learn

St. Hubert is hosting a community event
Knights of the Neighborhood
May 16th at 9:00 AM
A 5K on a USATF-certified course!

Registration will cover the cost of the event, and remaining monies will be donated to our neighbor, the Children's Advocacy Center. Early bird registration ends April 24th. You may also donate to and/or volunteer for the event. The registration website is: https://raceroster.com/events/2020/30267/knights-of-the-neighborhood

Contact: shubert5k@gmail.com
Read the Gospel and Color

John 20:1-9  Easter Sunday

Puzzle
Circle the group in each row that has more. Then color in all the pictures.

Mission for the Week
I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

Something to Draw
Draw Mary, Peter, and John looking inside the empty tomb.

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.
Read the Gospel and Color

Sharing the Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

Something to Draw

Draw how surprised Peter and John were when they saw Jesus' empty tomb.

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life.

Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at http://homehearth.virtualave.net/rescookie.html.

Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.
Job Seeker’s Exchange
April 13, 6:00–7:00 PM
Whether you are a newcomer to the Saint Hubert Job Support Group or one of our members, feel free to attend the meeting, for job seekers, which precedes our regular Monday meeting, where you can sit in and learn from the questions and answers of others. If you would like to register for this event:

1. Send an email with the name of the event, “Job Seeker’s Exchange,” to sainthubertjnmpresentation@gmail.com
2. You will receive an invitation to Zoom.com, a video conferencing platform, to view the presentation on your computer, tablet, or mobile device
3. Click on the link within that email invitation to join the presentation, “Job Seeker’s Exchange,” on Zoom.com.

Networking Like a Pro
April 13, 7:00–9:15 PM
Networking is not something most of us feel comfortable doing. When you have a plan in place on how to network effectively, you will find that you will be better prepared and will leave with better results. Strategic networking starts with a plan in place. Our speaker, Tom Rohan, Executive Recruiter, will discuss tips on how to create that plan so that you can be more comfortable and prepared to network like the pros.

If you would like to register for this event:
1. Send an email with the name of the event, “Networking Like a Pro,” to sainthubertjnmpresentation@gmail.com
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Please send any questions to sainthubertjnmpresentation@gmail.com.

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Staff members have access to both email and voicemail while working from home.

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Estate Planning

If you have provided for St. Hubert in your will, please let us know by contacting Father Mike. Persons interested in including the parish in their will, or questions about how to make a bequest to St. Hubert or to any other archdiocesan program and/or institution, please call the parish office, 847.885.7700, or contact directly:

Rich Goode • 225 S. Aberdeen Street, Chicago, IL 60607 • 312.655.7848

To include St. Hubert in your will, the correct legal designation is:
Catholic Bishop of Chicago - A Corporation Sole, For the use and benefit of St. Hubert

To have Richard Goode contact you, complete the form below and drop it off at the Parish Office.

Name:

Phone (home):

Best time to call:

Phone (work):

Comments:

R & K Handyman Services

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