

## Special Features of the Resurrection of Jesus

**First**, Jesus prophesied it as **a sign of His Divinity**: “*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.*”(Jn 2:19)..

**Second**, the founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. We see the fulfillment of Christ’s promise on the empty cross and in the empty tomb. The angel said to the women at Jesus’ tomb: “*Why are you looking among the dead for One Who is alive? He is not here but has risen*” (Luke 24:5-6). The real proof, however, is not the empty tomb but the lives of believers filled with His Spirit today!



The **third** special feature is **the initial disbelief of Jesus’ own disciples in his Resurrection**, in spite of his repeated apparitions. This serves as a strong proof of his Resurrection. It explains why the apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

### Mass Intentions 12 April 2020

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Joan Bryson (L) by Mr. Edward Sykes  
+Joseph & Michael Gaschler by Helan Gaschler

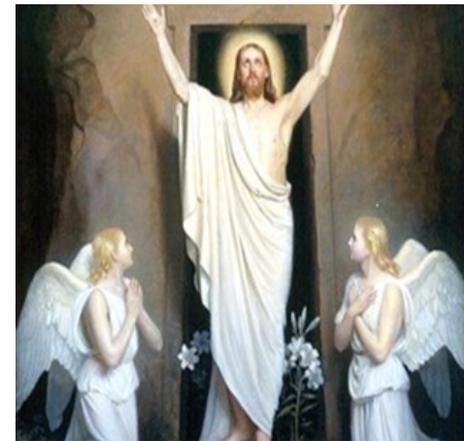
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## EASTER SUNDAY

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**The  
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Risen!**

“Do not be afraid, do not yield to fear. This is the message of hope. It is addressed to us today. These are the words that God repeats to us this very night.” - Pope Francis

*Let us all Stay Safe, Clean & Healthy*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,  
"Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen Indeed!"

I am so happy to wish you all a happy and grace-filled Easter. May the Risen Lord continue to bless and protect you and your family, especially at this difficult time. I pray for you all.

The Risen Lord will replace our fear with Courage; panic with Peace; sadness with Joy; desperation with Delight; depression with Cheerfulness and anxiety with Hope.

Our tears will be wiped away; our sorrow will turn to joy.

Let us turn to the Risen Lord with an honest faith. "If a microscope image of virus can cause so much damage, imagine, what a mustard seed size of faith can do."

Let us place our faith in the Risen Lord. Through the precious Blood of Lord Jesus, we will be washed and cleansed. May the Guardian Angel protect all of us!



May the Risen Lord bless us all with good health and peace of mind!

*Happy and Blessed Easter*

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Everyday Mass at 8.30 am

*With Prayers & Blessings of Easter*

**Fr. John Kennady MMI**

**Dn. John Lytle**

## LITURGY OF WORD

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in Holy Mother Church for three reasons: **1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith:** It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (I Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen!" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or "preaching"), of the apostles, because Jesus had prophesied His Resurrection as a sign of His Divinity: The founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has.

**2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection:** Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26).

**3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement** in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

**The Risen Lord invites us all to live the lives of Resurrection people.**

Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life.

**We need to live aware of the presence of the Risen Lord with us.** Our awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us to *control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior*. **This salutary thought inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure, and free from evil habits and addictions.** Our conviction about the presence of the Risen Lord in our neighbors and in all those with whom we come into contact should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.