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The Lord Jesus comes forth with new life gloriously risen, to enter our hearts freed from the barriers of sin. Our faith, founded in the gospels and homilies, eloquently preached by our Priest, Pastor, and Deacons every day and week, teach us that the resurrection is real.

We need the gift of trust and faith. Our rising from the tomb of sin made possible by Jesus’ resurrection is true, authentic, and verifiable. This Easter celebration—our love for the Lord must be with all our heart, soul, and might! (Deut. 6:4). Easter is for the whole world—forever. The holy women who first came to the tomb were instructed by Jesus to tell the Disciples that: “He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see Him just as He told you” (Mk. 16:7). Think of the great joy, the anticipation in the hearts of the Disciples. We, too, will see Him again. Just as He told us.

Often the most powerful forces in our lives are also the most mysterious. The mysterious scientific phenomena move us in a way that nothing else can. We need to allow the limit of our minds and hearts to appreciate the power contained in the mysterious moments of our lives. When Peter and John saw an empty tomb on Easter morning, they did not get an explanation about what happened to Jesus. It was a mystery. Yet, the mystery of the empty tomb led them to faith. Peter and John saw an empty tomb on Easter morning, they did not get an explanation about what happened to Jesus. It was a mystery. Yet, the mystery of the empty tomb led them to faith. Peter and John saw and believed. The transformation that they encounter with the empty tomb began in the life of Simon Peter is evident as we read and analyze the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter the impulsive, confused, enthusiastic, and inarticulate became poised and confident as he proclaimed with self-assurance the truth of Christ’s message. The resurrection taught the apostles that Jesus was not only the promised Messiah but, God Himself, the eternal Son of God—with infinite power, wisdom, and might. God’s ways are not our ways. The Lord works in mysterious ways. God draws straight with crooked lines. Our encounters with God may be mysterious as well that cannot be fully explained at first. What we need is the gift of trust and faith that can lead us to truth. Let us embrace the mystery of Jesus’ resurrection with open hearts and open arms. “He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day” (Jn. 6:54). This feast of all feasts enlivens our hope. Alleluia!

--C.C. Salonga

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO MEET AND PROCLAIM THE RESURRECTED LORD?

This beautiful early spring when the green grass and warm sunshine begin to push aside the ice and snow of winter, Christians around the globe celebrate Easter Day, the most important Holy Day of the One, Holy, Apostolic, Universal, Catholic Church of God.

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ this Easter Sunday, plays an enormous part in the Christian world. This is a joyful new beginning. The New Testament Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and Acts mention Jesus the Son of God’s miraculous return to life. Early Sunday morning, women followers of Jesus went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus on the third day after His crucifixion and death. When they arrived they were amazed to find the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. The Gospels tell that the body of Jesus disappeared from His Tomb. An Angel of God appeared to Mary of Magdal, the first Christian, and announced, “He is risen.” We celebrate Jesus’ resurrection with great rejoicing—Jesus’ victory over death! The Lamb of God has taken away the sin of the world – (John 1:29). This is the Day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad (Ps. 118:24). Alleluia!

With these hallowed words our Church, the Body of Christ, sings out her joy at the resurrection of Jesus. The good news, He is not here. He has been raised up. (Luke 24:6), reverberates throughout the world and down throughout the ages. St. Paul told the people in the synagogue at Pisidia, “What God has promised our Father, He has fulfilled for us, their children in raising up Jesus! (Acts 13:32). He has proven Himself our Savior. He has overcome sin and death. This is a personal joy for all of us!

Adam’s sin brought down each and every one of us. On this Easter feast, each of us rises with the Lord from the dark tomb of our sinfulness. The removal of that stone has taken place through our Lenten prayer, penance and
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—Diana Corsetti, SCS Teacher Contributor

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We remember You, O risen Lord, firstborn of the dead. Your resurrection destroys the power of death and changes tears of agony into cries of joy. Blessed are You!


INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT 4/20
8:00 Int. of RCIA Candidates

SUN 4/21
7:00 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
8:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Choirs
10:30 Int. St. Catherine Parish & School
12:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish

MON 4/22
8:00 Antonio da Conceicao †

TUE 4/23
8:00 Int. Daisy Gabriela Nunez—Birthday Blessing

WED 4/24
8:00 Int. St. Catherine of Siena School

THU 4/25
8:00 Special Intention

FRI 4/26
8:00 Ivry Palmer †

SAT 4/27
8:00 Ilbea Garcia de Ventura †
4:30 Jaclynn Shikuzawa †

SUN 4/28
7:00 Pacita Cudal †
8:30 Italian Catholic Federation Br.#13
10:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
12:30 Louisa Dona, Otto Dona †

Call the Parish Office for Mass intentions.

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THU APR 25 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
FRI APR 26 @ 5:00 PM CHURCH
SAT APR 27 @ 5:30 PM CHURCH

SUN APR 28 @ 12:30 PM DIVINE MERCY MASS FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN THE HALL
After Mass, a procession of the Divine Mercy image will take place to the parish hall where there will be a light dinner. All are invited.

FRI MAY 3 @ 5:00 PM CONSECRATION OF THE PARISH & SCHOOL TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOLLOWED BY FESTIVAL

SAT, MAY 4 @ 10 AM PROCESSION
SAT, MAY 4 @ 11 AM HOLY MASS FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON. ALL ARE INVITED!

“It is finished.”

"When He had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit." (John 19:30) Jesus' journey had begun in a simple stable thirty some years before. Now it was finished. What was finished? What was this mission that was now finished? Why did Jesus come? His great commission to preach the Gospel to the poor, to bring life, to destroy the devil's work, to bring fire upon the earth, to testify to the truth. But, each of these seems like a means or aspect of the ultimate purpose, to save us from our sins. He came to take away the sin of the world, to save the lost, to give His life as a ransom for many, to save sinners. His struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane was the point at which He surrendered ultimately to the Father's will. And, now the cup had been drunk, the baptism completed. It is finished . . . The obligation has been completed. The debt has been paid off. In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark it is clear that just before Jesus breathed His last He "cried out again in a loud voice." John gives us the content of this loud cry. "It is finished!" Those who are defeated go out with a whimper, but the victor announces His victory loudly and broadly: "It is finished!" The victory shout of Jesus echoed across the small flat hilltop and to the world beyond. It is finished! It is a cry of accomplishment, but it is also an announcement of obedience fulfilled. Make no mistake. The ability to say, "It is finished" to the Father's commission was not the beginning of some kind of "glory road," but the end. It was the sum of a life of obedience, humility, and suffering that changed the world. When we meditate on this Word from the cross, what should we learn for our lives? We are to live lives of obedience. Can we drink of this cup? Can we live our own baptisms? Finally, to say "It is finished," we must be willing to suffer to achieve God's purpose for our lives. We continue in the sunny summer days as well as the stormy winters of our lives. We don't give up just because things are difficult. We are willing to suffer whatever is necessary to complete the Father's plan for our lives. When our lives are over, we want to be able to say with St. Paul, "The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). And, with Jesus to say: "It is finished!" Let us pray: Father, I've wasted much of the momentum of my life because I've tried to go in so many directions. Please corral me so that I will focus on your purposes and your direction for me, that I might finish this life well. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. —Karen Glen
"St. Catherine of Siena and the Reverence Due to Priests" by Maura Roan McKeegan

When I first read St. Catherine of Siena’s The Dialogue several years ago, its contents impressed me in many ways. One message, though, etched itself on my memory more firmly than the others. To this day, when I think of this book, it is this message that I remember most: “The sins of the clergy should not lessen your reverence for them.” (Dialogue 116)

Like many Catholics, I have had wonderful encounters with saintly priests and tense encounters with their opposites. I have been tempted to share my stories of injustice, hoping for sympathy and understanding from listeners who know how dreadful it is to be slighted by a priest. Reading The Dialogue helped me to realize how important it is to pause in these times of temptation and resist any impulse to speak badly of a priest.

St. Catherine lived during a tumultuous time in the Church, when many priests were leading immoral lives and causing scandal for their flocks (although many holy priests lived during that time, too). She wrote The Dialogue in the fourteenth century, after having a profound mystical experience. In the book, a soul (St. Catherine) has a conversation with God and asks Him several questions, which He answers in great depth... He says: The reverence you pay to [priests] is not actually paid to them but to Me, in virtue of the blood, I have entrusted to their ministry. If this were not so, you should pay them as much reverence as to anyone else, and no more. It is this ministry of theirs that dictates that you should reverence them and come to them, not for what they are in themselves but, for the power I have entrusted to them, if you would receive the sacraments of the Church....

So, the reverence belongs not to the ministers, but to Me and to this glorious blood made one thing with Me because of the union of divinity with humanity. And, just as the reverence is done to Me, so also is the irreverence; for I have already told you that you must not reverence them for themselves, but for the authority I have entrusted to them... (116)

Sadly, derision of priests is not something that ended in St. Catherine’s time. It is still rampant today, and often, the criticism seems to come more from within the Church than without. The advent of social media has magnified the problem. Clergy from parish priests on up to the Vicar of Christ are publicly accused of being too traditional, not traditional enough, too weak, too heavy-handed, too ecumenical, too doctrinal, too charismatic, or a host of other criticisms which the critics believe are justified.

But, The Dialogue says such criticism is never justified:

By not paying Me reverence in the persons of My ministers, they have lost respect for the latter and persecuted them because of the many sins and faults they saw in them...For no sin can lessen the power of this sacrament, and, therefore, their reverence should not lessen either. When it does, it is against Me they sin. (116)

The Part of the Faithful: Tears and Prayers for Mercy

This sin of persecuting priests and denying them due honor, God tells St. Catherine, is “more serious than any other,” because those who do this are persecuting and dishonoring the blood of Jesus... That does not mean God is letting priests off the hook. On the contrary, He tells St. Catherine that priests who do evil and lead their flocks astray are devils... Because “things can be better known by looking at their opposites” (110), God tells St. Catherine of His faithful ministers who serve His people in humility and virtue, extolling them as “precious stones” whom God has set with the “greatest honor in everlasting life,” and the sight of them makes Him “gloriously happy.” (119) The sacramental mystery cannot be lessened or divided by their sinfulness. Therefore, your reverence for them should never fail—not for their own sake, but because of the treasure of the blood. (118)

...You should hold [these sinful ministers] out to Me with tears and great desire, so that I in My goodness may clothe them with the garment of charity... Indeed, I have appointed them and given them to you to be angels on earth...as I have told you. When they are less than that, you ought to pray for them. But, you are not to judge them. Leave the judging to Me, and I, because of your prayers and My own desire, will be merciful to them. (120)

The more you offer Me sorrowful and loving desires for them, the more you will prove your love for Me. For the service neither you nor my other servants can do for Me you ought to do for them instead. Then, I will let Myself be constrained by the longing and tears and prayers of My servants, and will be merciful to My bride by reforming her with good and holy shepherds. (129)

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Just a few of our outstanding parish youth serving at the recent Spaghetti & Meatball Family Dinner hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation & the San Lorenzo Ruiz Community. From left: Elisabeth Marks, Kathy Roman, Derick Roman, Marisa Woodhall, & Dylan Woodhall. The SLRC & the ICF thank those member volunteers who made the night fun & successful. To those who attended: thank you ever so much. We couldn’t have raised over $1,600 for our parish and our charities without your help. We do appreciate your patronage.

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Knights of Columbus want to thank the community of St. Catherine of Siena for supporting the Crab Feed on Feb 9. There were 195 in attendance and the net profit was $4,098.73. The money raised from this dinner supports the many good works of the Knights of Columbus.

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We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. If you haven't already, please don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the ushers or in the collection baskets. Thank you.

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During Hospitality after Masses
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body lotions, maternity clothes: tops, pants in all sizes; nursing pads, nursing bras, & maternity panties. If you don’t have time to shop or are not sure what to donate, gift cards are always welcome.

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Week-at-a-glance dates, times, and locations are taken from the web site calendar: www.stcmtz.org. If further clarification is needed, please contact the parish office at 925.228-2230 ext.0

Sunday, 4/21
8:00 AM  PH  Hospitality—SLRC Hosts
5:00 PM  CH  Easter Sunday
  
  Resurrection of the Lord
  Hospitality—Host Needed
  Divine Mercy Novena #3

Monday, 4/22
8:30 AM  PC  Parish Office Closed—Holiday
5:00 PM  CH  Divine Mercy Novena #4
6:00 PM  PCL  San Lorenzo Ruiz Community Mtg

Tuesday, 4/23
5:00 PM  CH
6:00 PM  CH
7:00 PM  PC
7:30 PM  CH

St. George, pray for us.
Divine Mercy Novena #5
Choir Rehearsal
Scripture Reflection with Clergy
Spanish Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 4/24
5:00 PM  CH
5:30 PM  CH
6:00 PM  CH/SC/PH  Faith Formation PreK to 8th
6:15 PM  PC 206  RCIA Meeting—St. Gabriel Room
6:30 PM  PCL  Legion of Mary Ministry Meeting

St. Fidelis, pray for us.
Divine Mercy Novena #6
St. Catherine of Siena Novena #1
St. Catherine of Siena Novena #4

Thursday, 4/25
5:00 PM  CH
5:30 PM  CH

St. Mark, Evangelist, pray for us.
Divine Mercy Novena #7
St. Catherine of Siena Novena #2
St. Catherine of Siena Novena #3

Friday, 4/26
12:00 AM  CH  Adoration
5:00 PM  CH  Divine Mercy Novena #8
5:30 PM  CH  St. Catherine of Siena Novena #4

St. Cletus, pray for us.
Divine Mercy Novena #9
St. Catherine of Siena Novena #5

Saturday, 4/27
9:30 AM  PCL
10:00 AM  PH
11:00 AM  CH
3:00 PM  CH
5:00 PM  CH
5:30 PM  CH

St. Theodore, pray for us.
SVdP Food Distribution
End of Life Issues Workshop
Quinceanera
Reconciliation
Divine Mercy Novena #9
St. Catherine of Siena Novena #4

Sunday, 4/28
8:00 AM  PH
12:30 PM  CH
1:30 PM  PH
3:45 PM  PH
5:30 PM  CH
6:00 PM  PH

Divine Mercy Sunday
Hospitality—SLRC Hosts
Divine Mercy Mass followed by
Reception in the Parish Hall
Confirmation Preparation Class
St. Catherine of Siena Novena #5
Youth Group

CH = Church  RC = Rectory  SC = School
PH = Parish Hall  YD = School Yard  YS: Youth Shack
PC = Parish Center  PCL: Parish Center Library

CONTINUED FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP PAGE

Join us for Beneath His Cross monthly prayer cenacle on first Thursdays: perhaps your prayers will be what is needed for the Lord to fulfill His promise to St. Catherine, documented in her famous work The Dialogue, to reform His bride, the Church, with good and holy shepherds...this is the time to act! Our prayer cenacle is not for the faint of heart, this is an hour and a half of ceaseless, fervent prayer, you could even call it a marathon or prayer boot camp: fighting for good and holy priests, and the very Church herself! If your heart aches every time you hear a negative story in the media about our priests and our Holy Catholic Church, this is your moment to act. If you are up for the challenge, join us next on Thursday, May 2 at 6 PM. Late arrival is okay, every prayer matters!

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EASTER Rise up from sorrow

THU, APR 25, 2019: THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Happy Alleluia!

In virtually all liturgies during Easter, the refrain of the respon- sorial psalm may be replaced by Alleluia! For Christians it has become an Easter word, so much so that in the Polish language, for example, rather than “Happy Easter” the people declare “Happy Alleluia!” During Lent we fast not only from food but from the exultant joy of this word, keeping silent, letting it build within. Then, at the Easter Vigil, it Alleluia bursts forth! Before the gospel, the deacon sings Alleluia! for the first time in six weeks, in an elaborate melody, three times, each time in a higher key, and each time repeated by the assembly. Sing Alleluia today in and out of the shower! Shout it! Listen to Handel’s setting in the Messiah. Wish someone “Happy Alleluia!”

Today’s readings: Acts 3:11-26; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); Luke 24:35-48 (264). “You are witnesses of these things.”

MON, APR 22, 2019: MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Take care of your mother

Catholicism is rich in observances, but here’s one outside our tradition that Catholic teaching also invites us to join: Earth Day, celebrated annually on this date since 1970. The event, which kick-started the environmental movement, is now the largest secular observance in the world, with 193 countries demonstrating support for environmental protection. From the biblical mandate to care for God’s creation to Pope Francis’ recent encyclical on environmentalism, you are directed by your faith to heed the call to “think globally, act locally.”

Today’s readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:5b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 “So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.”

TUE, APR 23, 2019: TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Rise up from sorrow

Easter is a season of joy, but it’s not always joyous for everyone. Perhaps a loved one has recently died or the anniversary of their death is at hand. How do you handle death and sorrow at a time of new life and joy? Mary Magdalene grieved mightily at the tomb of Jesus, but He helped her let go of His earthly life, which had already given way to His resurrected life. With eyes of faith we, too, can begin to let go of the earthly presence of a loved one, trusting that they also live on in the loving presence of God.

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WED, APR 24, 2019: WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Break bread together

A retreat director, preaching on the story of Emmaus, told this story about recognizing Christ in our midst, anywhere and in anyone. It had been a long day and the first-graders were running their teacher ragged. The dismissal bell rang and the children sped out the door. The teacher shepherded them out, then sat wearily on a bench watching them go. A child waiting for her big brother to walk her home watched the teacher, then wandered over. She sat beside her and carefully opened her lunch bag. She unwrapped the sandwich and, with her small hands, broke it in two. She looked up at the teacher and handed her half, saying, “I get tired and hungry after school, too. Here.”

Today’s readings: Acts 3:1-10; Victimae Paschali Laudes (42); Luke 24:13-35 (263). “He took bread, said the blessing . . . and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.”

SAT, APR 27, 2019: SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Sing out the good news!

“That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know, Victorious King, Thy mercy show!” Thus ends the Victimae Paschali Laudes, a medieval Church hymn traditionally chanted during Easter liturgies. A more fitting conclusion could not have been written—rejoicing in Christ’s victory over death and in the same breath asking for his mercy. If any Christian doubted the need for the mercy of God, the events recounted on Good Friday should have been enough to refresh their memory. Fortunately Christ’s victory is also a victory over human sinfulness. Rejoice and break into song!


SUN, APR 28, 2019: SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Mercy Sunday
Mercy is as mercy does

A chilling scene in the movie Schindler’s List involves a Nazi commander playacting with the godlike power of absolution. Standing before a mirror, he raises his hand in a gesture of blessing and says, “I pardon you.” Then he smiles at his reflection, impressed by the look of benevolence. Genuine mercy, of course, isn’t something we grant ourselves, nor is it a superficial style to be admired. It’s not a softness in the heart or a welling up in the eyes when we see suffering. Mercy is real when it reaches out from thought to deed, from emotion to action. Let others judge if we are merciful.

Today’s readings: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31 (45). “Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.”
LECTURAS Y REFLEXIONES DE LA SEMANA

21 APR 2019: SOLEMNIDAD DE LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR (DOMINGO DE PASCUA)
Hagan rodar la piedra


22 APR 2019 LUNES EN LA OCTAVA DE PASCUA
Cuida a tu madre

El catolicismo es rico en observancias, pero aquí hay una tradición que las enseñanzas católicas también invitan a unirse: el Día de la Tierra, celebrado anualmente en esta fecha desde 1970. Este evento, que dio inicio al movimiento ambientalista, es ahora la observancia secular más grande del mundo con 193 países que demuestran apoyo a la protección del medio ambiente. Desde su mandato bíblico para cuidar la creación de Dios hasta la reciente encíclica sobre el ambientalismo del Papa Francisco, su fe lo dirige a prestar atención al llamado a “pensar globalmente, actuar localmente.”

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hechos 2: 36-41; Revelaciones (Apocalipsis) 1:9-11; Lucas 24: 1-12 (268). “María Magdalena y la otra María se fueron rápidamente de la tumba, temerosas pero llenas de alegría.”

23 APR 2019 MARTES EN LA OCTAVA DE PASCUA
Levantate de la tristeza

La Pascua es una temporada de alegría, pero no siempre es feliz para todos. Quizás un ser querido haya fallecido recientemente o el aniversario de su muerte esté cerca. ¿Cómo manejar la muerte y el dolor en el momento de la nueva vida y la alegría? María Magdalena se afligió profundamente ante la tumba de Jesús, pero él la ayudó a abandonar su vida terrenal, que ya había dado paso a su vida resucitada. Con ojos de fe, nosotros también podemos comenzar a abandonar la presencia terrenal de un ser querido, confiando en que también viven en la presencia amorosa de Dios.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hechos 2: 36-41; Victime Paschali Laudes (42); Juan 20: 11-18 (262). “Jesús le dijo: ‘Deja de aferrarme a mí’.”

24 APR 2019 MIERcoles EN LA OCTAVA DE PASCUA
Parten el pan juntos

Un director de retiro, predicando sobre la historia de Emaús, contó esta historia acerca de reconocer a Cristo entre nosotros, en cualquier lugar y en cualquier persona. Había sido un día largo y los estudiantes de primer grado estaban ejecutando un día largo y los estudiantes de primer grado estaban ejecutando un día largo y los estudiantes de primer grado estaban ejecutando un día largo y los estudiantes de primer grado estaban ejecutando un día largo y los estudiantes de primer grado estaban ejecutando... Un niño que deseaba almorzar, en la que, se me ha dado un regalo, y en, sus pequeñas manos, lo partió en dos. Miró a la maestra y le entregó la mitad, diciendo: “También me canso y tengo hambre después de la escuela. Aquí.”

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hechos 3: 1-10; Victime Paschali Laudes (42); Lucas 24: 13-35 (263). “Tomó pan, dijo la bendición... y se lo dio. Con sus ojos se abrieron y lo reconocieron.”

25 APR 2019 JUEVES EN LA OCTAVA DE PASCUA
¡Feliz Aleluya!

¡En prácticas, cada año las liturgias durante la Pascua, el estribillo del salmo responsorial puede ser reemplazado por Aleluya! Para los cristianos, se ha convertido en una palabra de la Pascua, tanto que en la lengua polaca, por ejemplo, en lugar de “Feliz Pascua”, la gente declara “¡Feliz Aleluya!”

PALABRA, guardando silencio, dejándolo construir dentro. Luego, en la Vigilia de Pascua, ¡los aleluyos estallan! Antes del evangelio el diácono canta Aleluya! por primera vez en seis semanas, en una melodía elaborada, tres veces, cada vez en una tecla superior, y cada vez repetida por el ensamblaje. ¡Canta Aleluya hoy dentro y fuera de tu alma! ¡Grítalo! ¡Canta la configuración de Handel en el Mesías. “¡Feliz Aleluya!”


26 APR 2019 VIERNES EN LA OCTAVA DE PASCUA
Me fui a pescar

En tiempos de pérdida y dolor, a menudo encontramos consuelo haciendo algo que es familiar. Una vez que atendemos los detalles del entierro, afrontamos cada nuevo día lo mejor que podamos, buscando la comodidad de una rutina sin sentido y haciendo las cosas que debemos hacer para seguir adelante. Así, en esta semana después de la muerte de Jesús, no es raro encontrar a sus tristes y temerosos descendientes que regresan al mar para trabajar en las redes de sus barcos de pesca. Si bien nuestros seres queridos no se nos aparecen a la orilla del mar, la fe nos dice que han encontrado una nueva vida y continúan estando con nosotros desde la comunión de los santos de Dios. En oración hoy, recuerde a un ser querido que ha muerto y pida la gracia de su intercesión.


27 APR 2019 EL SÁBADO EN LA OCTAVA DE PASCUA
¡Canta las buenas noticias!

“Que Cristo verdaderamente ha resucitado de entre los muertos que conocemos, Rey victorioso, ¡Tu espectáculo de misericordia!” Así termina el Victimae Paschali Laudes, un himno de celebración de la vida de Cristo resucitado. Se nos pide la gracia de su intercesión. En oración hoy, recuerde a un ser querido que ha muerto y pida la gracia de su intercesión.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Hechos 4: 13-21; Victime Paschali Laudes (42); Marcos 16: 9-15 (266). “Cuando Jesús resucitó... se apareció primero a María Magdalena.”

28 APR 2019 SOLEMNIDAD DEL SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE PASCUA
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