

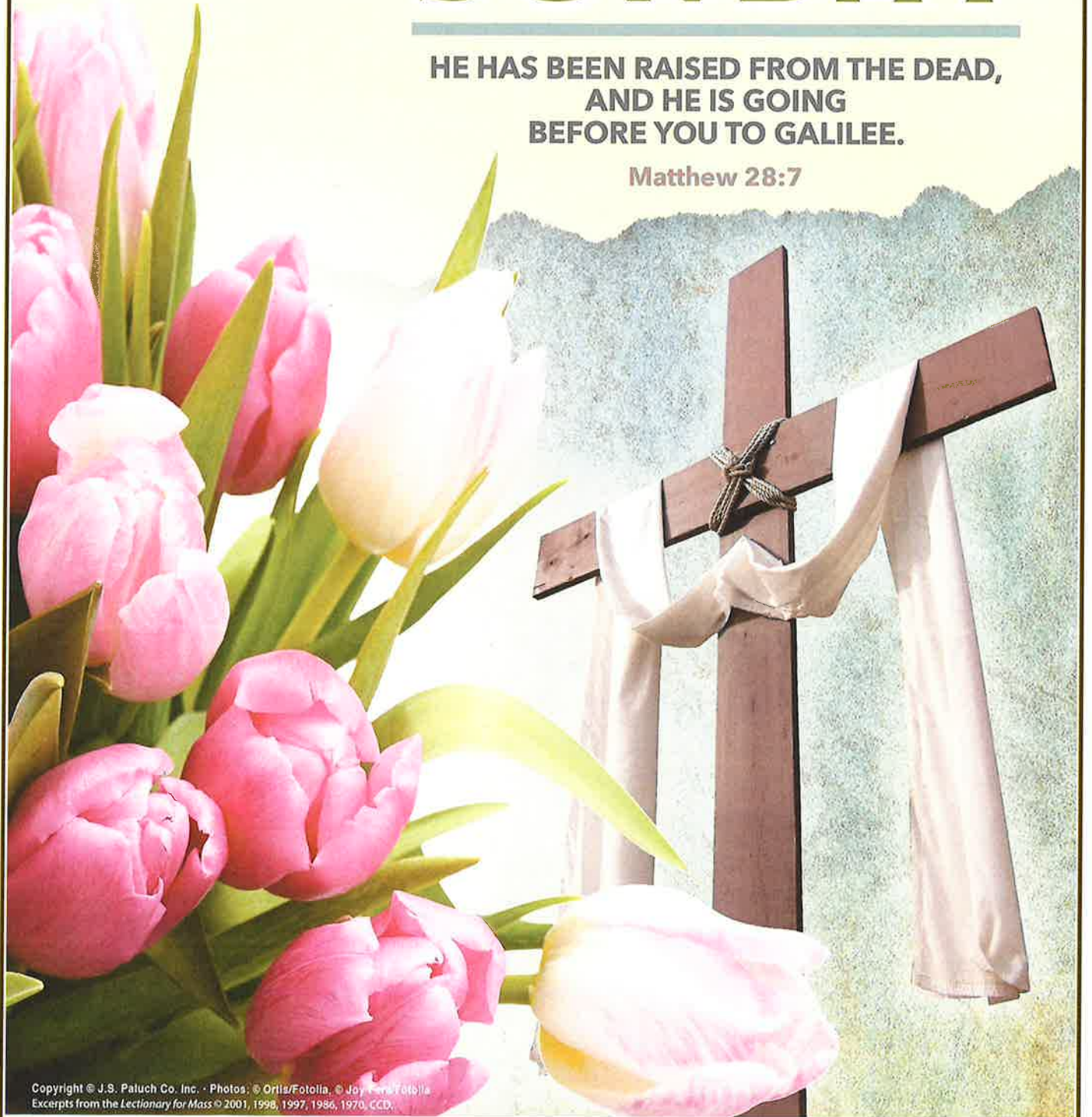
April 12
2020

Easter

SUNDAY

**HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,
AND HE IS GOING
BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.**

Matthew 28:7





Notes from Father Tom...

Happy Easter:

During these unusual times the message of Easter really resounds. Christ rose from the dead and promised us new life. We really need to hear this message right now.

I am thankful for the fact that the people of Ohio have been so good at social distancing. As the governor and Dr. Amy have indicated, it has made a tremendous difference. I encourage you to keep up the good work.

The virus may change our behavior significantly. I am grateful that you have been very patient and realize we will continue to help you live your faith. We are not forgetting that we have not had First Communion, Confirmation and that people have not been received into the Church, but in time all of these things will happen. As the governor and the bishops of Ohio give us guidance, we will respond in ways that are appropriate.

In the meantime we will live stream Mass weekday mornings at 9am and Saturdays at 4pm. I will attach a message after Mass that will keep us connected. I think this is a time that calls us each to do our best to live our faith. It is a time to be concerned for our neighbor. It is a time for prayer and reflecting on God's love for each of us.

I pray that even though Easter is different from other Easters, it still may be a time of renewal and celebration of the new life Christ has won for us. Happy Easter.

Father Tom



† **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
Sunday, APRIL 12, 2020

Monday, April 13, 2020 Christine Lamb
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 Frank Zeolla
Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 George Roy
Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 16, 2020 Joseph P. Waler, Jr.
Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8:2ab, 5-9, Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 17, 2020 Anita Orndorff
Acts 4:1-12, Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a, Jn 21:1-14

† **Second Sunday of Easter**
8Acts 2:42-47, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 Pt 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31

~ Rest in Peace ~

H. Bernadine Raicevich and Dale Swinerton

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer for the Journey

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. †††

Thomas Merton
~ Thoughts in Solitude

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The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water!

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If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today's readings don't exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John's Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

The Mystery of Emptiness

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! This Paschal greeting is customary in Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches on Easter Sunday. Then there is Saint Augustine's acclamation of joy: We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! However you express it, Easter is the time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, is risen from the dead. And yet today's scriptures are less joyful than one would expect for the most important feast in the Christian calendar. Perhaps we are being asked to look deeper into the mystery of the Resurrection, just as Peter went into the tomb to look deeper into the mystery of its emptiness.

Mary Magdalene, who loved the Lord so much that she risked everything, possibly even her life, to go to the tomb before daybreak, finds the stone rolled away and assumes that someone has taken Jesus' body. Frightened and sad, she runs to tell Peter and John. They all run back to the tomb, but what do they expect to see? Peter enters the tomb and sees. John enters, sees, and believes. But

what does he believe? Scripture states, “For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead” (John 20:9). They went home, not really knowing what had happened. But John “believed” something.

Something Happened

What do we believe? Somewhere between that Easter morning and Peter's confident teaching about Jesus in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, something (the Risen Christ) happened. Peter has evolved from his bewilderment into a witness to the Resurrection. What are we to find in the empty tomb? Maybe the Colossians reading has an answer. By entering the empty tomb of our lives to seek the Lord, we see, we believe, we die, to be raised with Christ. “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3). And we will rise in glory with him.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

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EASTER SUNDAY BELIEVING IS SEEING

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Then his friends would rejoice and those who had put him to death would repent (or run as fast as they could). Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Jesus did not appear to Herod or Pilate or Caiaphas. The Pharisees and scribes did not see him, either. Even the disciples did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean. So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31). I used to think that Jesus was invisible to non-believers, but Mary of Magdala saw him, thinking he was the gardener. Then she believed and recognized him. What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. St. Francis saw him not only in the poor but in all creation. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies. That is why it is so important to spread the faith; if we don't see Jesus in everyone, we may never have true peace.

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Prayer for Health Care Workers

God of everlasting goodness,
you sent your Son among us
to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our
weary world.

Be with all health care workers and their assistants
in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

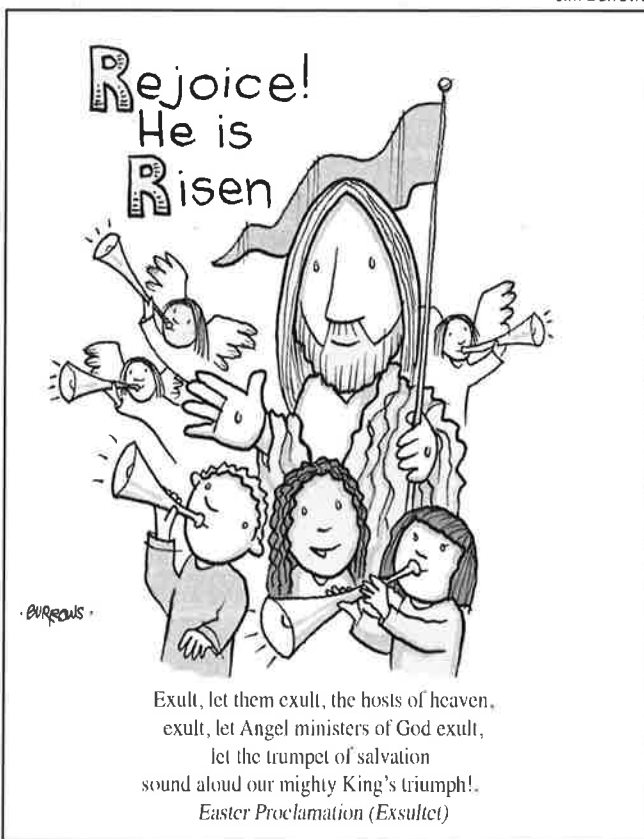
As they continue Jesus' ministry of care,
renew them in mind, body, and spirit.
Keep them safe from infection and illness,
and may Christ's healing presence flow through
them
as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name,
Christ the healer,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



God's Word for Children

Mary of Magdala has gone to Jesus' tomb. But it is empty; Jesus is not there! Help Mary get to Peter to tell him the news by following the footsteps that spell *empty*.

Mary

Peter

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 An apostle is one who has been chosen by Jesus to be with him and to witness his death and resurrection. The apostles were the first Christians. They were the ones who spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the rest of the world.

Easter

We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead three days after his death. This incredible event proved he truly was the Messiah! The scriptures promise if we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God we'll be given something amazing, too! Use the tombstone to solve the code that reveals the answer.

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"They have taken the Lord from the tomb."
 John 20:2

CATHOLIC CORNER

TRULY RISEN!

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!
 (Easter entrance antiphon)

All during Lent the first readings of the liturgy were drawn from the Old Testament and told stories of the family of those who came before Jesus. When Jesus rose on Easter the people who loved and followed him in his life became part of the new family known as Christians. On the Sundays of Easter we will read about their stories from the New Testament book called the Acts of the Apostles. You are one of these Christians. Each Easter, we have the chance to imagine ourselves standing at the empty tomb with the apostles. Together we believe that Jesus is not among the dead but is "truly risen" and with us today.

Draw a picture of yourself next to the tomb. Write a message about how you feel when you know Jesus is with you.



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below, Amen

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Please remember in your daily prayers these individuals, who have been and are called to the priesthood.

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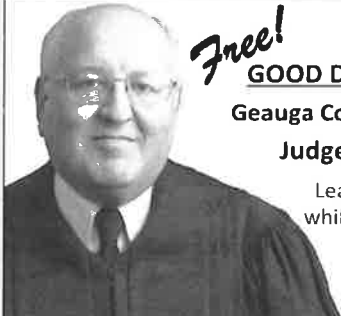
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