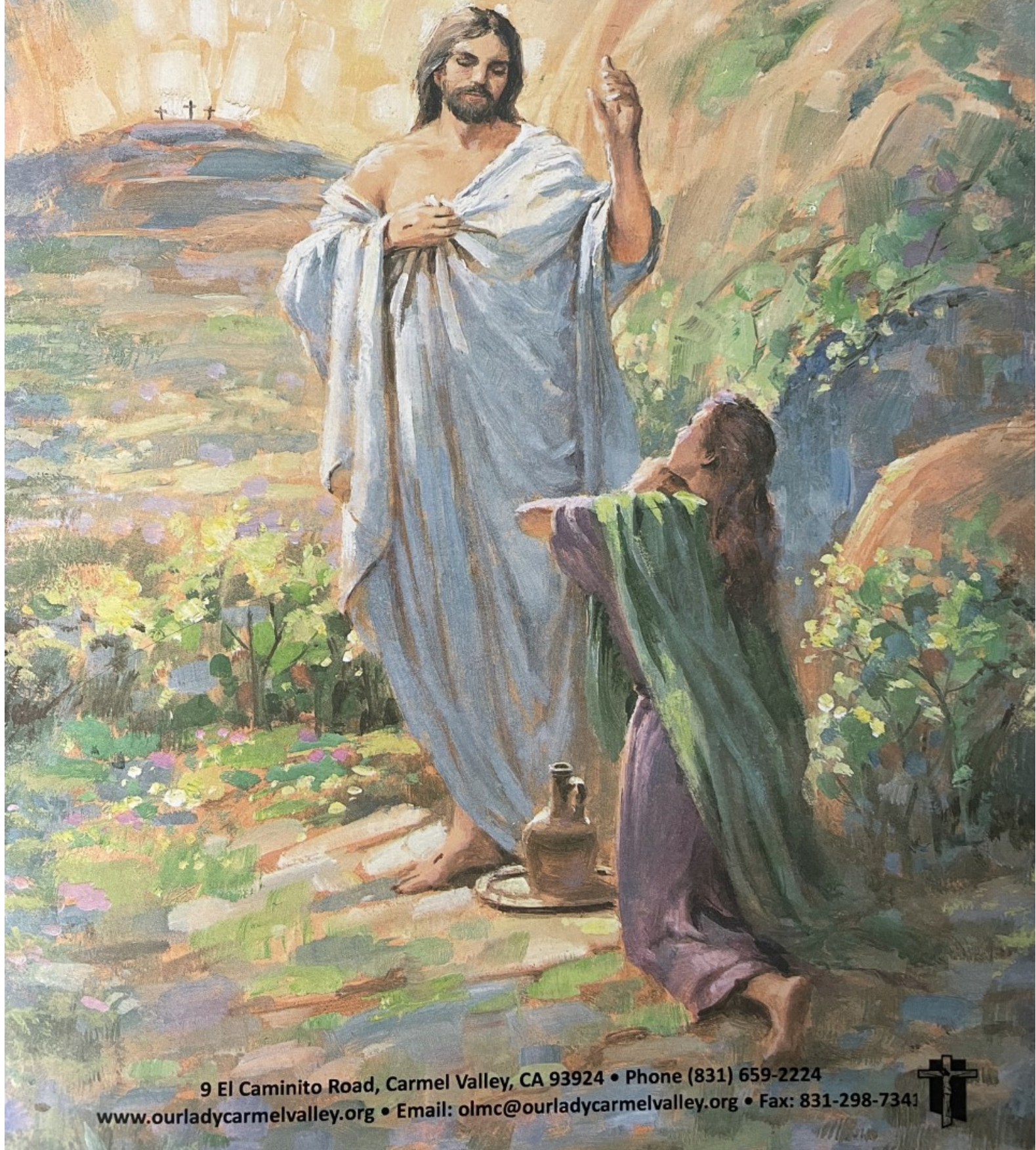


*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church*  
*Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord* April 17, 2022



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## *"He had to rise from the dead"*



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary Magdalen's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some

scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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### **GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon.** Mt. 28: 8-15

**Tues.** Jn 20: 11-18

**Wed.** Lk. 24: 13-35

**Thurs.** Lk 24: 35-48

**Fri.** Jn. 21: 1-14

**Sat.** Mk 16: 9-15

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

Ps. 118

### **The Story of Mary Magdalene and the First Easter Egg**

Mary Magdalene has a special place among Jesus' disciples. It was St. Mary Magdalene's great love for Christ that kept her standing at the foot of the Cross, weeping and grief-stricken, until her Savior died. It was her heartbreaking pain of loss that drove her to his tomb at the first light of day in order to anoint his body.

As a reward for her great love and faithfulness, she is the privileged person to whom Jesus first appeared on Easter Sunday morning; she was the very first witness of the Resurrection.

It was Mary Magdalene, a woman, who went and told the Apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead; for this she is called "Apostle to the Apostles."

After Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, Mary Magdalene continued her mission as an evangelizer, contemplative, and mystic in the heart of the Church.

According to tradition, after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, the Magdalene—a wealthy woman of some importance—boldly presented herself to the Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message.

Holding the egg out to him, she exclaimed for the first time what is now the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, "Christ is risen!"

The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. The Emperor then heeded her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death, and had Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure.

Why would Mary Magdalene bring an egg to talk about Jesus with the Roman Emperor?



Next Sunday April 24th Its Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have our regular Mass Times.

### The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

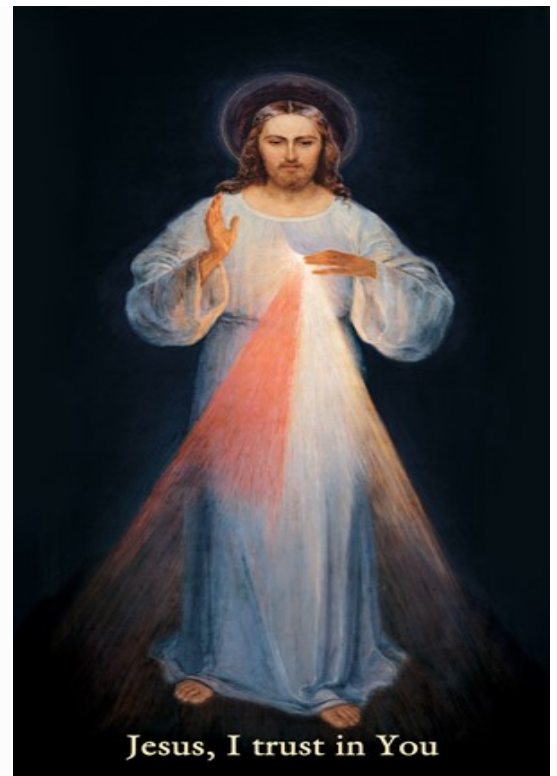
The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.



## Domíngoo de Pascua - La Resurrección del Señor

1era. Lectura: Hch 10, 34a 37-43 Salmo: 117; 2da.Lectura: Col 3, 1-4 Evangelio: Jn 20, 1-9

### “Jesus debía resucitar de entre los muertos”

Hoy comenzamos el Tiempo Pascual, nuestra meditación de 50 días sobre el misterio de la Resurrección de Cristo. Nuestro Evangelio de hoy nos habla del hallazgo del sepulcro vacío por parte de los discípulos. Concluye diciéndonos que todavía no entendían que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos. Por lo tanto, los detalles proporcionados no necesariamente pretenden ofrecer una prueba de la Resurrección. Los detalles nos invitan a reflexionar sobre un don asombroso, que es la fe en Jesús y su Resurrección.

Simón Pedro y el discípulo amado corren hacia la tumba, presumiblemente para verificar el informe de María Magdalena. El discípulo amado llega primero pero no entra en el sepulcro hasta después de Simón Pedro. Este detalle pinta un cuadro vívido, al igual que el detalle proporcionado sobre las telas funerarias. Algunos eruditos creen que la presencia de los lienzos en la tumba ofrece evidencia al oyente de que el cuerpo de Jesús no había sido robado (se entiende que los ladrones de tumbas se habrían llevado los lienzos junto con el cuerpo).

<b>Mass Intentions – April 16<sup>th</sup> - April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
Sat. April 16 <sup>th</sup> : 7:30pm Easter Vigil: + Gerry Dalton	
Easter Sunday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> : 9:00am: + Fr. Mark Steitz	
11:15 (Bilingual) People of the Parish	
<b>No 5pm Mass</b>	
<b>No Weekday Masses April 20, 21, &amp; 22</b>	
<b>Weekly Collection Totals: April. 9/10</b>	
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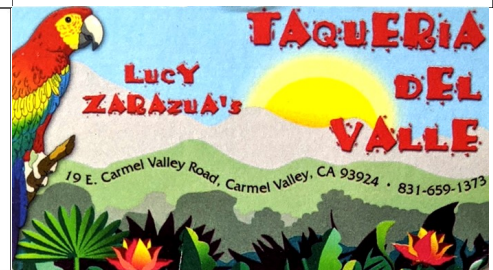
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