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Easter Blessings 2024

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD. MAR. 31ST 2024 THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.

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.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary'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.

DOMINGO DE PASCUA – LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR ÉSTE ES EL DÍA DEL TRIUNFO DEL SEÑOR. ALELUYA.

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 descubrimiento de la tumba vacía 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 prueba de la Resurrección. Los detalles nos invitan a reflexionar sobre un regalo asombroso: la fe en Jesús y su Resurrección.

Cada uno de los cuatro evangelios nos dice que la tumba vacía de Jesús fue descubierta por primera vez por mujeres. Esto es notable porque en la sociedad judía del siglo I las mujeres no podían servir como testigos legales. En el caso del Evangelio de Juan, la única mujer que asiste al sepulcro es María de Magdala. A diferencia de los relatos sinópticos, el Evangelio de Juan no describe la aparición de ángeles en la tumba. En cambio, se dice simplemente que María observó que la piedra que había sellado la tumba había sido movida y corre para alertar a Simón Pedro y al discípulo amado. Su declaración es reveladora. Ella supone que el cuerpo de Jesús ha sido retirado, tal vez robado. Ella no considera que Jesús haya resucitado de entre los muertos.

Simón Pedro y el discípulo amado corren hacia la tumba, presumiblemente para verificar el informe de María. El discípulo amado llega primero pero no entra al sepulcro hasta después de Simón Pedro. Este detalle ofrece una imagen vívida, al igual que los detalles proporcionados sobre los lienzos funerarios. Algunos estudiosos 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).

El pasaje del Evangelio concluye, sin embargo, que incluso después de haber visto el sepulcro vacío y los lienzos, los discípulos aún no comprenden la resurrección. En el pasaje que sigue, María de Magdala se encuentra con Jesús pero lo confunde con el jardinero. En las próximas semanas, las lecturas del Evangelio de nuestra liturgia nos mostrarán cómo los discípulos llegaron a creer en la resurrección de Jesús a través de sus apariciones. Nuestra fe pascual se basa en su testimonio tanto de la tumba vacía como de su relación continua con Jesús, en sus apariciones y en su don del Espíritu Santo.

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions - March 30th— April 6th 2024

Holy Sat. Mar. 30th 8:00pm **Bilingual Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday

Mar.31st 9:00: + **Fausta Rubio (11th Anniv.)**

11:15: + **Joseph Ortman**

NO WEEKDAY MASSES April 3rd – 5th

Saturday Vigil Apr. 6th 4:30: + **Leo Berta**

Sunday Apr. 7th 9:00: + **Fr. Bob Schwartz**

11:15: + **Lance Builta**

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN
PEACE. AMEN.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 23 & 24, 2024:

\$ 2,601.95

AMA 2024: (31 Donors)

\$ 18,488.00

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MEET & GREET

*Wine and Cheese Reception
for New Parishioners
Sat. April 13th at 5:30p Parish Hall
RSVP Parish Office*



EVENT CALENDAR

April 7th **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Regular weekend Masses.

Confirmation Mass Sun. April 21st at 11:15 am. Main Celebrant: Bishop Danny.

Parish Survey, April 27th & 28st 2024

First Communion Mass. Sun. May 5th at 11:15am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **Our Patronnes Feast Day**. Sun. July 14th Bilingual at 10:00 am. Main Celebrant: Bishop Danny.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: APRIL 5TH SATIN VICENT FERRER. Loyla Press

Three men claimed to be pope in the 1300s and 1400s. Kings, princes, priests, and laypeople fought one another to support the different claimants for the Chair of Peter. This chaos led to the Western Schism, and God raised up Vincent Ferrer.

When Vincent joined the Dominicans, he zealously practiced penance, study, and prayer. He was a teacher of philosophy and a naturally gifted preacher called the "mouthpiece of God." His saintly life was what made his preaching so effective. Vincent's subjects were judgment, heaven, hell, and the need for repentance.



Even the holiest people can be misled. Pope Urban VI was the real pope and lived in Rome, but Vincent and many others thought that Clement VII and his successor Benedict XIII, who lived in Avignon, France, were the true popes. Vincent convinced kings, princes, clergy, and almost all of Spain to give loyalty to them. After Clement VII died, Vincent tried to get both Benedict and the pope in Rome to abdicate so that a new election could be held. It hurt Vincent when Benedict refused.

Vincent came to see the error in Benedict's claim to the papacy. Discouraged and ill, Vincent begged Christ to show him the truth. In a vision, he saw Jesus with Saint Dominic and Saint Francis, commanding him to "go through the world preaching Christ." For the next 20 years, Vincent spread the Good News throughout Europe. He fasted, preached, worked miracles, and drew many people to become faithful Christians. Vincent returned to Benedict in Avignon and asked him to resign. Benedict refused. One day while Benedict was presiding over an enormous assembly, Vincent, though close to death, mounted the pulpit and denounced him as the false pope. He encouraged everyone to be faithful to the one, true Catholic Church in Rome. Benedict fled, knowing his supporters had deserted him. Later, the Council of Constance met to end the Western Schism.