

GOOD

moment

Visitation
Church

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

27 APRIL 2025

Happy Easter to all! To mark these next six Sundays of the Easter Season as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, we will include a bulletin insert with some Visitation Church parishioners' reflections based on this question:

"Where in your life have you experienced God?"

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy 27 April 2025

1. I experienced God when I was coming out of a coma. Jesus was with me.
2. I was involved in a car accident in which I was at fault due to drinking and speeding. I should never have been behind the wheel or allowed myself to drink the way I did. I not only caused harm to myself but others. Thankfully, I only walked away with some bruises and the others were not harmed but the guilt weighed and I knew I needed to change.
3. I am thankful for God giving me life.
4. Almighty God, peace be upon Him, has given me a beautiful family and children. He blessed me with abundance and I am eternally grateful.
5. Fr. Wichert introduced me to the Ignatian prayer method during my grieving period for my husband. He began with "Close your eyes. See the face of Jesus, see the face of Jesus." Then, from above, I saw Jesus from head to toe wearing a flowing royal blue robe, sandals, and His hand outstretched coming toward me. Midway, a bright narrow ribbon was approaching Him as he came closer to me as Jesus touched my right shoulder, I was enveloped in the light of the bright ribbon, and I said, "Father, Jesus touched my shoulder and I felt that light surround me when I received the gift of tongues." Father said, "That was the Holy Spirit." Since that moment my cascade of fear from mourning dried up and my life became again one of joy, service, thanksgiving and peace and love. Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
6. God is always with us, always there with us everyday. His mercy endures forever.
7. My mother was dying, the priest came in to pray with the family at the hospital as she lay in bed. She peacefully left us shortly after.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 MAY 2025

Welcome! Here are the next reflections in our continuing series of Easter sharings on where parishioners have encountered God in their lives. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

1. A friend of mine, a single woman “D”, had experienced much suffering due to cancer. My wife and I prayed for her often as well as helping her out. We really couldn’t see a way forward for her life. She finally ended up in hospital. We found out another neighbor had befriended her ‘out of the blue’, it seemed and was able to visit her in hospital. It was she who called us to tell us of ‘D’s passing. But she told us she was glad to have been there for “D’s” passing because she had recently lost her father and brother to tragic circumstances and being with ‘D’ at her passing, while hard, helped her be at peace with her father’s and brother’s passings. We told this woman she was an answer to our prayer for “D’s” ‘way forward.’ It was very consoling to us to see how God acted in all of our lives to bring us his peace in this difficult situation.
2. When I shared, I was going to ask my girlfriend to move in with me, my friend said ‘you either love her or you don’t. If you love her, you should ask her to marry you.’ I did and we are now married 30 plus years. Without this guidance I wonder if we would be married.
3. I thank God for all his blessings that he shows every day. He’s always there when I am at my lowest.
4. On June 2023 my first grandson at 6 months was flown to LA Children’s Hospital from Guam for an open heart surgery. He had a huge heart murmur that couldn’t close on its own. As his parents and I sat there for hours and hours waiting I closed my eyes and asked God to show or send me a sign that my “Bubba Love” was going to be perfectly fine. I felt God’s presence by His touch through me and I saw him standing in front of me. “God is good.” “All the time.” Amen
5. I needed emergency specialty surgery. All the doctors either didn’t do this type of surgery or were scheduled too many months out. My doctor asked another doctor and he said he’d see me the next day—and I had surgery 3 days later. A ‘God-moment’ for sure!
6. God has been with me through all my life’s tribulations and continues to bless me.
7. During this Lenten season I have felt so much closer to Jesus and His Passion and Death on the Cross for my sins and the world.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 MAY 2025

Hello again, friends, in the Pope St. John XXIII family! Here is our next series of God-moment reflections. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

1.I was longing and preparing to enter the Catholic Church and one time, I walked out onto our deck and standing there experienced what I knew to be pure joy. I believe this was God giving me a taste of heaven to encourage me.

2.God has brought our family together with faith and hope regardless of challenges in life. He is the light in our challenging times and when we pray and believe, He has always answered to let us know that He is present and within us.

3.Our son, who was suffering greatly at the end of his life, died quickly.

4.When my children and grandchildren were born.

5.With thanks and gratefulness I thank the Lord God for the gift of healing my two sons who had cancer. I also thank Him for sustaining and providing for us, especially when my husband died. And for the gift of life always I have from you, Lord.

6.It's hard to remember specific details at the moment, but I'd say more than once I was spared from being in a car accident.

7.I was raised a Christian Scientist. By God's grace, I married a devout Catholic. I was baptized into the faith in 1991. I have grown in faith, especially in the last 10 years by God's grace. My faith means everything to me and I try to spread the Word by my actions and words.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 MAY 2025

Hello all on this Sixth Sunday of the Easter season! May the stories of God's presence in these lives draw you closer to the Risen Jesus in your own life!

1. Over 58 years ago, God blessed me with the love of my life who has been my best friend all of our years together.
2. God was with us when our family was in a car accident. We all survived but both car and RV were totaled. We were blessed and continue to be blessed.
3. I am grateful that my parents brought me into the world. God bless them and may they rest in peace. Thank you, God, and thank you for all my family, friends, and all people.
4. I prayed for my mom when she was sick and that's when I knew God is with me because my mom was feeling better the next day.
5. Currently, I am going through cancer treatment—and now, I have decided to stop treatment. My body is healthy except for the cancer, and I don't want to put myself through unnecessary pain until it's time. So, any miracle people are praying for me I ask that God give to our cancer children who suffer so much. It so happens that my miracle was given to our godchild who had cancer and is now cancer-free, praise God!
6. In 2001 I was diagnosed with stage four kidney cancer that had spread to my lung, spine and aorta. I was sent home to die. Christ of the Eucharist healed me.
7. The first time I believed God bless me, I was about five years old. I fell off the tailgate of a pick-up truck that my father was backing up. I was backed over on my right femur. My leg did not break since I fell off in a very sandy area. What a miracle! I thought it was luck until about age 8 when I became more aware of God in my life as my faith grew stronger. Needless to say, I have felt God's hand in my life many times since then. He lives in all of us!