

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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March 29, 2026 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory. ~ Colossians 3:4*

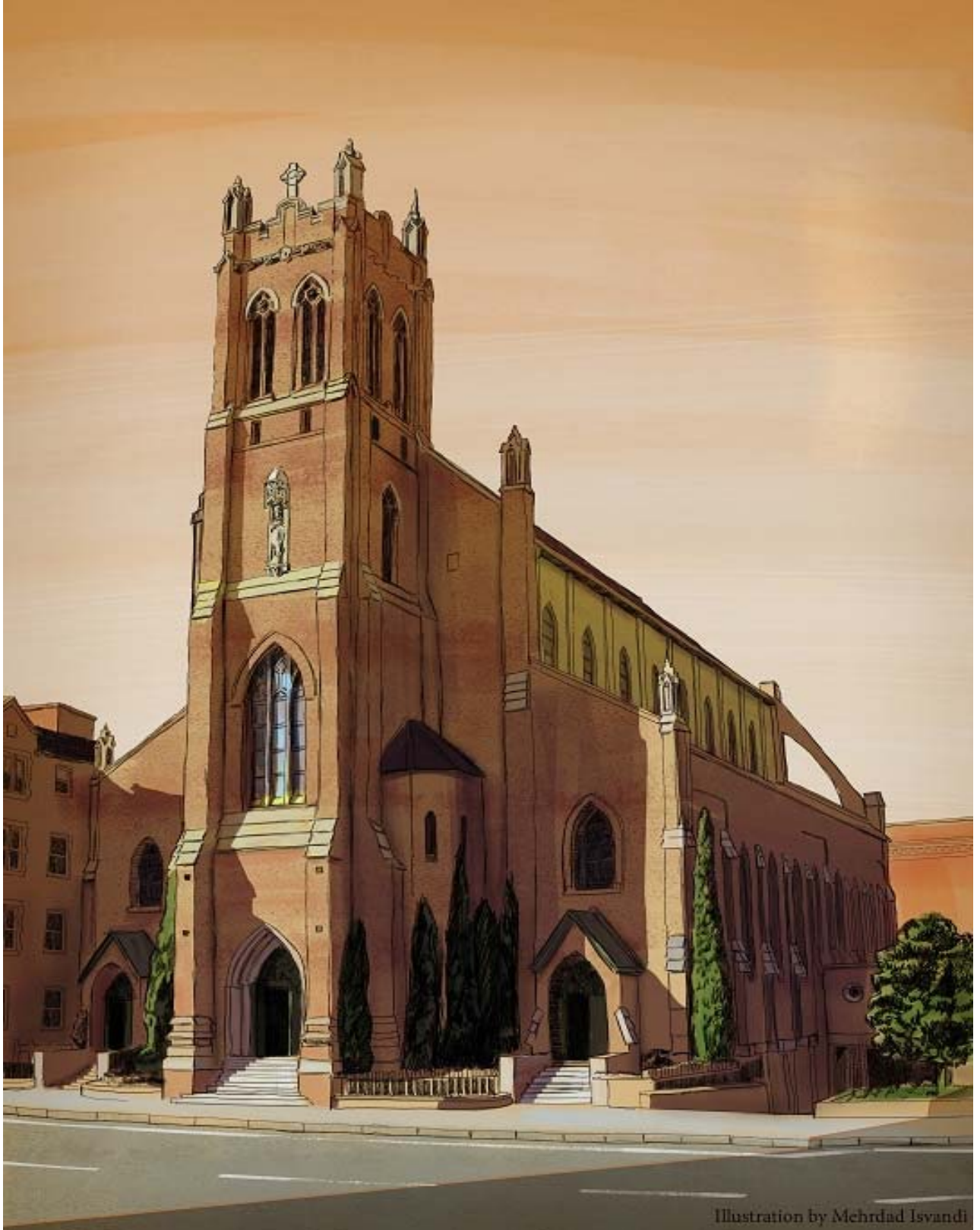


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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter 1:24, he writes that he rejoices in his sufferings because they are "filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" This does not mean that Jesus' Passion and death were not enough to save us, but that in God's mysterious plan we can join our own sufferings with His for the good of the Church. When we pray, do penance for our sins, and give alms for the poor during Lent we are able to help ourselves and others, both materially and spiritually. I invite all of us to use this holy time to unite our Lenten sacrifices with those of Christ for the good of the Church, particularly for our parish and the people of our parish family.

I also want to invite you to experience anew the richness of our faith by participating in the various Easter celebrations. In them we remember the central mystery of our faith: Christ's death and resurrection. We are blessed when you are present. Please plan on attending – and bring a friend!

Through your Easter Flower offering we add beauty to our altars and remind us to pray for those who have gone before us. The flowers also stand as a reminder of Christ's triumph over death. They remind us that we are called to be Christ-like to one another, to resurrect goodness in our own lives and in those of our brothers and sisters. Let them also remind us to strive to become CHRIST to one another.

Every year we depend on your faithful Easter contribution which helps the parish to meet its financial responsibilities. Thank you and may your generosity be blessed by the Risen Lord. Through the power of the Lord's resurrection may we, with faith and courage, be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world.

I, and all who work here at Saint Patrick Church, pray that the blessings and grace of this Holy Season be with you and your loved ones. HAPPY EASTER!

Yours in Christ the Teacher,
Fr. Spyrow
Pastor

Living God's Word

We are "the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:41). Do we recognize Christ's risen presence and receive his life-giving Spirit in the Eucharist?

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Dancing for Joy

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.

~ Alexander Carmichael

Damaged Blessed Items

If you have any damaged blessed items, including statues and Bibles, as well as sacramentals, such as crucifixes and rosaries, please feel free to drop them off in our gift shop. We'll make sure they are disposed of properly and respectfully.

Vocation

A vocation is a grace. By its nature it presupposes and requires that a voice should be heard - the voice of the Father through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, the wonderful invitation: Come!

~ Pope Paul VI

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Camelle Mae Sudario	4/5	Valeria Castellanos	4/9
Teresa Cahandig	4/6	Chelsea Ann Gomez	4/9
Matteo Trentini	4/6	Maria Wiles	4/9
Andrea Deniece	4/7	Ivan John Dalapit	4/10
April Viernes	4/7	Kaeden Cliff Carabbacan	4/11
Roel Francis Curameng	4/8		

No 2:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday

We will NOT have our usual 2:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday here at St. Patrick.

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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We have 86 Lifetime Donors as of 28 January 2026

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St. Patrick 175th Anniversary Gala

From humble beginnings on 4th St here in San Francisco way back in 1851, we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary as a parish on June 6, 2026.

Dinner tickets for \$100 may still be available

from the various parish organizations

Raffle tickets are still available from the parish office (\$25 for a booklet of three, sold as booklets only)

Sponsorships are also available in our Gala program. Please contact the parish office for more details.

As part of our Gala celebration, on Sunday, May 31st, we will serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses which will coincide with our ministry fair. Come and see what's going on ministry-wise at St. Patrick. You just might find something that will inspire you to join. See some old friends, make some new friends, have some coffee and donuts, and maybe join a parish organization. What could be better than that!!

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

FATHER HARRY

God Squad
PRODUCTIONS

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to FatherHarry.org. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

Beware of Scams

Please be informed that no priest from St. Patrick will ever ask for gift cards, checks, or any form of personal financial assistance. Be aware that scammers may use our email addresses or impersonate our clergy in an attempt to deceive you. If you receive any suspicious messages requesting money or personal information, do not respond and report immediately. Your safety and security are our priority. Thank you for your vigilance.

Christ has Risen

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

~ Byzantine Pentekostarion

The Cross

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

~ Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Roman Missal

An expanded color version of our printed bulletin, with online-only content, is available on our website: www.stpatricksf.org

Mass Intentions for Mar 29 - Apr 04

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 05	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	SI Justin Edwards SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick BD Camelle Sudario
Monday 06	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Nicomedes & Juanita Abello † Raymond Mandigma SI Francis & Cristina Agbayani
Tuesday 07	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Enrique Grajales, Sr SI Marilou Alegre
Wednesday 08	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Mario Villanueva BD Linda Hoban TG Domingo Ordoveza
Thursday 09	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Enrique Grajales, Sr SI Corazon M. Ambata
Friday 10	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong TG Rosy Ordoveza † Bishop Rubon Profugo, D.D.
Saturday 11	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon TG Luluday Villanueva SI Rev. Roberto Andrey

Easter

It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.

~ Katharine Lee Bates



HELPLINES FOR CLERGY/CHURCH SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

(415) 614-5506 This number is answered by Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT, Archdiocesan Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. This is a secured line and is answered only by Rocio Rodriguez.

(415) 614-5503 If you wish to speak to a non-archdiocesan employee please call this number. This is also a secured line and is answered only by a victim survivor.

(800) 276-1562 Report sexual abuse by a bishop or a bishop's interference in a sexual abuse investigation to a confidential third party. www.reportbishopabuse.org

Rejoice and Be Glad

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.

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Our Fascinating Faith Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke’s Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church’s Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem’s familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism’s comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world’s challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ’s living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence.

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Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Feb 26 – Apr 16 Life Giving Wounds online support group for adults with divorced or separated parents. Thursdays (except 4/2), 5:15 – 7:00pm PT. This support group offers adult children of divorce or separation an opportunity to begin or deepen their healing journey in communion with one another under the guidance of LGW leaders and expert speakers. Retreat Info & Registration: lifegivingwounds.org/online-support-group

Apr 11 annual Archdiocesan Catholic Women’s Conference, A Retreat with the Merciful Heart of Jesus, Star of the Sea Church (4420 Geary Blvd, SF). Featuring Fr. Jim McCormack, and Sister Inga Kvassyova. Day includes opportunities for Reconciliation, and 4:30pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, an opportunity to receive the Divine Mercy Sunday Indulgence for the “Feast of Mercy.” Registration opens soon

Short Lent

Those have a short Lent, who owe money to be paid at Easter.

~ Benjamin Franklin

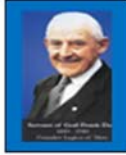
LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL **PRÆSIDIUM**



Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall

The Legion Family Worldwide
On all continents
In over 170 countries
4 million active members
5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

Catholic Prayer Corner
Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
has risen, as he foretold, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world
by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Grant, we beseech you,
that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,
his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

When the women came to the tomb of Jesus, two men said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but ..."

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R	E	E	A
A	H	H	D
I	S	E	

H _____."

Answer: *he has been raised*

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Easter Sunday

"Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the ONE WHO LIVES. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."
-Revelation 1:18

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saint snippets

"The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."
-Wisdom 3:1

St. Stanislaus the Martyr
11th-century bishop of Krakow martyred by the Polish king after opposing the unjust government. He is the patron saint of Poland.

April 11

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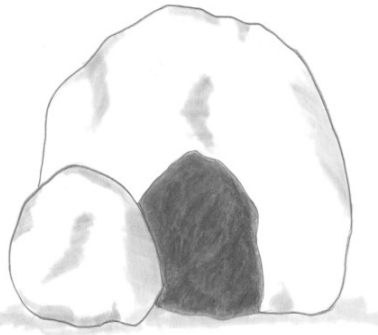
CATHOLIC CORNER

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.



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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

Rejoice!
 He is
 Risen



Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
 exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
 let the trumpet of salvation
 sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!
Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

Easter SUNDAY

April 05, 2026

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

Psalms 118:24

Pastor Al™

CHRIS McDONOUGH

"With Pastor Al, you don't need to see a basket full of candy to know it's Easter Sunday."

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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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The Fifty Days of Easter

(from Days of the Lord, Vol. 3, Easter Triduum/Easter Season)

The Easter season is, except for Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season and, more importantly, it is different from the rest. Advent has a dual focus: the solemnities at Christmas and Christ's second coming at the end of time. Lent is a preparation for the yearly celebration of Easter. Ordinary Time forms an integrated whole; moreover, it runs from the Baptism of the Lord until Ash Wednesday, and from the Monday after Pentecost until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. The Easter season, on the other hand, is not a preparation for a solemnity, but a prolongation of that just celebrated.

- ♦ The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "great Sunday".
- ♦ These above all others are the days for the singing of the *Alleluia*.
- ♦ The Sundays of this season rank as the paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday itself, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The period of fifty sacred days ends on Pentecost Sunday.
- ♦ The first eight days of the Easter season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

(General Norms for the Liturgical Year)

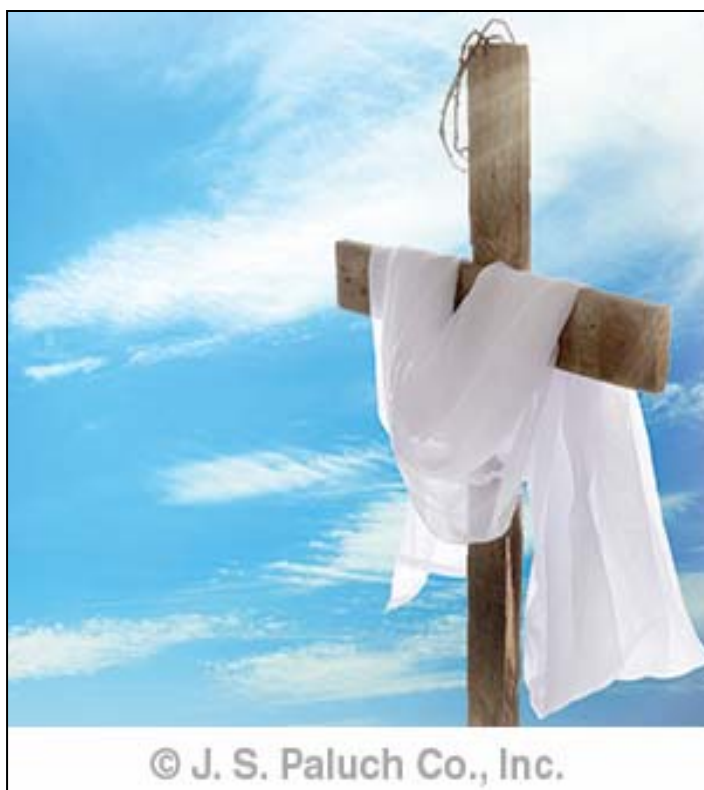
How to Receive Communion

Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. Around the year A.D. 390, Cyril of Jerusalem indicated that the early Church practiced Communion in the hand when he instructed his audience: "*Approaching, therefore, come not with thy wrists extended, or thy fingers open; but make thy left hand as if a throne for thy right, which is on the eve of receiving the King. And having hallowed thy palm, receive the body of Christ, saying after it, 'Amen.'* Then after thou hast with carefulness hallowed thine eyes by the touch of the holy body, partake thereof; giving heed lest thou lose any of it; for what thou lovest is a loss to thee as it were from one of thine own members. For tell me, if anyone gave thee gold dust, wouldst thou not with all precaution keep it fast, being on thy guard against losing any of it, and suffering loss?" (*Catechetical Lectures 23:22*).

The Congregation of the Sacraments and Divine Worship permitted the U.S. Bishops' Conference to authorize reception of Communion in the hand on July 25, 1977, provided the local bishop implements the practice in his diocese. Once implemented, the option to receive Communion either in the hand or on the tongue always remains with the communicant. No priest, deacon, acolyte, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion may refuse a communicant Communion on the tongue. Likewise, once the local bishop has introduced Communion in the hand, none may refuse a communicant Communion in the hand (except when Communion is being given by intinction, in which case it must be given on the tongue).

Finally, after you have received Communion, it is appropriate to stay after Mass and thank Jesus for coming to you in the Holy Eucharist. The Church mandates that: "The faithful are to be recommended not to omit to make a proper thanksgiving after Communion. They may do this during the celebration with a period of silence, with a hymn, psalm or other song of praise, or also after the celebration, if possible by staying behind to pray for a suitable time" (*Inaestimabile Donum 17*).

After receiving Jesus into one's own body and being drawn more closely into his, how could one do any less?



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Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Easter is here at last! All the days of Lenten discipline and the sadness of Good Friday are over and we are here to rejoice. The readings remind us that we have a lot to rejoice about: the life of Jesus, his death and resurrection, and his promise to us. The psalm describes the stone, Jesus, who was rejected and who has become the very foundation of our faith. But it is John who tells the story of those first moments of uncertainty, fear, and excitement experienced by Mary of Magdala and two disciples, John and Simon Peter, when they discover that their beloved Jesus is not where they had buried him. Even though they do not understand the full meaning of his absence, they still believe.

Gone

Acts gives us the whole story in a nutshell. Jesus was baptized, anointed, and preached. He was crucified, died, and rose. Each line of the Gospel gives us a bit more information about this unfolding mystery that Mary of Magdala, John, and Simon Peter are encountering. First, Mary comes and sees just the stone removed from the entrance to the tomb and knows something is wrong. Then John comes and sees the burial cloths lying in the tomb. Finally, Peter comes and enters the tomb and sees the cloths spread around the tomb. But there is no body. What are they to do? What are we to do?

But Not Forgotten

Do they understand it all? Do we understand it? No. Not even Jesus' closest friends knew what to make of his absence. But this absence, the absence of his body, does not feel like the loss we experienced on Friday as we recalled his painful, agonizing death. Then we felt loss and fear and a profound emptiness. But his absence today fills us with hope and joy and a peace we only feel when the one we thought was lost is found again. We believe even without understanding because we experience not just his death but his whole life, a life that, as the disciples and we will soon realize, is transformed. We can believe that what Jesus said is true. Every word he spoke about his life and death, about his love for us and for the Father, every transformation of water to wine, every curing of the sick of body and soul, every day spent in the company of outcasts and the poor, every word of comfort and challenge, all of it is true because not even death itself could hold our beloved friend within a tomb.

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At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.' Hungry not only for bread -- but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing -- but naked for human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks -- but homeless because of rejection.

~ Mother Teresa

Living Stewardship Now

Take time to serve someone with physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Teach an adult to read, take someone wheelchair-bound out for a ride, record books for the blind, give parents of a disabled child a "time-out."

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The Spirituality of Stewardship

Stewardship is the basic expression of Christian discipleship. By stewardship we recognize that God is the origin of all life, the giver of everything, and the source of our freedom and giftedness. We respond to this grace of God through prayer, by serving God and God's people through ministry and by sharing our *time, talent and treasure* with those in need.

Stewards do four things: 1) receive God's gifts gratefully; 2) nurture God's gifts responsibly; 3) share God's gifts justly and charitably; and 4) return those gifts to God abundantly.

Over the years the categories of *time, talent and treasure* (the 3 T's) have been used in talking about stewardship. Here, we focus on prayer, service and sharing.

Prayer is about our relationship with God. How important is this for us? Of the 168 hours per week, of the 144 daily ten-minute slots, how much time do we use in prayer? Of course, the most important prayer is the Eucharist in which we hear God's word and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Stewards are Eucharistic people.

Service is about gifts and needs. We acknowledge the gifts God has given us and we place these gifts at the service of those in need. Service is expressed in ministries like worship, education, community, social justice, leadership, and evangelization. Stewardship of service is not so much that we do things for others but rather Jesus is doing something for others through us.

Stewards are generous people having a grateful heart realizing that all gifts come from the Lord. They feel an obligation to return the first and best portion (be it 3%, 5%, 10%, 20% or more) of their gifts to God, to the Church and other charities. They refuse to be co-opted by a culture of greed and live a life of hoarding. We can ask: can a person claim to be a disciple of the Lord if they are not sharing generously of their financial resources?

There is a strange phenomenon in stewardship. The greater the generosity and the sacrifice, the greater the joy. Joy is impossible without generosity, and joy is the infallible sign of God's presence.



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Treasures From Our Tradition

Easter is a full two weeks earlier this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with “golden numbers,” “dominical letters,” and “epacts” measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. The last time all Christians celebrated together was at the dawn of the millennium in 2001. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

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Feast of Faith

The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: “whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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Remembering Baptism

Each year we celebrate a ritual that the Church prescribes for us specifically on Easter Sunday. At Masses on Easter we are called to renew our baptismal promises. We once again renounce Satan and profess our belief in God, as well as acknowledge all the wonderful works that God has done throughout salvation history. We do so at this central point of the liturgical year for one major reason. Once a year, after the penitential practices of Lent, we remember that at the moment of our baptism, we were configured to Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose to save the world from the power of sin. This remembrance of our baptism is much more than the kind of remembering we do when we flip through a family photo album or review digital pictures of a recent vacation or family event. The remembrance we celebrate today through the renewal of baptismal promises reminds us that we are commissioned to be the risen Christ for others here and now.

Becoming the Risen Christ

Through the renewal of our baptismal promises we remember that in baptism we were joined to Christ’s death and resurrection. What we can easily forget is that in baptism we were also joined to the life that Christ lived while on earth. We need not look too far to discover that the Lord Jesus came to call sinners to himself in order to share with them the wonderful gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Through our own baptism, we are called to imitate Christ. We are to let people know that, in and through Jesus Christ, true forgiveness and reconciliation are possible. As we lift heart and voice, singing the words of today’s responsorial psalm, let us rejoice and be glad that in our baptism we have become the risen Christ for the world.

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Seeds of Faith

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information “bullet points.” Scripture scholars call them *kerygma*, or “kernels” of our faith. Actually, “kernels” or “seeds” are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection, exactly how these *kerygma* began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter “seeds” of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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Empty

Andrew was born with mild Down syndrome. He loved to go to religion class after Mass on Sunday. Nine other children there learned, laughed, and played together. Andrew was not really part of the group. He did not choose to be different; he just was, and his classmates mostly ignored him. On the first Sunday after Easter his teacher arrived with ten plastic eggs. She gave one to each child and they all went outside to find symbols of new life to put into their eggs. They ran around the church grounds in the spring sunshine and brought their treasures back inside. The children gathered around and the teacher opened the first egg: it held a beautiful flower, and they “ooh-ed” and “aah-ed.” She opened another and there was a little butterfly. In the third egg they saw a fresh green leaf. The fourth egg had nothing inside. The children, as eight-year-olds will, said, “That’s stupid! Somebody didn’t do it right.” The teacher felt a tug on her shirt and looked down. “It’s mine,” Andrew said. The children cried, “You don’t ever do things right, Andrew. There’s nothing there!” “I did so do it right!” said Andrew. “The tomb is empty!” There was sudden silence. From that time on, Andrew became a part of the group. He was set free from the tomb of his difference. Andrew died last summer of an infection that most children could have quickly shrugged off. At his funeral Mass, nine eight-year-old children, together with their teacher, marched up to the altar, not with flowers to cover over the stark reality of death, but with an empty egg—an empty, old, discarded pantyhose egg—and placed it on the altar steps. The tomb is empty!

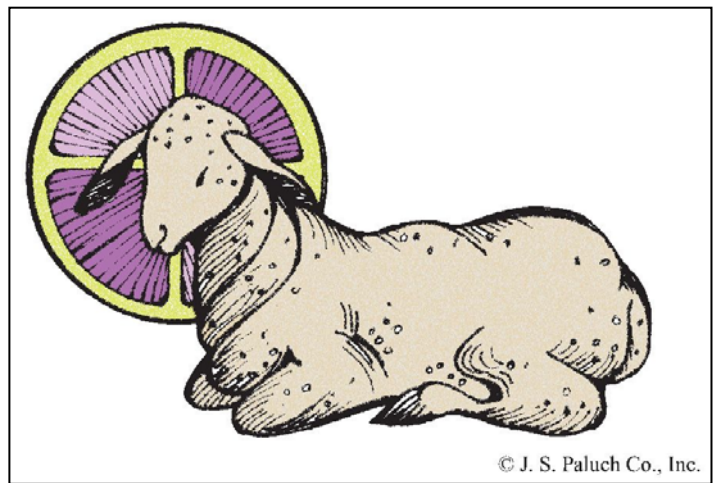
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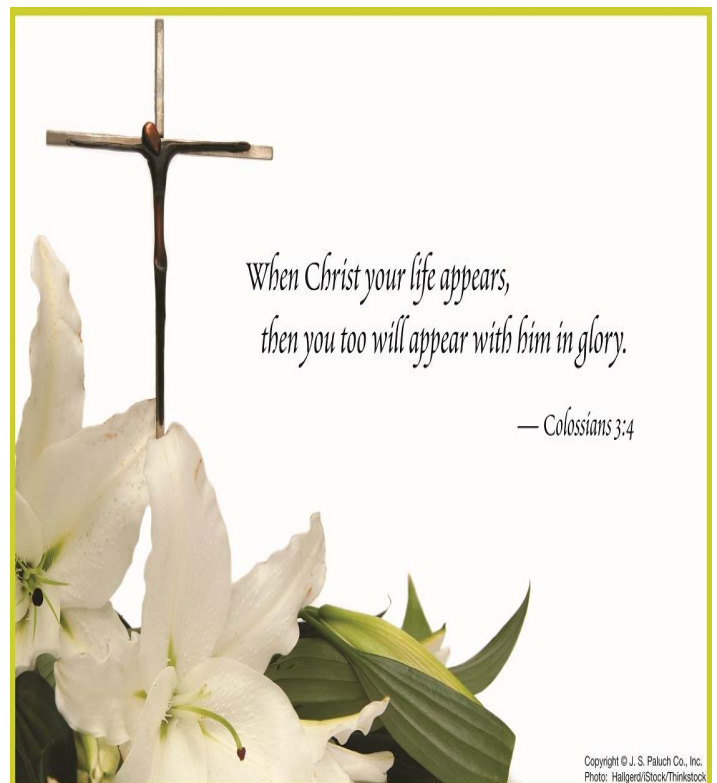
The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to 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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— Colossians 3:4

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Joy With No End

Now let the heav’ns be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The whole world keep high triumph
And all that is therein;
Let all things in creation
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end.

~ John Mason Neale

Easter Sunday

April 05, 2026

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

~ Colossians 3:4



What Do You Know?

“What do you know?” is the question linking all three readings today. Imagine the shock waves that shot through the city of Jerusalem that first Easter morning. Jesus’ body was missing! By the time Peter spoke the words found in today’s first reading, fifty days had passed, so he began by saying, in effect, “I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth.” Of course they knew by then, but in today’s Gospel we are taken back to the first day. We meet Mary Magdalene exclaiming, “We don’t know where they put him!”

What do we know? In the second reading Paul asks, “Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?” Do we know the power of our own faith? Do we know the effect we can have on others?

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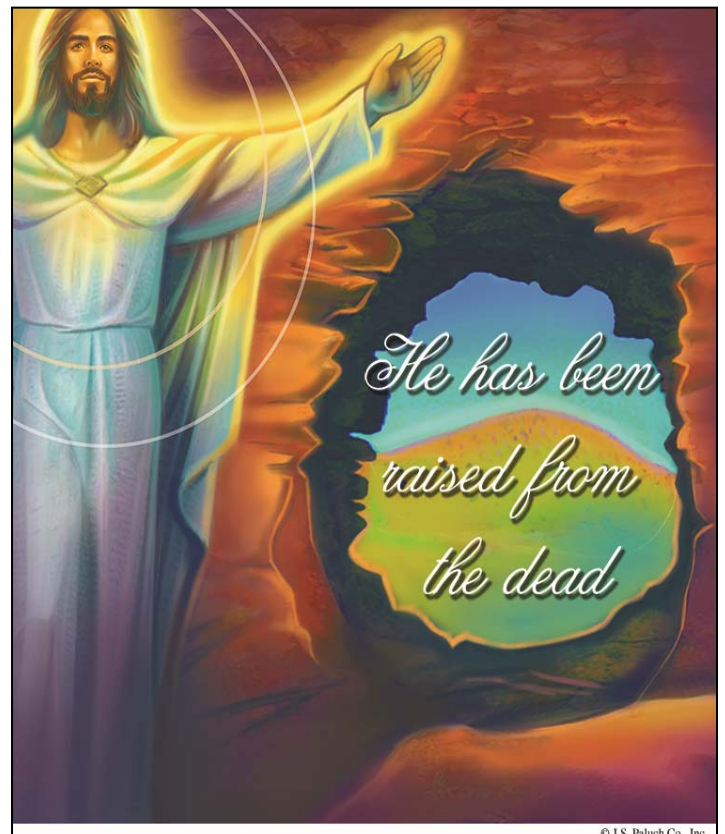
Reflecting on God’s Word

Sports reporters love to describe games in the present tense. A television announcer will say of the play that won the game, “If she doesn’t get that rebound her team walks away without the win.” A journalist writing for the next day’s paper will write, “She sees the block coming and gets the shot off just in time.” The purpose of this technique is to make us feel as though we are witnessing the event here and now.

In the scriptures that describe the events of Easter the present tense is no reporter’s technique. It is the core of our belief in the Resurrection. Yes, Christ was raised from the dead two thousand years ago, but that’s only the beginning of the story. Christ *is* risen and we *are* witnessing that event here and now. Those who were reborn in baptism, anointed in confirmation, and ate and drank with the Lord in the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil can attest to that truth. Christ *is* risen, and is filling those who believe with his life-giving Spirit today. As we give witness to our faith we would do well to follow the lead of the sports reporters and the psalmist, who sings, “This *is* the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Alleluia!

~ Virginia Stillwell

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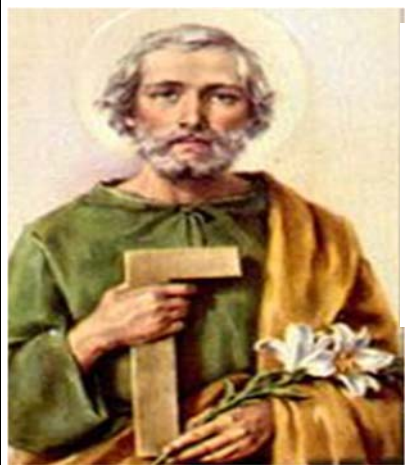
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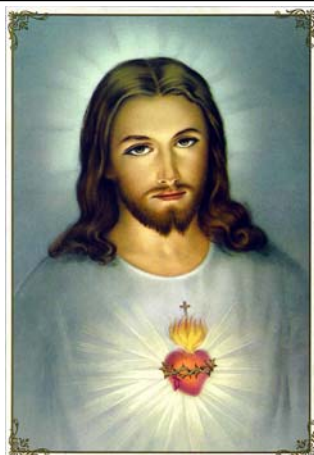
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Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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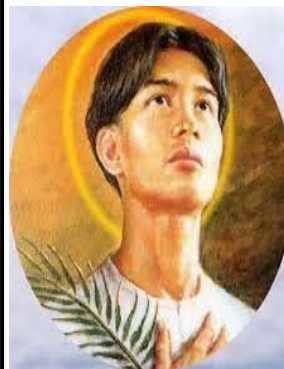
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