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ALLELUIA!



Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever - it gave them hope.

Also, because He rose from the dead, now we too can rise from the dead after we die.

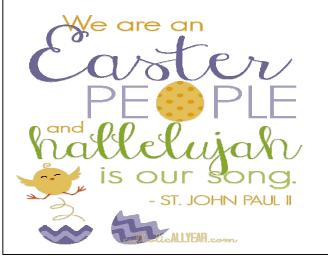
Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour, that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed? How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then - some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with vou!"

Now what would you think?

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Today is the day for rejoicing! JESUS IS ALIVE!



EASTER PRAYER

Risen Lord, we greet you with joy this Easter Morning, and we thank you for the gift of new life. Bless our food, our family and our friends, and help us to celebrate this Easter in our hearts as we rejoice in the Good News of your Resurrection.

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Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story? See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

- 1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
- 2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
- 3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
- 4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
- 5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
- 6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
- 7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

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Our Risen Lord.

esus is nowhere visible, yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He had not been carted off by grave robbers who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb", seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us the Apostles were commissioned to preach and to testify to all that they had seen, from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan, to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him. Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them, that He was "the stone which the builders rejected," who the Psalm prophesies, will be resurrected and exalted.

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb and give thanks for Christ our life, as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come, the day when we too will appear with Him in glory.

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CONFESSIONS

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Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. 6.00 - 6.45p.m. by appointment

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First Reading Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Second Reading

Col.3: 1-4

Gospel

Jn.20: 1-9

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers: 5:45a.m.

MONDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 6:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

12:30 & 6:00 p.m. G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m. Monchy: 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 6:30 a.m./7:00 p. m.

SUNDAY G/Islet/G.Riviere 7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY 7:00 a.m.

CHRIST IS RISEN

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast:

"Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord! Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day. Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Fare royally upon it - the calf is a fatted one.

Let no one go away hungry. All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith! All enjoy the riches of His goodness. Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared! Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

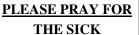
Let none fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled the power of hell when He descended thereto. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!' It is frustrated, for it is destroyed. It is frustrated, for it is annihilated. It is frustrated, for now it is made captive.

For it grabbed a body and discovered God. It took earth, and behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible. O Death, where is your sting? O Death, where is vour victory?

Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and life is set free. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead. For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever!

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

(excerpt: catholic.org)



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WEEKDAY READINGS

MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matt.28:8-15

TUESDAY

Acts2:36-41 Jn.20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10

Lk.24:13-35

THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26 Lk.24:35-48

FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12 Jn.21:1-14

4 **SATURDAY**

Acts 4:13-21 Mk.16:9-15

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MASS INTENTIONS EASTER - YEAR A **Healing:** Eric Hilaire Sun April 12 B'day: Maria Fowell, Waltrude Patrick Easter Sunday **Dc'd:** Members of the Popo family Mon April 13 Trona Bennett, Andrew Richardson Tue April 14 Wedd Ann: Claude & Mary Severin **B'day:** Joy Boxill Wed April 15 This is the day which the LORD has made; Wedd Ann: Jeanne & Keith Frederick B'day: Christiana Roach, Ben Joseph Let us rejoice and be glad in it Thu April 16 Thks: Stella Chong & family Dc'd: Albert & Letitia Laurent Fri April 17 Joanne Sidoine, Marie Joseph-Gaspard **B'day:** Leonie Lesmond, Bernitha Clery Psalm 118:24 Sat April 18 Wedd Ann: Peter & Alison Lewis

Praying in the time of the Coronavirus Crisis.

The spread of the Coronavirus is disturbing. There is a sense of the unknown: how bad will this get? Will it affect me? Just as we try to remind ourselves not to worry beyond the facts, the news reveals something more shocking. Fear is a very unsettling emotion. It can paralyze us and take away our ability to discern the right choices before us.

On one level it is critical that we follow sound advice from the medical community to prevent ourselves from getting the virus or from spreading it to others. But, on a far deeper level, we need to turn to prayer, to our relationship with God, to find the comfort and peace that we need the most. We can let go of our anxieties, place ourselves in our Lord's hands and ask for the grace to trust. We can trust that by turning to our God, we can rely on His love and presence, and can take courage in the fact that we are not alone. We remind ourselves that we are loved by God. We remind ourselves of the Good News itself - we are saved from the power of sin and death through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We can pray that the epidemic will come to an end soon, and that people who contract the virus will receive the care they need. And we can pray for those who are suffering, for the most vulnerable all over the world, and pray with those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Faith and trust can help us replace our anxiety with our mission - the mission each of us has - to love as we have been loved. When we ask God for the help to grow in compassion and care for those around us, a new level of purpose is given to us. We can feel the grace of being sent - missioned - to be for and with others in crisis. We can comfort others and help calm their fears, be a source of strength for those who are struggling. Our charity and the ways we reach out to others will transform our hearts. And we can make a real difference. Perhaps someone we know is shut-in at home and needs us to check in with a simple phone call daily, or perhaps needs us to for a trip to the store for necessities. The possibilities will come to us as we let our hearts be filled with the compassion of Christ.

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