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Holy Week and Easter Sunday - April 12, 2020

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Cancelled until further notice

Weekday Mass:

Cancelled until further notice

Local Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Cancelled until further notice

St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge

Cancelled until further notice

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Cancelled until further notice

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

Book of Prayer Requests:

Located in the back of church. Feel free to add your own prayer requests. The requests will be included in the Mass intercessions.

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Thank you for continuing to support our parish, during these unprecedented times. Your contributions received by dropping off at the parish, by mail, by bill pay and now online at: www.dioc.org/st-mary-coon-valley are sincerely appreciated. Do not mail cash, checks only please.

Giving Last Week	Week 14	4/5/2020
Adult Envelopes \$340.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory \$50.00	Received This Week	\$693.50
Good Friday \$20.00	YTD Needed	\$26,600.00
Easter \$115.00	YTD Received	\$25,246.50
Votive Candles \$165.00	Difference	(1,353.50)
Total \$693.00		
6 Env. Received		

Annual Appeal 2019-2020		
As of 04/08/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$15,447.50	\$14,907.50
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Over Target	\$3,692.50	\$3,152.50
Percent Pledged: 131.41%, Percent Received: 126.82%		
Number Contributing:	40	
WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET!!! ALL DONATIONS FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH!		
Thank you all who have donated! Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: https://dioc.org/donate-online , under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese.		

FROM FR. MATT

- **Thank you** to everyone for calls, letters, and e-mails about my birthday and during this COVID time. I am deeply touched that so many would reach out to ask how I'm doing. Please forgive how slow I am in getting back in touch with folks. My personality coupled with this unusual time we are in has lead me to "turtle up" so to speak, but I am doing well. I do pray for everyone every day, and look forward to the time when we can all gather together again at church. Thank you in the meantime for being church just as you are: tending to life at home, taking rest, working as best you can, and even finding ways to reach out to others in love. This is a strange Easter, but I'm praying to remember what this day is all about: life abounding in the most unexpected of times! Easter peace to you all.

- **There is now an offertory box** in the church by the Bulletins and gifts table. It is locked and heavily weighted so envelopes deposited there should be quite secure. I hope it is a help to people who want to drop off envelopes, notes, cards, or requests during this time. Found the thing upstairs in the choir loft, glad to put it back into use!

- Please **keep your Mite Box and Rice Bowl offerings from the season of Lent at home until COVID time passes**. Properly collecting the boxes would be a bit too complicated at this time. We will simply make our offerings when Masses resume at some point in the near future. Thank you for your patience! If you have questions, please let me know.

Intentions

Intentions will be prayed for privately by Father Matt on the day scheduled, please add these intentions to your own, in your prayers from home.

Apr. 09 ~ Holy Thursday - †Bernard Humfeld
Apr. 10 ~ Good Friday
Apr. 11 ~ Holy Saturday - †Audrey Bissen
Apr. 12 ~ Easter Sunday - †Alex and Rose Roningen
Apr. 14 ~ Our Parish Family
Apr. 15 ~ Our Parish Family
Apr. 17 ~ Our Parish Family
Apr. 18 ~ †Leyton Stafslie
Apr. 19 ~ †Kylie Von Ruden

Upcoming Events/Calendar
All Scheduled Events/ Religious Education /Mass are Cancelled until further notice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church will be open for private prayer daily from 9AM until 7 PM. (please practice good social distancing and Maximum of 10 persons) • If you are currently homebound or under quarantine and need assistance, please call Fr. Matt at 608-738-6806 or 452-3841. We have people ready and willing to help.

<p>Televised Masses: WXOW CH 19 La Crosse – Sunday: 9:30 AM EWTN (cable/sat.) – Sunday: 7 AM & 11 AM Daily: 7 AM & 6 PM or online at stmarycv.org or at https://diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/.</p> <p>Catholic Broadcasting: EWTN Catholic Cable Television Vernon Telephone Cable – Chan. 143 MediaCom Chan 15 – Coon Valley Chan 74 – La Crosse also available via satellite</p>

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Cathedral Live Stream Mass Schedule

The Cathedral Live Stream Schedule is available at diolc.org/live
 Live Holy Thursday with Bishop Callahan – 5:00pm
 Live Good Friday with Bishop Callahan – 12:00pm
 Live Holy Saturday with Bishop Callahan – 7:00pm
 Live Easter Sunday with Bishop Callahan – 9:30am
 Live Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral Mass in English – 8:00am
 Mass in Spanish – 8:30am

Free online access to the following is now being offered:

- Daily Mass with the Pope!
<http://catholicstv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>
- A variety of other daily and Sunday Masses:
<http://catholicstv.org/masses>
- <https://giveusthisday.org/Digital#>
- <https://us.magnificat.net/free>
- <http://www.livingwithchrist.us/e-ressource/>
- <https://wau.org/meditations/>

USCCB President Calls for National Moment of Prayer on Good Friday

Please join the faithful in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart. Friday, April 10, 2020 (Good Friday) 11:00 AM CDT. Livestream: <http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-52.cfm> and Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Text of Litany of the Sacred Heart is found on the above site in both English and Spanish. See the information under the Social Media: Invitation link on that site.

LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention Scholarship:

Over the last several years, through a generous grant, people from our diocese who work with young people have been able to attend this convention for free. There are a few more scholarships available for the convention that will be held June 7-10, 2020. If you have not attended this convention, or know of someone who has not attended this convention, please email Andrew Brueggen, our LifeTeen Area Coordinator at youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com.

Adventure Camp: Here are the dates for Adventure Camp this summer! We hope that you will bring a group and join us. This is for youth in grades 6-12. To register and get more details, please visit: <http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>
 Week 1: June 21-26, 2020; Week 2: June 28-July 3, 2020; Week 3: July 19-24, 2020

Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 19. In preparation for this feast, please consider praying the Divine Mercy Novena which is a nine-day prayer that begins on Good Friday (April 10) and ends with the Feast of the Divine Mercy.

Jesus told St. Faustina that an abundance of Mercy is offered to those who: 1) are merciful to others through deed, word and prayer, 2) make a good and sincere Confession during Lent (up to 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday), 3) worthily receive Holy Communion (or make an act of Spiritual Communion) on the Divine Mercy Feast Day (or Saturday vigil Mass), 4) venerate the Image of Divine Mercy, and 5) trust in God's Mercy.

If you want to learn more about Divine Mercy and what it can do for you, view the Image, find the Novena or Spiritual Communion prayer, visit thedivinemercy.org or view the Divine Mercy 101 video at FORMED.org by clicking on Search and typing in Divine Mercy 101 (if your parish has an account) otherwise Formed is offering 40 free days during this trying time.

Parish Announcements

Your Continued Support is much appreciated!

If you are able, please continue to support the parish financially. Our parish will continue to have financial obligations such as utilities, repairs, maintenance, supplies, payroll, education and obligations to the Diocese of La Crosse for Catholic Schools.

We are accepting **donations through the mail** and if you use online banking, please consider adding St. Mary's Parish to your **Bill Pay** by setting up St. Mary's Parish as payment and it will be mailed directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number). Online services now available: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley.

Online giving to St. Mary's Now Available

<https://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley/>

Bulletins—lets stay connected!

- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database)
- Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

At Home Triduum Prayers



HOLY THURSDAY

At supper, or some meal together, on Thursday...

Gathering Prayer - the leader says, “*Let us pray*”:

*God, you have gathered us here together
to share in the supper of Jesus
who shows your love for the whole world.
We pray that from this wonderful mystery,
tonight and always,
we may receive life and love in abundance
through each other,
and through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Prayer in Practice

Sometime before, during, or after the meal consider everyone sharing a story about a time when each person at table had an experience of being loved very much. Everyone can maybe conclude their sharing by saying “*that’s my story*”, and everyone can say “*Amen*”.

Washing of Feet

After the Gospel consider washing one another’s feet. Remind each other that you are all loved! Like at church this can be accompanied by music. Maybe pick a song that is special to you and your family.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

During supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry

them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Master, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later.”

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered him, “Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well.” Jesus said to him, “Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over...So when he had washed their feet he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am.

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection

April 6th is a big day for me each year. On that day in 2013 I made my promises to become a member of the clergy and I was ordained a deacon. I knew that at that ceremony I would be making seven promises. They’re lengthy prayers so I won’t be able to cite them here, but even as sure as I felt that I was on the right path, I was really scared.

The promises summed up pretty well why I knew this would change everything. I knew this would change more than I even knew. I had grown in clarity of my own imperfections and, working almost full time at a church at that point, I could see churches are imperfect too. I was very scared in the Winter of 2012. Was I really up to it? I suppose it must be similar to what goes through folks’ minds before a wedding...am I ready?

This Gospel story gave me strength. Like Peter I was kinda just stammering “but, but, but, but”. So many “what ifs” and declarations of unreadiness. Then this Gospel. A reminder to me then, and now, that our faith is much more a “both...and”. We are never alone: it’s us and God, you and me. We are all in this together, and I don’t have to be able to do everything on my own. Ready? What is ready?

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We are never ready. Maybe we can be ready enough though, and know we will need help. We will need someone to wash our feet. It'll be so humbling, so embarrassing. Yet, if we can muster the strength to be weak, time and again God shows us more is possible than we would have ever thought. Yes, this Gospel was Good News indeed. It gave me hope. Helped me to trust God...and others too!

You know the end of my story. I did get ordained (tah dah!) and here I am. Thank God I figured out ordination wasn't the end. It was just a beginning. This year I've decided afresh to keep on going. Won't you too? There's a ways left to go, and we don't know what we're doing. **But we're not alone. All of us and God...we're in this together.**

Prayer in Practice

Sometime during or after this pandemic consider doing something to show support and gratitude to one of the many persons involved in essential work during this time, e.g. healthcare workers, transportation service providers, governmental officials, etc. Do something to show them you are aware of their service. Offer a gas card, send flowers to work, do a chore for them you know they don't enjoy. The options are innumerable. Pick one person you know who has made service a priority...and return the favor.

Luke 24: 13-35



The Way to Emmaus - by [Robert Zund](#)

GOOD FRIDAY

*God of all,
the dying and rising of Jesus
has restored us to life.
Continue your healing work
within us
and as we celebrate the
mystery of your love
even unto death,
help us to grow in trust of
you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Readings

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12
Psalm 31
Hebrews 4: 14 - 16, 5: 7 - 9
John 18:1 - 19: 42

Reflection

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. (Jn 19: 30)

Is this a moment of failure? A moment of surrender? Maybe you could call it that. Jesus, his whole life long, had made it his choice to embrace God and others. Call it a surrender, you could also just call it love. Now at the end of his life Jesus' arms wonderfully express what has been the posture of his heart the whole while: openness to all that is.

No, Jesus had not healed every sick person on the planet. No, he had not established a just and loving society. No, Jesus did not tie up each and every loose thread of his life into a neat bow.

No. Jesus didn't accomplish any of that. What Jesus did, what we can do, is live our life all the way. To live as we are able. To make it our choice now, to live from the heart. It takes heaps of faith, hope, and love. It takes trust, and perseverance, and a generosity that, no lie, will hurt. But it works. When Jesus said, *it is finished*, he acknowledged that a life lived...period...is good. The door for the Lord Jesus to eternal life was shaped like his own. So is ours. And until it's finished then, let's decide to live, really live.

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General Absolution

To prepare for this celebration of God's love and tender compassion consider spending several minutes (perhaps 30 min or so) in total quiet. Be by yourself. Be with God. Gather up all that is within your heart and share it with God in that time. Your grief and pain, your joy and hope. During COVID time we have all been more isolated, but if you're like me you have often found ways to fill the silence, avoid the depths. Don't avoid the deep now. As Psalm 42 says, "*the deep is calling to the deep.*" God calls out now to you.

When the time of quiet is done, kneel or stand as you recite with your family, either the **I, Confess** or the **Act of Contrition** (for the prayer visit: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=43>)

Then the leader prays this prayer which I will also at 3 PM:

*God the Father does not wish the sinner to die, but to turn back and live.
God loved us first and sent the Son into the world to be our savior.
May God show us his merciful love and give us peace. Amen. (all respond "Amen")*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ was given up to death for our sins and rose again to set us free.
He sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles and gave them power to forgive sins.
Through the ministry of his Spirit may he deliver us from evil and fill us with life. Amen. (all respond "Amen")*

*The Spirit, the Comforter, was given to us for the forgiveness of sins.
In the Spirit we are one with God.
May God heal our hearts clothe us with power from on high so we proclaim by our lives that God has called us out of darkness into the light. Amen. (all respond "Amen")*

[As this prayer is now said, remember that you are joining to my prayer for our whole parish at 3 PM.
Everyone makes the Sign of the Cross over themselves as the leader prays]

*And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

For a penance, please consider:

Psalm 139

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue
you know it, O Lord, through and through.
Behind and before you besiege me,
your hand ever laid upon me.
Too wonderful for me this knowledge,
too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit,
or where can I flee from your face?
If I climb the heavens, you are there.
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,
even there your hand would lead me,
your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me
and the light around me be night,"
even darkness is not dark for you
and the night is as clear as the day.

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and molded in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw all my actions,
they were all of them written in your book;
every one of my days was decreed
before one of them came into being.

To me, how mysterious your thoughts,
the sum of them not to be numbered!
If I count them, they are more than the sand;
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

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O search me, God, and know my heart.
O test me and know my thoughts.
See that I follow not the wrong path
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Let us pray:

*Lord, shower blessing upon your people
who devoutly recall
the passion and death
of your Son.*

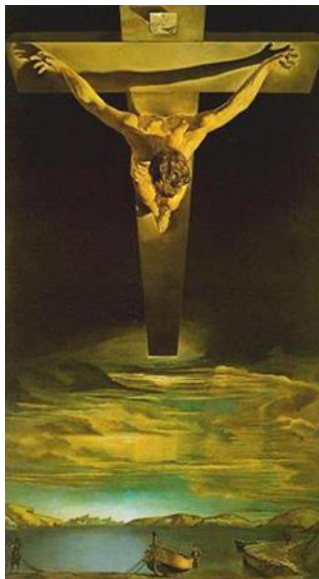
*Give us peace, bring us comfort.
Strengthen our trust in you,
and grow our hope in the resurrection
to life that never ends.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

EASTER VIGIL

Consider celebrating this vigil sometime around supper on Saturday. Light some candles and pray:

*In this most holy night
when our Lord Jesus
Christ
passed from death to life
we are invited to come
together
in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of
the Lord!
If we remember his dying
and rising,
hearing his word and
celebrating his mysteries,
then we can be certain
we are sharing
his victory over death
and living with him in
God.*



Let us pray:

*Father,
we bathe in the light of your love
with Jesus the light of the world.*

*Make this fire holy and
set us ablaze with hope.*

*May our Easter celebration
heal our minds and hearts,
and make us ready
for the life of Heaven.*

Though Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings - Listed above the line are the many Old Testament options for Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1 - 2: 2

Psalm 104

Genesis 22: 1 - 18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 1

Exodus 15: 2-18

Isaiah 54: 5 - 14

Psalm 30

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11

Isaiah 12: 2 - 6

Baruch 3: 9 - 15, 32 - 4: 4

Psalm 19

Ezekiel 36: 16 - 17A, 18 - 28

Psalm 42

Colossians 3: 1 - 4

Psalm 118

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Reflection - Pope Francis' homily from Easter 2014:

The Gospel of the resurrection of Jesus Christ begins with the journey of the women to the tomb at dawn on the day after the Sabbath. They go to the tomb to honour the body of the Lord, but they find it open and empty. A mighty angel says to them: “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5) and orders them to go and tell the disciples:

“He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee” (v. 7). The women quickly depart and on the way Jesus himself meets them and says: “Do not fear; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me” (v. 10). “Do not be afraid”, “do not fear”: these are words that encourage us to open

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our hearts to receive the message.

After the death of the Master, the disciples had scattered; their faith had been utterly shaken, everything seemed over, all their certainties had crumbled and their hopes had died. But now that message of the women, incredible as it was, came to them like a ray of light in the darkness. The news spread: Jesus is risen as he said. And then there was his command to go to Galilee; the women had heard it twice, first from the angel and then from Jesus himself: “Let them go to Galilee; there they will see me”. “Do not fear” and “go to Galilee”.

Galilee is the place where they were first called, where everything began! To return there, to return to the place where they were originally called. Jesus had walked along the shores of the lake as the fishermen were casting their nets. He had called them, and they left everything and followed him (cf. Mt 4:18-22).

To return to Galilee means to re-read everything on the basis of the cross and its victory, fearlessly: “do not be afraid”. To re-read everything – Jesus’ preaching, his miracles, the new community, the excitement and the defections, even the betrayal – to re-read everything starting from the end, which is a new beginning, from this supreme act of love. For each of us, too, there is a “Galilee” at the origin of our journey with Jesus. “To go to Galilee” means something beautiful, it means rediscovering our baptism as a living fountainhead, drawing new energy from the sources of our faith and our Christian experience. To return to Galilee means above all to return to that blazing light with which God’s grace touched me at the start of the journey. From that flame I can light a fire for today and every day, and bring heat and light to my brothers and sisters. That flame ignites a humble joy, a joy which sorrow and distress cannot dismay, a good, gentle joy.

In the life of every Christian, after baptism there is also another “Galilee”, a more existential “Galilee”: the experience of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ who called me to follow him and to share in his mission. In this sense, returning to Galilee means treasuring in my heart the living memory of that call, when Jesus passed my way, gazed at me with mercy and asked me to follow him. To return there means reviving the memory of that moment when his eyes met mine, the moment when he made me realize that he loved me.

Today, tonight, each of us can ask: What is my Galilee? I need to remind myself, to go back and remember. Where is my Galilee? Do I remember it? Have I forgotten it? Seek and you will find it! There the Lord is waiting for you. Have I gone off on roads and paths which made me forget it? Lord, help me: tell me what my Galilee is; for you know that I want to return there to encounter you and to let myself be embraced by your mercy. Do not be afraid, do not fear, return to Galilee!

The Gospel is very clear: we need to go back there, to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his resurrection.

This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth. Go back to Galilee, without fear!

“*Galilee of the Gentiles*” (Mt 4:15; Is 8:23)! Horizon of the Risen Lord, horizon of the Church; intense desire of encounter... Let us be on our way!

Prayer in Practice

During COVID time we have all had to be so mindful of hygiene. Maybe its made cleansing seem more a chore or pain, then a gift and pleasure. Consider the new life Jesus shares with us. Remember the Baptism that symbolizes it for us all, and the next time you wash your hands or take a bath, notice:

- how it warms or cools you, and soothes
- how it energizes you
- how it so gently enfolds you, entirely surrounding you yet doing no harm

Consider this a kind of Baptism and thank God for his presence all around you, for his healing and strengthening love.



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The Prayer of St. Patrick

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!

Daily Readings

Easter Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Peter speaks on Pentecost. The cross was a shock to the first Christians and so was the resurrection. In this speech of Peter, we “overhear” the first disciples using the Old Testament—especially the psalms—to understand what had taken place. **Matthew 28:8-15.** The central proclamation—Jesus’ appearance to the women at the tomb—is unique to Matthew. In effect, it places the previous proclamation of the angel on the very lips of Jesus himself. In this way, Matthew—ever the teacher—make the implicit explicit

Easter Tuesday Acts 2:36-41 Peter’s speech on Pentecost: the reaction.

The opening verse is really the climax of yesterday’s reading. The rest responds to the question: if the Easter proclamation is true, what difference should it make and what should we do?

John 20:11-18. The question in today’s gospel is powerful: “Who are you looking for?” With this question the Gospel comes full circle, because the very first words of Jesus in this Gospel are “What are you looking for? The shift from “what” to “who” marks the Christian journey. We are not looking for philosophy but a person.

Easter Wednesday Acts 3:1-10

The healing at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. Already in Acts 2:43 we read: Reverential awe came over everyone, and many wonders and miraculous signs came about by the apostles. This story is not just a healing from the past but a metaphor for the present, offered to us today as believers who may feel paralyzed.

Luke 24:13-35. The disciples on the road to Emmaus is a powerful account. At the centre stands a recognition/ accusation of “slowness of heart”, that is, resistance to the Easter proclamation. As we listen, we hear the stages or marks of an authentic journey to spiritual insight and faith.

Easter Thursday Acts 3:11-26

Peter explains Jesus’ destiny through the Old Testament. Sometimes Christians today feel that the God of the Old Testament is somehow a different God. In contrast,

the early Christians felt a very strong desire to show that the surprising outcome of Jesus life and ministry—his death and resurrection—was actually and in fact a fulfilment of things foreshadowed in the Old Testament. God’s continued fidelity was an important part of their faith.

Luke 24:35-48. Our Gospel today evokes several resurrection themes:

Daily Readings Continued

failure to recognize the risen Lord, the gift of peace and the confirmation of the reality of the resurrection. Perhaps, however, the very last lines speak directly to us today: in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

Easter Friday Acts 4:1-12

Peter proclaims Jesus to the religious authorities. The religious authorities of the time were against the teaching of resurrection at all and very much against saying Jesus was risen. These are the very same people who brought about the crucifixion of Jesus. Here Peter, using the Old Testament, make the case for the resurrection of Jesus.

John 21:1-14. Chapter 21—an early addition to John —reminds us of the three-fold denial of Peter by means of his three-fold restoration. The fishing scene takes us back to the original call of Peter and his brothers. That earlier call is still “valid” and at the same time strengthened in the light of the resurrection.

Easter Saturday Acts 4:13-21

The authorities try to stop the apostle proclaiming Jesus, but they fail. The early Christians experienced opposition—but this only strengthened their courage. Anyhow, it looks as though those who were against them were “flummoxed” as we say!

Mark 16:9-15

These few verses—a very late addition to the Gospel text and not from Mark— form a kind of late synthesis of disparate material. Nevertheless, the Great Commission is repeated, for them and for us.

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EASTER LESSON FOR KIDS

AT 375°



My daughter once asked me, “Mom, what is the best thing that’s ever happened to you?” I immediately answered with what most parents would say, “Well, of course, the day you were born!”

I often ponder that miraculous event that took place in my life. Of all the events of my life, the birth of my children remains the most powerful and beautiful in my memory. But of course, as Christians, we know even something as miraculous as childbirth actually pales in comparison to the single most important event in human history, something that has happened to all of us and the most important truth and proof of our Christianity – Christ’s resurrection. It is that which has given us “a new birth into a living hope.” (1 Pt 1:3)

But, of course, at her young age, I could have never expected my daughter to grasp the significance of Christ’s resurrection, right? Surely a reference to her own birth is a safer and more understandable response. I’m certain it makes more sense to wait for her to be a bit older before I bore her sincere question with some heavy response about human salvation.

Or does it?

It should never be too early to make the reality of our Christian inheritance known to children. I know that we are better able to grasp theology as our minds develop into adulthood, but children are smarter than we think. With the right tools and delivery, we can start them toward a better understanding of the most important, and beautiful, part of our life – our relationship with God. One such way is to bake “resurrection rolls.” I wish I would’ve known about these when my daughter was much younger. These little gems are not only a great way to teach younger kids about the resurrection but also a quick and delicious sweet roll to make for any Easter gathering. How delicious? Well they aren’t going to be “the best thing that ever happened to you,” but they will rank highly on your list of Easter treats — and they certainly reference well the best thing that ever did happen to all of us!



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Resurrection rolls

- 1 (10 ounce) can **refrigerated crescent rolls**
- Package of large **marshmallows**
- ¼ cup **butter**, melted
- ¼ cup **sugar**
- 1 tablespoon **ground cinnamon**

SYMBOLISM

Marshmallow – Body of Jesus

Butter – Oils used in burial

Sugar and cinnamon – Spices used in burial

Dough triangle – Cloth used to wrap Jesus

Baked roll with empty center – Empty tomb

- ◆ Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare a baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray or parchment paper. You may also use a cupcake tin. Separate dough into eight triangles and set aside. Combine sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside.
- ◆ Dip each marshmallow into bowl of melted butter and roll in cinnamon-sugar. Place on each dough triangle. Pinch dough around marshmallow, sealing all edges. Make sure to seal well to prevent marshmallow from leaking.
- ◆ Brush tops of dough balls with remaining butter and dip in cinnamon-sugar. Place roll with the sugar side up on baking sheet (or in muffin pan).
- ◆ Bake for 13-15 minutes. The marshmallow melts into the dough, and the result is the appearance of an empty tomb upon breaking one in half. Best when served warm.

Alleluia!

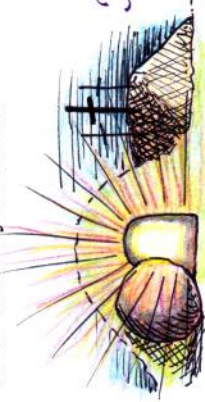


Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too 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 you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*



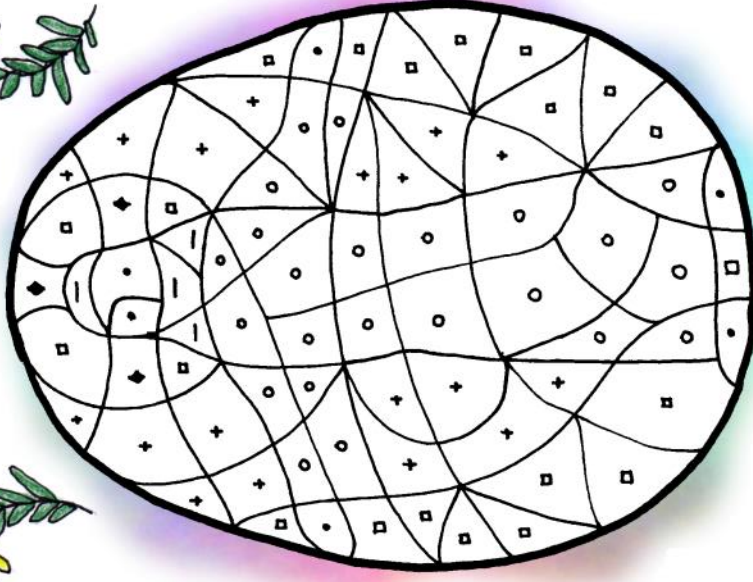
Answers to Easter: True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

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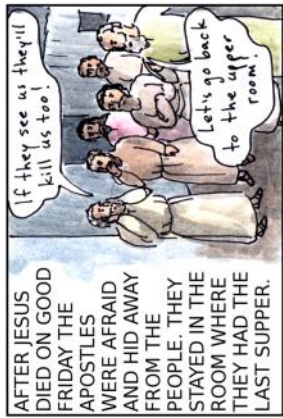
Easter Sunday
April 12th, 2020



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red + Purple • Skin-colour
- ▣ Yellow - Brown ◦ White

Easter Sunday



WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

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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?

