

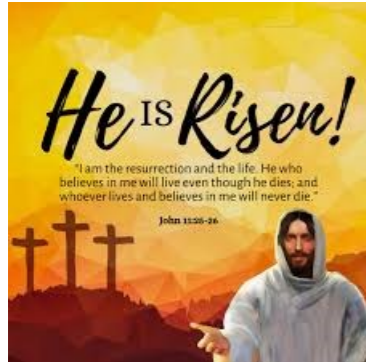


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### Easter Sunday – April 3, 2021 Year B



Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons: 1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (I Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen!" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the apostles, because Jesus had prophesied His Resurrection as a sign of His Divinity: The founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as

Jesus has.

2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26). 3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. (*frtonyhonilies.com*)

*Che cos'è che fa correre l'apostolo Giovanni al sepolcro?*

*Egli ha vissuto per intero il dramma della Pasqua, essendo molto vicino al suo maestro. Ci sembra perciò inammissibile un'affermazione del genere: "Non avevano infatti ancora compreso la Scrittura". Eppure era proprio così: non meravigliamoci allora di constatare l'ignoranza attuale, per molti versi simile. Il mondo di Dio, i progetti di Dio sono così diversi che ancor oggi succede che anche chi è più vicino a Dio non capisca e si stupisca degli avvenimenti.*

*"Vide e credette". Bastava un sepolcro vuoto perché tutto si resolvesse? Credo che non fu così facile. Anche nel momento delle sofferenze più dure, Giovanni rimane vicino al suo maestro. La ragione non comprende, ma l'amore aiuta il cuore ad aprirsi e a vedere. È l'intuizione dell'amore che permette a Giovanni di vedere e di credere prima di tutti gli altri. La gioia di Pasqua matura solo sul terreno di un amore fedele. Un'amicizia che niente e nessuno potrebbe spezzare. È possibile? Io credo che la vita ci abbia insegnato che soltanto Dio può procurarci ciò. È la testimonianza che ci danno tutti i gulag dell'Europa dell'Est e che riecheggia nella gioia pasquale alla fine del nostro millennio. (*lachiesa.it*)*

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamomaca, Nola, Judiel Teodoro, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Leanne Branchflower, Carmela Bovezza, Giovanna Gamberale, Elda Taranto, Maurizio Pierazzi, Vanessa Borg, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann, Claudia Iuele., Lorraine, Patricia, David, Paliaga Family, Peta Wright

**Recently deceased:** Concetta Rizzo, Phyllis Flood, Rosina Careri, Maria Loronzetto, Gaetana Ruggieri, Pavica Lucin, Dante Antonio Truda, Rocco D'Aspromonte

**We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Iris Pacchini, Giulio Butera, Nabih and Frangia Challita, Carmelo Palmieri, Sebastiano, Rosa, Salvatore & Maria Rizzo, Fortunato Renda, Carmela Muraca, Francesca Mete, Santo Butera, Antonio Mete, Fiore Mete, Pietro Mete, Concetta Mete, Lawrence Muscat, Charlie Debono, Grazia, Rocco, and, Antonio Rosella, Raimondo Ruiiu, Piero Ruiiu, Paolo Failla, Gaetano Rosaria, Giovanni Caruso, Salvatore, Antonio, Elisabetta & Sebastiana Santisi, Salvatore Ragusa, Mary Robinson

**We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.**

#### Rosters for weekend masses April 10/11

Lectors:  
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm : J. Butera  
 Sunday 9.00 am : M. Markis

Special ministers:  
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm: J. Caparelli  
 Sunday 9.00 am : C. Iuele

Bus drivers: Saturday 6.00 pm : J. Butera

#### Mass times

**Weekday:**  
 Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

**Weekend:**  
 Saturday Vigil mass 6.00 pm  
 Sunday 9.00 am ; 10.30 (Italian mass)

#### Project Compassion 2021

**"Every year, countless people turn Lent into a demonstration of faith, love and generosity. You can be a part of this incredible community, who believe that there are simple actions we can all take to "be more" for our world. Make a donation to Project Compassion ..."**

Project Compassion boxes are available in the Church foyer.

#### Mass times for Holy Week

**Palm Sunday:** 28th March : Saturday, 6.00 PM ; Sunday, 9.00 AM ; Sunday, 10.30 PM (Italian)

**Penitential Service:** Monday 29th March : 6.00 PM

**Anointing mass for the sick:** Wednesday 31st March : 9.30 AM

**Holy Thursday:** April 1: 7.00 PM ; Syro Malabar: 9.00 PM

**Good Friday:** April 2: Stations of the Cross: 9.00 AM ; Solemn Service: 3.00 PM

**Easter Sunday:** April 3 : Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 PM ; Syro Malabar 9.00 PM  
 Sunday 9.00 AM ; 10.30 (Italian)

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