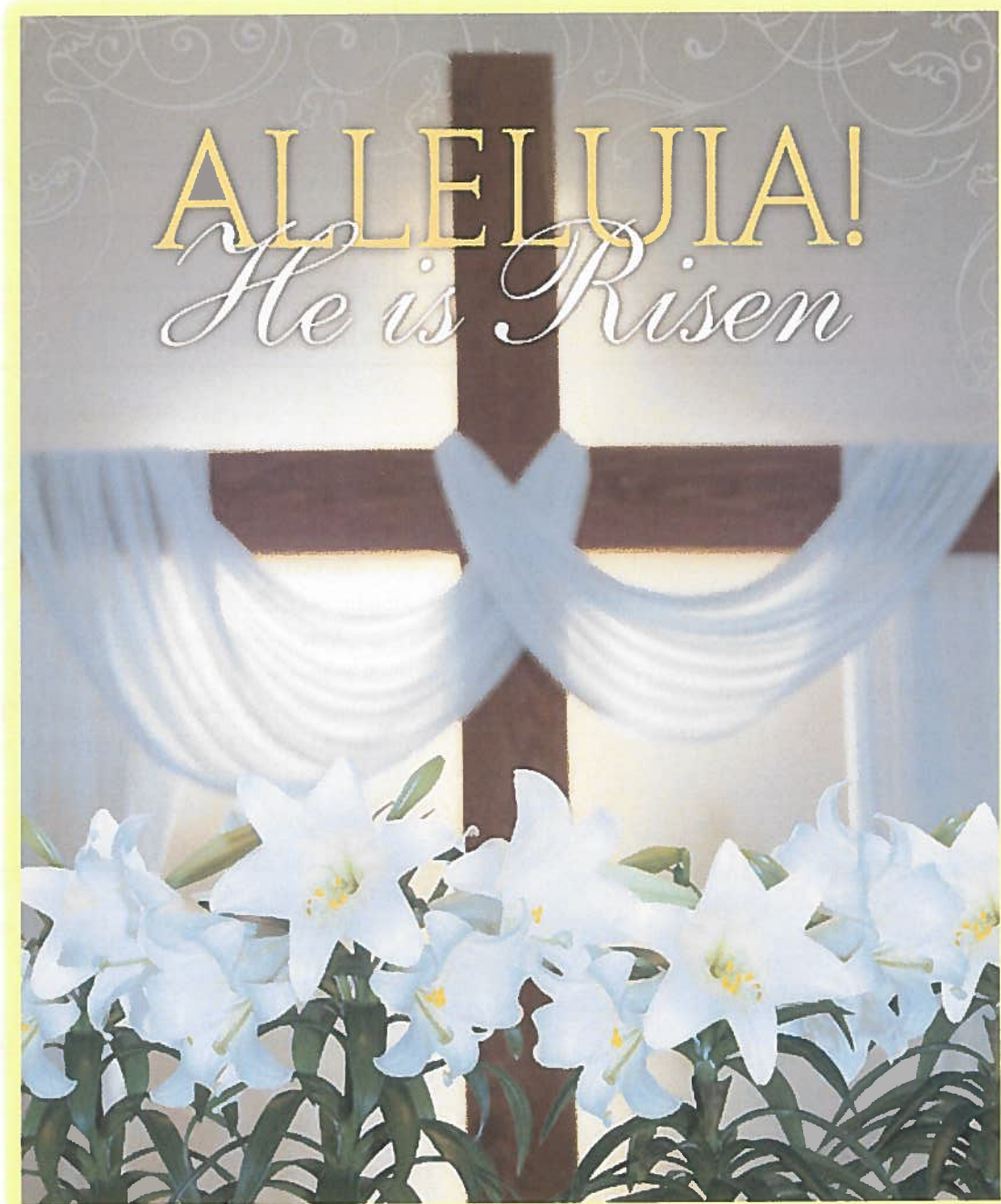


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 16-17, 2022



Weekend Masses:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:30 am	
St. James	Sun 9:00 am	

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 4:15 pm
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:05-7:20 am
St. James	Sun 8:35-8:50 am

Quotable: *“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”*

—Pope John Paul II

Divine Mercy Sunday			April 23-24, 2022	
Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, April 23 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, April 24 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, April 24 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, April 24 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Gery Wright Dan Hoffman Dave Emling Brent Fulton	Brett Ferris Kyle Ferris	Arlen Hansen Vic Carlisle Dennis O'Commor Todd Mesewicz	Cory Eich Galen Fritz Nick Zerebny Kim Smicker
Lector	Rob Landeck	Terri Weakley	Dave Ladehoff	Steve Jacob
Servers	Caroling Fulton Charlotte Fulton			Bella Eich
Greeters	Stacy Powers		Greeter— Rita Thiesen R. Leader— Karen Miller	Julie Splear

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 18 (SMM)

8:00 am +Aldine & Francis O'Brien (Mark/Sue Richie)

Tuesday, April 19 (SH)

8:00 am +Bob Boudreau (Tom/Melanie Boudreau)

Wednesday, April 20 (SJ)

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, April 22 (SMM)

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, April 23 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, April 24

7:30 am (SH) +James Riley, Tina Berns, Bernice Pool,
Bonnie Draper, Hilda Riley, Bernadette Denault (The Family)

9:00 am (SJ) +Dennis Bush (Gene/Debbie Jensen)
+Louise Devine (Bee Papineau)

10:30am(SMM) +Brian Buckley (Tom Scanlon/Dawn Soucie)
+JR Matern (Jackie Eberle)

A Look Ahead

Saturday, April 23—First Communion at St. James 10 am
April 23-24—2nd Collection Home Missions Appeal
Sunday, April 24—Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions at SJ 2:00-3:00 pm
Monday, April 25—Knights of Columbus 7 pm at SJ
Friday, May 6—First Friday at SMM
Wednesday, May 11—K of C Blood Drive SJ 3-7 pm
Saturday, May 21—First Communion at 10 am at SMM
Sunday, May 22—Father's Military Retirement Reception

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Question of the week

How have I encountered the risen Lord: through God's word, through the Eucharist, through my contact with others, through prayer? How will I bear witness to these encounters with the risen Lord to others?

Collections Week of April 9-10, 2022

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,007.05

St. James—\$2,016

Sacred Heart—\$1,195

Thank you for your generosity!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT WEEKEND OF APRIL 16-17, 2022

Alive in Christ! That's what we are. Among the many readings of Easter, Saint Paul reflects on this "newness of life" in his letter to the Romans. The Christian life is a resurrected life. It is new life, one of truth, inner joy and genuine fulfillment. God has transformed our lives for all eternity, and that transformation is what it means to be a Christian. Do you know the resurrected life? Have you genuinely experienced it? Good stewards have; and in their commitment to the Lord, they know what it means to be alive in Christ. It is time to rejoice. He is risen! Alleluia!



Then Peter and the other disciples set out
and went toward the tomb.
JN 20:3

COME JOIN OUR ST. JAMES TEAM

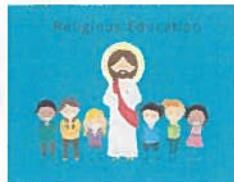
The Religious Education Program team that is. Planting seeds of faith and life of the Catholic Church. Our precious children need all of us to work together to bring this Life to them.

We are in need catechists, catechists aides, and substitutes for the St James Religious Education Program.

We are looking for both men and women.

Join our team by emailing
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Thank you,
Carolyn



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+Roger West

brother of Shirley Ferris

May he and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Our sincere sympathy to Shirley, his family, and friends.

Parish News:

Sacred Heart-

- Don't forget your split the pot tickets. Drawing on May 29 at the parish breakfast.
- Fundraising for the Sacred Heart Scholarship is beginning. As you spring clean - please consider donating to the garage sale. Items can be left in parish hall or call Rhonda Berns 815-426-5015 or Jamie Beedle 815-278-9520.

St. James-

- The Mother's Day Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 15th immediately following mass at St. James. Please sign-up by May 1st so we can get an accurate headcount for the event

St. Margaret Mary—

All Parishes —

- The Knights of Columbus will be starting a dart ball team for winter of 22-23. If interested, call Joe Petersen at 815-861-9634. Get in on the fun!
- The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on May 11 at St. James 3-7pm
- Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22. On that afternoon we will be celebrating Father's retirement from the military and thanking him for his many years of service.
- Divine Mercy Sunday confessions will take place on Sunday,

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

On the weekend of April 23-24, our diocese will take up a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home.



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Obscure saints of the week: St. Laserian of Leighlin (April 18) was the son of Cairel and a student of Saint Murin of Fahan. He became a hermit on Holy Island, Lamlach Bay. Laserian was ordained by Pope Saint Gregory the Great in Rome, Italy. He was consecrated bishop by Pope Honorius I. He became the Apostolic Legate to settle the question of the Easter observance.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Beuno Gasulsych (April 21) was the son of Beugi, grandson of a Welsh prince, and, legend says, grand-nephew of King Arthur himself. Beuno was educated in Herefordshire and Bangor, Wales. He was ordained at Bangor. Beuno founded and served as abbot in Clynnog Fawr (Carnarvonshire), North Wales. He was the uncle, spiritual teacher, and guardian of Saint Winifred. Late in life he received a series of visions. Legend says that when Winifred was beheaded by a jilted suitor, Beuno placed the severed head back on the body and Winifred lived. People still sit sick children on the great stone slab of his tomb in hopes of their healing.

Gospel Shorts

From Dark to Dawn to Light

Today's reading tells us that Mary Magdalene awakened on Easter morning "while it was still dark." As the text goes on to explain what she does next, the reader learns that her actions and those of Peter and John are a template for how we often journey from dark to dawn to the full light of the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus. This is where we are today: in the light of

The Great Easter Truth

The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death — that is not the great thing — but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the resurrection; not so much that we are to live forever as that we may live nobly now because we are to live forever.

~Phillip Brooks

He Is Risen

*How do I know that Christ is risen? What proof have I to give?
He touched my life one blessed day and I began to live.
How do I know he left the tomb that morning long ago?
I met him just this morning and my heart is still aglow.
How do I know that endless life he gained for me that day?
His life within is proof enough of immortality.*

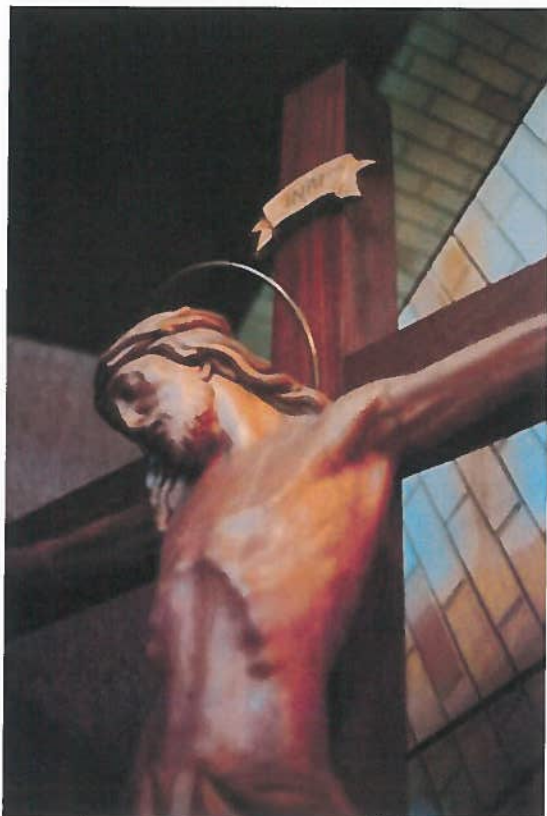


**I alleluia
H alleluia
I alleluia**

The 7 Last Words of Christ Part V "I thirst"

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." —John 19:28

So much is contained in these two short words, which constitute the fifth of the Seven Last Words of Christ. Physical thirst isn't the type of thirst He is referring to here. Rather, He is expressing a longing of His Heart—a thirst of the spirit. On the Cross, Jesus thirsted for *love*, for human love, for *our* love.



It seems impossible for God to thirst in such a way—after all, He does not *need* our love. He is Love Itself, existing eternally in a Trinitarian relationship of love. He has no need of anything His creatures could give Him.

And yet, in a certain mysterious sense, the God who is in need of *nothing* chose to "need" us. Our Lord, in His human nature, chose to experience human needs, chief among which is the need for love. But His thirst is immeasurably greater than ours, because His love is infinitely greater.

And what is more, this thirst is not for human love in general, but for the love of every soul in particular—for *your* love, for *mine*. What an infinite wonder—that the God of all abundance should make Himself needy for the love of His creatures! That He should call out to your heart and to mine in His last agony, beseeching us for our love!

And who has done more to earn it than He? We owe Him love as His creatures, but in order to win our love He became one of us, lived our toilsome life on earth, and offered Himself up to the justice of God so that we didn't have to face it. He said, "I thirst" at the moment in which He had given everything that He could give—all for our love.

On Calvary, those who stood near heard His physical cry, and rushed to give Him a drink—not of cool water, but of vinegar, a bitter and unpleasant draught. Far more bitter to Him, though, was the silence His true thirst would meet in the hearts of such a vast majority of human souls.

As the Psalmist foretold:

They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
—Psalm 69:21

As we approach Holy Week and the solemn commemoration of Good Friday, let us meditate a while on these words of Our Lord, upon the incomprehensible thirst of God—and our response to it.

Our Lord's Sacred Heart, always portrayed with flames of love emanating from it, is the very image of His burning love for us.

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St. Rose of Lima Chapel French Architecture Presentation St. Rose of Lima Chapel, 486 W. Merchant St., Kankakee, IL will host a presentation by Andrew Mann on April 30, at 3:00 P.M. in the Chapel. The power point presentation will highlight the architecture of French Canadian Churches in Canada and in our area. Andrew is a high school senior who has been interested in the French Canadian history of the people and their churches for many years.. He has worked with Norma Meier at the French Heritage Museum in Kankakee since he was a young boy. All are welcome to come and enjoy the show. No reservation or admission charge is required however donations will be accepted. Come in the west door of the chapel, under the canopy. The elevator is near. The presentation will be in our French Gothic Chapel. After the show, we will retire to the hall, downstairs, for an early light dinner.

Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic: We invite you to join us for the Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic run and 2-mile walk on Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day)! The race will start at 8am at the Bishop McNamara Kankakee Site. For more information or to register online, go to www.bishopmac.com/5k



Questions Catholics Ask

What is the lectionary?

If you attend Mass regularly you'll notice certain books hold prominence of place in the gathering. These over-large and often decorated volumes contain Bible passages appointed for public reading by trained readers (*lectors*) and are called *lectionaries*.

Each lectionary organizes readings according to the feasts and seasons of the church year. In this way we hear about the birth of Jesus at Christmas, the Passion during Holy Week, the ministry of Jesus during other times of the year, and so on. The Sunday lectionary contains three years' worth of readings:

—Cycle A follows Matthew's gospel with Old Testament passages chosen to parallel its themes.

—Cycle B is organized around Mark's gospel—although Mark is so short that John's gospel supplements the year.

—Cycle C coordinates Luke's gospel with Old Testament readings.

(The Gospel of John isn't slighted; it's used in all three years for special feasts when thematically appropriate.)

In between the Old Testament and gospel readings on Sundays, an additional New Testament passage is selected from a letter of Saint Paul or another apostle and read continuously across the Sundays until it's finished. During the Easter season the Old Testament reading is replaced by a passage from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation.

There's also a daily lectionary that runs in a two-year cycle (Years I and II) pairing gospel passages with continuous readings from Old or New Testament books. Saints' days have their own appropriately chosen optional readings, and an additional lectionary has passages suitable for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other occasions.

Why do we have lectionaries? For one thing, they provide breadth. Catholics can hear a fairly broad amount of scripture in a few years' time. Not every Bible verse is covered by the lectionary, but a surprisingly comprehensive reading can be achieved by the daily Mass-goer.

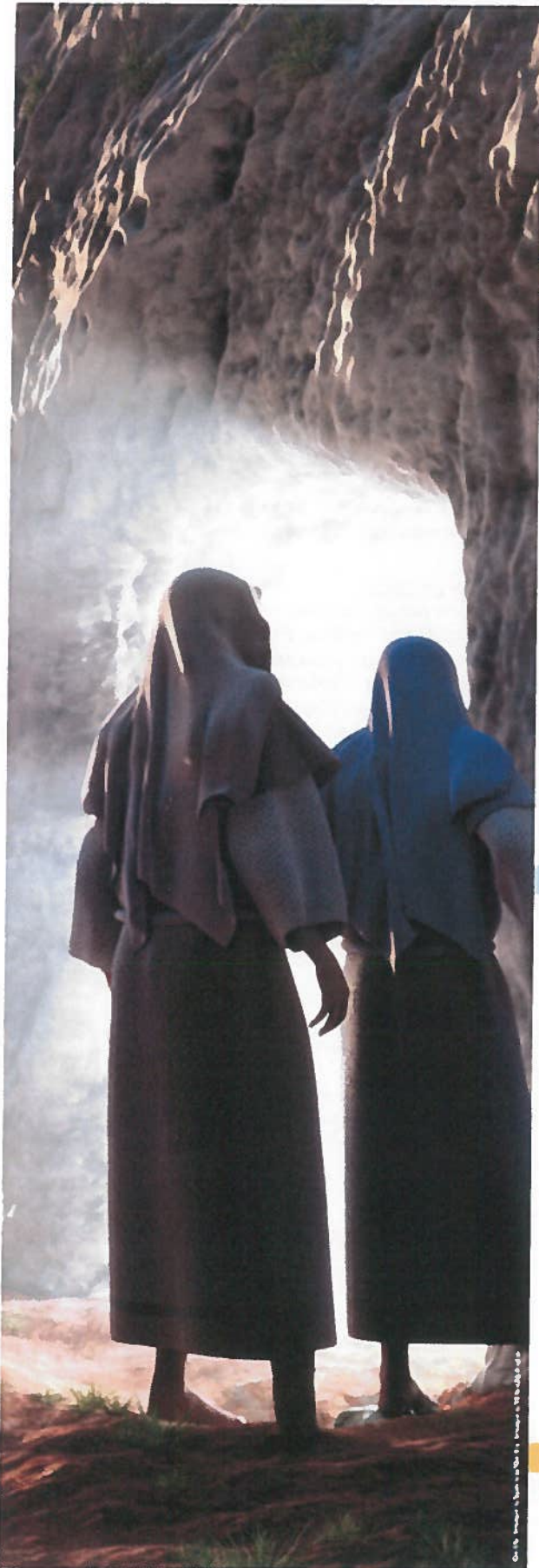
Another practical reason for lectionaries is that they save time: The preacher doesn't have to scramble looking for passages on forgiveness for every Rite of Reconciliation, for example. Finally, it keeps preachers honest: They can't default to their favorite themes but must treat scripture in its fullness.

Lectionaries have existed in one form or another since Christianity's Jewish roots in the synagogue. These tools have proven the test of time.

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 119; Luke 4:16-21; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:19-21





April 17, 2022

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THE
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Easter Sunday

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Happy Easter! When I think about Easter when I was a child, I admit that many of my memories are centered more around its symbolic trappings: Fannie Mae Easter eggs and peppermint ice cream, my grandma's table set just so, and unseasonably cold Easter egg hunts. While I may not have yet fully understood the theology of the Resurrection, being at Mass with my family and taking part in the celebratory activities engendered in me the disposition of which the psalmist speaks: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* Today's readings invite us to see both the secular and the sacred with new eyes. The fact that Jesus took on our humanity, died and rose again give us a glimpse of the joy that awaits. The simple pleasures we experience at Easter and throughout the year hint at what the Lord has in mind for all of us. In the meantime, we can turn to Jesus for encouragement, with the knowledge that God is present in the ordinary and extraordinary people and events in our daily lives.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb, Simon Peter and "the other disciple" (John) don't walk - but run to the tomb. I'm struck by the detailed account that follows. Peter "saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place." The words that follow seem contradictory: "Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Their understanding would grow in the hours and days that followed. These early witnesses would then share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, often at the cost of their own lives, building up the Church that endures today. Like the disciples, we, too, are commissioned to witness to our faith in the risen Jesus, sharing this life-changing reality with others through our words and actions.

PRAY As this Easter season begins, we celebrate Christ's triumph over death, yet mourn that death still comes so violently for so many around the world. Make an extra effort - an extraordinary effort - this week to pray for peace in the world.

Sunday, Apr 17, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

The tree of life blossoms again

A teaching from the Law of Moses says it all: "Cursed be the one who hangs from a tree" (Deut. 21:23). The body of such a person was to be buried the same day, or the land would be defiled. Religious leaders sought a verdict of crucifixion from the Romans for precisely this reason: to quell talk that Jesus was God's chosen. It's also why Jesus' disciples rushed to gain permission to take him down from the cross that same day. Like every kingdom paradox, of course, the "cursed tree" becomes a tree of life for those who believe. Celebrate this hope today!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). "They put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree."

Monday, Apr 18, 2022

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

How do you solve a mystery named Mary?

There are so many women named Mary mentioned in the New Testament that we're not even certain how many there were—could be six to nine—because the same women might be identified different ways. The various Marys get mentioned 54 times in 49 verses, so it's hard to sort them all out. Not only does it reveal to readers that Mary was a popular name then, but also that Jesus had a lot of women followers who were very close to him—women who were key figures in the key moments of his life and ministry, his death, and his Resurrection. Which Mary was which might confuse us today, but their various important roles in his life are clearly deserving of honor.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb . . . and ran to announce the news to his disciples."

Tuesday, Apr 19, 2022

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Grant us peace

Today is the anniversary of Benedict XVI becoming pope in 2005. As a theologian, Benedict wrote extensively of faith and politics in pluralistic societies. One of his prayers pleads: "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth." This is a good prayer to have on hand, particularly on a day that marks the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:38-41; John 20:11-18 (262). "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'"

Wednesday, Apr 20, 2022

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Look up!

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were grieving Jesus but failed to recognize him when he approached them. In our daily rush to and fro, it is easy to overlook what is happening all around: the dance of creation, day in and day out. As Earth Day approaches, take a moment from the busyness to contemplate with awe the beauty great and small. Keep these words of Saint Augustine in mind about the book of God's creation: "Look above

you! Look below you! Read it, God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a buder voice than that?"

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). "Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."

Thursday, Apr 21, 2022

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Journey into the unknown

The worldwide church is now about halfway through a process with a rather unwieldy name: "Synod on Synodality." The idea is for the church at all levels to "listen and dialogue." The word *synod* means "to travel together," and this synod is refreshing, as a bottom-up approach in a church accustomed to top-down leadership. By its nature, there is no clarity about where it leads, but the process itself is the main point. Let's pray the church's Synod Prayer for Unity, that the process "lead us closer to [God's] Son and so to one another."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). "He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Friday, Apr 22, 2022

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Embrace the Resurrection: Plant a garden

The Easter season gives us ample time and resources to delve into the Paschal Mystery. Scripture, liturgies, and feast days all help us embrace the Resurrection as part of our own story. That's not always easy to comprehend. Fortunately, there are glimpses of Resurrection everywhere! So much of Easter is represented through nature—lilies, tulips, lambs, bunnies—indeed the whole season of spring helps us bodily embrace the Resurrection. This Easter season, consider planting a garden or fostering a kitten (April is National Garden Month as well as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, and today happens to be Earth Day as well!). Embrace the Resurrection in the world all around you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). "Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish."

Saturday, Apr 23, 2022

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Every day an Easter

Easter isn't just a day, it is a season, an ongoing feast. The Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday and the seven days that follow) has been, since the earliest centuries of Christian history, a time of extended celebration. The joy of Easter Sunday is prolonged for a full eight days, an octave of rejoicing. Every day of the Octave is treated as another Easter, a tradition preserved in our liturgy, with readings and rituals that mirror what occurs on Easter Sunday. Rise up! It's still Easter!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). "When Jesus had risen . . . he appeared first to Mary Magdalene."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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