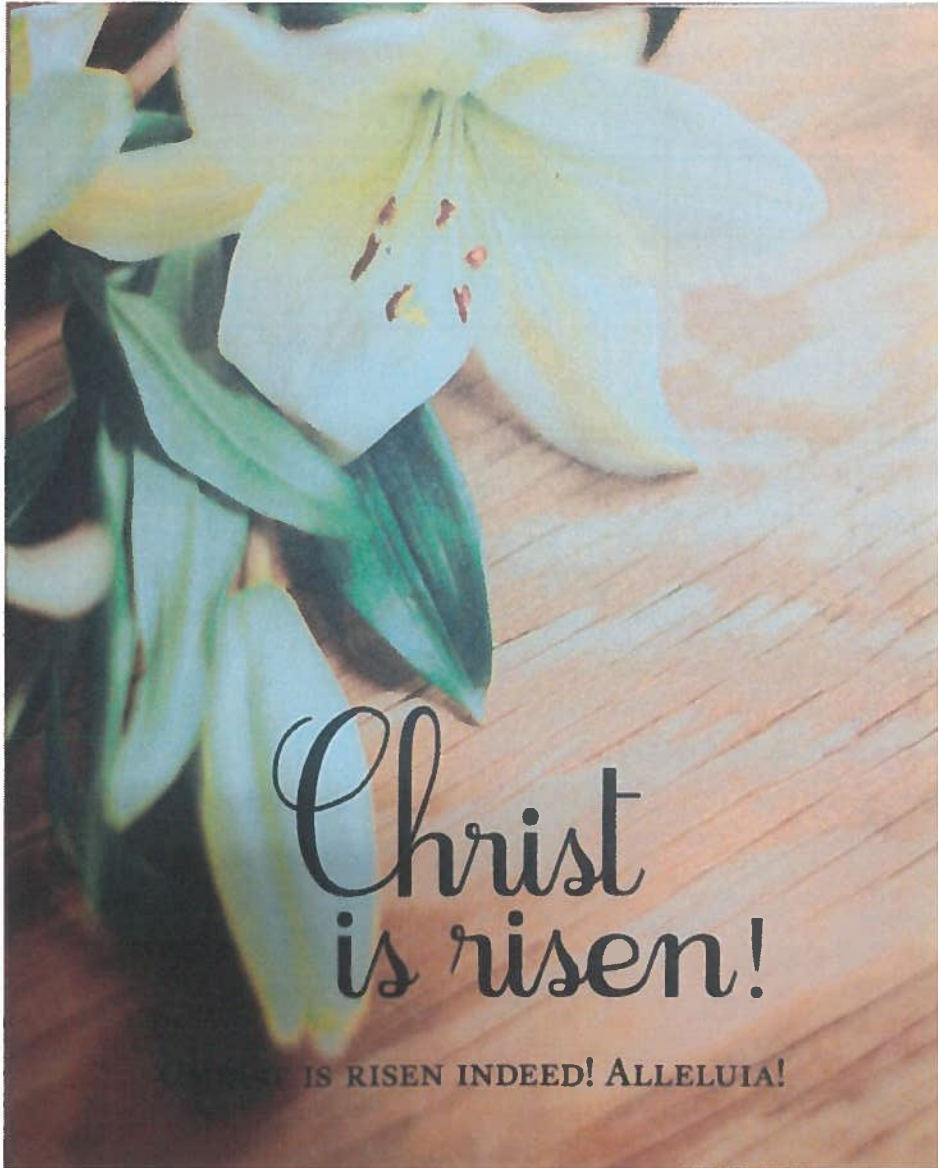


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD MARCH 30-31, 2024



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

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Quotes: "God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us."
 —Saint John Paul II

April 6-7, 2024

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, April 6 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, April 7 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, April 7 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, April 7 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dann Hoffman Roger Jensen Gery Wright Dave Emling	Daryl Ferris David Kirkpatrick	Dallas Ferris Dave Ladehoff Jerry Ogrentz Dan Forsythe	Wayne Bisailon Brent Fulton Erik Wheeler Corinn Wheeler
Lector	Hillary Webb	Darlene Cipcich	Mary Peerbolte	Dana Masching
Servers				Caroline Fulton
Greeters			Greeter—Donna Bernicky R. Leader—Karen Miller	Julie Splear

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 1 (SMM)
 8:00 am +Vicki Webber (Wayne/Julie Bisailon))

Tuesday, April 2 (SH)
 8:00 an +Janice Clark (Terri & Jerry Weakley)

Wednesday, April 3 (SJ)
 8:00 am +Lorraine Brennan (Jeff/Loriann Bruer)

Friday, April 5 (SH)
 8:00 am +Ross Bertrand (Jackie Cross)

Saturday, April 6 (SMM)
 5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, April 7
 7:30 am (SH) +Bernadette Denault (The Family)
 +Vicki Webber (Terri/Jerry Weakley)
 9:00am (SJ) +Mark Benoit (The Family)
 +Carl Coy (Steve/Dena Coy)
 10:30am (SMM) +Dorla Cooner (Roy/Ruth Landry)
 +JR Matern (Mickey/Joe King)

A Look Ahead

Thursday, April 4—Spring Luncheon at Sh 11:30am
Friday, April 5—First Friday Adoration at SH
Thursday, April 11—Night In Italy (SMM) 5-7pm
Monday, April 15—Combined Parish Council meeting .
 Location TBA
Sunday, April 21—Youth Mass at SMM and SJ
Saturday, April 27—First Communion at SMM
Sunday, April 28—Confirmation 3:00 at SJ

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Question of the week:

How has the Resurrection transformed my life? How can it continue to do so?

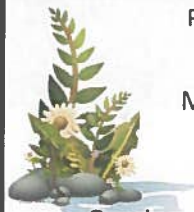
Collections Week of March 23-24, 2024

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,455

St. Jame—\$1,275

Sacred Heart—\$1,022

Thank you for your generosity!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+Inez Crawford

Mother of Brenda (Rich) Kutemeier

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

Our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

Reflections Evangelization

We can understand evangelization in light of stories of faith: namely, how we have been changed by the power of Christ's word and sacraments and how we have an essential role in sharing that faith through our daily lives as believers. Looked at this way, evangelization is what the church is all about!

Evangelizing means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. Evangelization must always be directly connected to the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed.

Gospel Shorts

They entered the tomb. They saw and they believed. Belief in the Resurrection of Jesus brings forth salvation. But more, it gives hope to all of us in a world that often finds hopelessness paramount in our lives, in our society. To believe in the "impossible," that someone should rise from the dead, demands not only faith, but a commitment to live out the impossible in our own lives ... Jesus loves us; Jesus saves.

Resurrection tells us clearly that God loves us. It is not some magical act of a God who wants to awe us with power. Easter tells us that there is indeed something beyond today. We believe there is more than meets the eye. To those who say the Resurrection is nothing more than a fabrication, we point to the apostles, to the men and women who surrounded Jesus. It is their witness which holds the origins of our faith. It is our love for one another that makes the Resurrection our hope, our peace, our joy.



Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—Night In Italy April 11 5-7PM

Sacred Heart—Spring Luncheon April 4 11:30AM

St. James—Landscaping project— The next second collection for the project will be Sunday April 7. Thank you for your support for our project to beautify our grounds.

All Parishes—

- ◆ We are preparing for a security audit and need an accounting of keys to parish buildings. If you have a key to any of the parish buildings, please let us know. We will also need to know the purpose for you having keys.

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead (*from John 20*).



*Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament*

First Friday adoration is on

April 5 at Sacred Heart

*"There is no other food for
the soul than the
Eucharist."*

-Blessed Jean Baptiste Fouque (1851-1926)

Sacred Heart CCW will be hosting their Spring Luncheon on Thursday, April 4 at 11:30 am at the church hall. Mark your calendars for this fun day with bunco, cards, board games, and plenty of food. There will be cash and basket raffles, 50/50, and door prizes! Tickets are available at the door for \$10.

If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle or door prizes, let Terri, Tina, Denise, or Laurie know. Thanks again for your continued support!

Obscure saint of the week: St. Maria Crescentia Hoss (April 5) was the seventh of the eight children of Matthias Höss and Lucia Hoermann. Maria became a Franciscan tertiary nun in 1703, admitted to the convent at Kaufbeuren, Germany at the request of the town's Protestant mayor. She was mistreated by her new sisters for her lack of a dowry, but her holiness overcame their hostility, and she won them all over. She served her convent as a porter, novice-mistress from 1726 to 1741. Reluctantly she became the superior of her house from 1741 until her death in 1744.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Catherine of Palma was an orphan who lived an unhappy childhood in the home of her paternal uncle. She felt a call to religious life at age 15, but her confessor convinced her to wait a little. Catherine became a domestic servant in Palma, Spain where she learned to read and write. She joined the *Canonesses of Saint Augustine* at Saint Mary Magdalen convent in Palma. Catherine was subjected to many strange phenomena and mystical experiences including visits from angels, Saint Anthony of Padua and Saint Catherine of Siena. She had the gifts of visions and prophecy. Assaulted spiritually and physically by dark powers, she sometimes went into ecstatic trances for days at a time; her wounds from this abuse were treated by Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian. During her last years she was almost continually in ecstasy. Catherine foretold the date of her death.

Questions Catholics Ask

What does the Bible say about Judgment Day?

A timely question, given that some folks have been predicting the coming of Judgment Day, a.k.a the Apocalypse or End of the World, lately. That is nothing new of course.

Hebrew prophets warned of the "day of the Lord, the great and terrible day" (Joel 3:4) as early as the 8th century B.C. Jesus didn't deny the reality of a final reckoning. The gospel evangelists detail several end-time scenarios. Saint Paul certainly anticipated that Jesus would come again and put an end to the world's nonsense and infamy. Later epistle writers continued to predict an expiration date for human history that included a final evaluation, and the last book in the Christian Bible, Revelation or the Apocalypse, is a long meditation on how good and evil will be ultimately discerned and treated accordingly.

The first thing to remember: No one can anticipate future events, Jesus said, because even he was not given the knowledge of the day or the hour of judgment (Matthew 24:36). So that settles all present and future debates for Christians. Anyone who claims to know the day is kidding themselves or swindling the rest of us.

The second biblical point is that the primary purpose of the Day of the Lord seems to be judgment, not destruction: God will one day hold humanity in general and Israel in particular accountable for its actions. By Israel the prophets referred originally to the community of Israelites, not the modern nation. The New Testament, however, speaks of a New Jerusalem and a "reconstituted Israel," as biblical scholars put it, composed of all who believe in the true God, whether Jew or Gentile. Destruction is only part of divine judgment to the extent that our actions warrant it or draw it down.

Another part of judgment is that some of us, presumably, will benefit from this process. The "sheep," as they're known in the Gospel of Matthew, will actually have a good day on the Day of the Lord because they will find themselves justified and rewarded rather than condemned.

That brings us to the most important idea to keep in mind about Judgment Day: Those who are doing what they should be doing now have nothing to fear later. Matthew provides the J. D. checklist: feed the hungry, give the thirsty water, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned (see Matthew 25:31-46). The church supplies a handy list of "things to do while waiting for the end-times," known as spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Scripture

• [Isaiah 2:4, 11; 13:9-13; Joel 2:1-14; 3; Amos 5:18-20; 8:9-12; the Book of Zephaniah; Malachi 3:19-24; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 17:24-37; 1 Corinthians 1:8; 3:10-15; Philippians 1:6, 10; 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; 2 Peter 3; the Book of Revelation](#)



James Beedle carrying the Sacred Chrism at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond.



Old eyeglasses sitting around? This agency collects old eyeglasses, makes the necessary repairs, then sends them overseas to people in need. The Knights of Columbus will be placing collection boxes in the back of each church. Please consider helping with this project by donating your unused glasses. Prescription and reading glasses are needed. Please do not include glass cases.

That we may walk in newness of life, Lord, hear us.
 That we may advance in the knowledge of You,
 That we may grow in grace,
 That we may ever have the bread of life,
 That we may persevere unto the end,
 That we may have confidence before You at your coming,
 That we may behold Your face with joy,
 That we may be placed at Your right hand in the judgment,
 That we may have our lot with the saints, Lord, hear us.

—Cardinal John Henry Newman, Litany of the Resurrec-



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Guests are welcome**



St Joseph Parish in Bradley will be holding a Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 7th. Confessions begin at 1:30pm with Divine Mercy Holy Hour beginning at 2:00. All are invited to attend.

*Wishing you all a
blessed happy Easter!*

*Fr. Ron, Deacon Ron, and
the office staff*



Speaker: Fr. Keith Wolfe, Pastor at St. James in Glen Ellyn, IL

Fr. Keith was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago where he attended Northern Illinois University before entering the Saint John Vianney Seminary in the Twin Cities. He completed theological formation at Mundelein Seminary before ordination to the diaconate in 2015 and priesthood in 2018. He served as a parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception (Elmhurst), Saint John the Baptist (Winfield), and Saint Mary of Gostyn (Downers Grove). Fr. Keith was assigned as the seventh pastor of Saint James the Apostle (Glen Ellyn) in 2022. He also serves as a Catholic Chaplain in the United States

Navy Reserves, including a deployment to the Middle East to support a Special Operations Joint Task Force. In his limited spare time, he enjoys hiking and daydreaming about cars a priest can never afford.

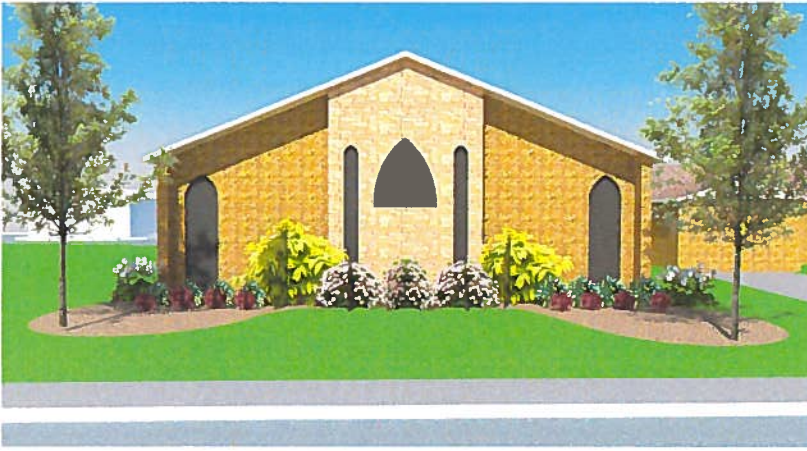
DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday, April 8, 2024
St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
 480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
 Evening Program

- 6:00 pm - Rosary
- 6:20 pm - Mass - Celebrant **Fr. Keith Wolfe**
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship (In Social Hall)
- 7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome
- 7:50 pm - Members updates from Officers & Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Guest speaker presentation followed by Q&A
- 9:00 pm - Closing prayer and Adjournal



The Senior Luncheon sponsored by Herscher Council of Churches is being held on April 11th at 1PM at Courtyard Estates of Herscher. There will be a free-will donation. Call Jackie if attending or with questions at 815-421-4048



St. James Landscaping Project

There will be a second collection on April 7 to help cover costs for the landscaping project.

We would appreciate your generosity!



Very early when the sun had risen...
MK.16:2

Humor **Murphy's Law**
Murphy was an optimist.

- *If you try to please everybody, nobody will like it.*
- *A short cut is the longest distance between two points.*
- *The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.*
- *There's never time to do it right, but there's always time to do it over.*
- *When in doubt, mumble. When in trouble, delegate.*

Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

Why is Easter also called "Pascha"?

The real Passover took place during the feast of the symbolic Passover. You might have heard Easter referred to as the "Paschal Mystery." In fact, in some Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, Easter is referred to as "Pascha." Why is that?

"Pascha" means "Passover"—it is the Aramaic form of Hebrew's *Pesach*, the feast commemorating Israel's release from bondage in Egypt. Calling Easter "Pascha" brings home the reality of Christ as the Paschal Lamb.

At Passover, God commanded the Israelites to sacrifice a pure lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood. Seeing the lamb's blood, the angel of death would skip their homes as he went throughout Egypt slaying every firstborn male among man and beast.

At Easter, Christ allowed Himself to be crucified and His Blood poured out. His Blood redeems us from eternal death, setting us apart from those who reject Him. It's no coincidence that this event occurred during the Passover feast.

The connection between the Jewish Passover and the Christian feast of Easter is real and ideal. Real, since Christ died on the first Jewish Easter Day; ideal...because Christ's death and Resurrection had its figures and types in the Old Law, particularly in the paschal lamb, which was eaten towards evening of the 14th of Nisan.

—*The Catholic Encyclopedia*

Easter, prefigured by the Passover, becomes a reality. Passover is fulfilled. Christ is the Paschal Lamb. We are the Israelites. His triumph over death releases us from the slavery of sin. We are freed to set out for the Promised Land—for heaven.

Easter is the Church's most glorious feast and the entire Easter season is filled with rich traditions and liturgies. *Celebrating a Holy Catholic Easter* is an accessible guide to the Easter season and it's on sale now! Don't let this Easter go by without truly celebrating its beauty!

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The Resurrection by Carl Heinrich Bloch, CCO

March 31, 2024

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

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Wishing you a blessed Easter! One of our commitments in growing as disciples of Jesus, especially at the beginning of this most important season of Easter, is to *study* Scripture. John's Gospel today depicts the story of the empty tomb – the reactions of Mary of Magdala and the two disciples trying to make sense of what they had seen. What we may have missed, however, are the words of St. Peter in the first reading from Acts speaking of Jesus: “This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, *not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance*, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.” Jesus appeared post-resurrection to those to whom he was closest – the witnesses chosen by God whom he had commissioned to preach the Gospel to all people, so all might believe in him. In this way the chosen few, Christ's heralds, would bring the Good News of his resurrection to the many. So we too, now, are witnesses, chosen by God in our baptism and come to this table of thanksgiving and sacrifice. By faith we grow as his disciples, ready to go forth to lead others to him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we know, these first disciples of Christ went on mission throughout the known world to preach to the Jews as well as the Gentiles. Their task was not easy; all endured opposition and hardship; many were martyred. But gone was the fear they may have felt at the crucifixion; by the power of the Holy Spirit these early missionaries were full of courage and commitment, and were driven to proclaim the risen Jesus to all. What does this have to do with us today? By virtue of our baptism, we also are chosen by God to be his witnesses in the world. We are called to “preach the Gospel” with how we live our lives. When we trust in the promises of Christ and know the peace that only he can bring, it gives us the strength to testify to friends, family and others that God loves us and has redeemed us. Good News indeed.

GROW & GO Christ is risen, Alleluia! The Resurrection means that nothing can separate us from God's love and presence with us. Spend time this week in prayer contemplating these two truths: The purpose of our lives is to continually GROW in intimate relationship with God; and Jesus' final command to his disciples and us is to “GO and make disciples of all nations.” (Mt 28:19)

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31
Acts 10:34a,37-43
Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday, April 1
Acts 2:14,22-33
Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2
Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3
Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4
Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2ab,5-9
Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5
Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6
Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21
Mk 16:9-15

Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John accompanied Jesus on his final mission and were key witnesses to his inspirational teachings, astonishing miracles, traumatic suffering, and excruciating death on the cross. They were three of Jesus' most intimate friends and, besides his mother, they seemed to know him the best.

We see in Scripture how Jesus tried to prepare those he loved for what was going to happen. Still, on that Easter morning when first confronted with the empty tomb, their human weakness and broken hearts gave way to sadness, suspicion, and fear. It would take them a little while before they would fully understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead through the saving power of God and then Scripture would be fulfilled.

When we love Jesus with all our hearts and are sincerely trying to follow him, we must trust him and the Holy Spirit to help us be patient and guide our understanding of things we

don't quite understand so we can stay in line with God's holy will for our lives.

Is life giving you challenges? Are people in your life disappointing you or has grief, pain, illness, or other misfortune come your way somehow? Everyone has crosses we must bear at different seasons of our lives, and we are called to carry them with faith and trust even when we don't understand everything just yet.



We are also called to love others and share our faith with them as well. Sometimes it is our very crosses that connect us to the people to whom we are being

led to share the Gospel of Christ! By holding intimately close to Jesus and trusting him, just as his closest disciples did in today's Gospel, we show what it means to be "Easter people." We know that God will turn our hurts and sacrifices into something beautiful in time and we, too, will rise.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How can you share the love of Christ by helping someone you know carry their cross?
- † What can you do to allow Christ to carry more of the load of your cross? Can you recognize when Christ is working through others to help carry your cross?
- † When something bad in your life turned out good, how did this affect your faith in God? How have you experienced a time when you saw and believed as the disciple John did?
- † Think about a time when you prayed, and things did not go as you wanted. As God always brings something good out of bad for those who believe and have faith, what good things did you discover?