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Easter: New and abundant life for all

By Mario J. Paredes

Let it be Easter then every day. Let all our days witness our passage from the old to the new ...

During this time of year, the Catholic world prepares for the celebration of the most important holy day of the liturgical year: Easter—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This essay will explore two aspects of this feast, two very important meanings that this holy day has for all of humanity, for the Christian world, and for our North American society.

First, the confession of faith in the Resurrection of Christ has a historical basis or reflection in the transformation of life experienced by the first Christians; these men and women recognized and proclaimed to each other and to non-Christians that they had become new men and women, with a transformed mentality. They were now able to understand the whole life project of Jesus of Nazareth; and now they could live out its principles and put them into practice, fueled by a new vision of God, of the world, and of the “other,” their neighbor.

Some of the disciples who had accompanied Jesus in his travels and ministry—his first witnesses, his intimates, but who clumsily did not understand him, and instead denied and abandoned him—now were sent into the world. Two thousand years ago they began their mission proclaiming that Christ was alive, that he lived in them because he had radically changed, renewed, and transformed their lives. Now they were living out, in its fullness, the commandment to love; they recognized that all men are brothers, children of the same Father in heaven—just as Jesus had taught and shown them.

How much we all need this each and every day: this personal renewal and this transformation in order to become better human beings, to transform ourselves—to move forward. This is precisely what the word Pasch means in Hebrew: “to step,” to step over and let go of resentments, fears, small and big hatreds, this focus on differences, intolerance, discrimination, quarrels, divisions, and all forms of violence and death. We all need to move forward toward new ways of understanding and living life—new, renewed and transformed ways of relating to each other. This makes coexistence possible, a coexistence that, even if it is not always fraternal, is at least humane and civilized!

For all of us, the first meaning of the Christian Easter is new life. And how much does this message of Easter not apply, with so much urgency and necessity, to our American society, in the here and now?

We are surrounded and distressed by a thousand forms of violence and death in our homes, our streets and our schools. We are overwhelmed by unemployment and dread of the future, fear of



“THIS IS THE
DAY THE LORD
HAS MADE;
LET US

*rejoice and
be glad.”*

(PS 118:24)



April 17, 2022

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

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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.



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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux, Pastor



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For the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving,
in Celebration of his
Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ

Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April Twenty-third,
Two thousand and Twenty Two
at Four o'clock in the Afternoon

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
1600 54th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

Please RSVP by Phone: (727) 867-3663

Because of Covid-19 uncertainty there will be no dinner after the Mass.
A dinner will be held at a later date.



Fr. Wayne in St. Peter's Basilica during the Chrism Mass.
Pope Saint John Paul II, Celebrant | Rome, Italy | March 27, 1997



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

04/17 • Easter
04/18 • Rev. Garry A. Welsh
04/19 • Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Morris
04/20 • For Vocations to Priesthood
& Religious Life
04/21 • Shawn Young, Seminarian
04/22 • Rev. Jonathan Stephanz
04/23 • Rev. Agustinus Seran, SVD

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 16, Holy Saturday

6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet
(Note Time Change this day only)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

*There will be no 8:30 Mass, contrary to a mailer sent to non parishioners.

Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Jean McGarry (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Jean Rogers (Dec)

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Monday, April 18, Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Aubrey Cornelius (Dec)

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Tuesday, April 19, Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mary Marois (Dec)

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Wednesday, April 20, Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Thursday, April 21, Thursday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. John Cardinal Foley (Dec)

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Friday, April 22, Friday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Clara Lou Bryan (Liv)

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Saturday, April 23, Saturday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Robert & Marcella Schneider (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Sunday, April 24, Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

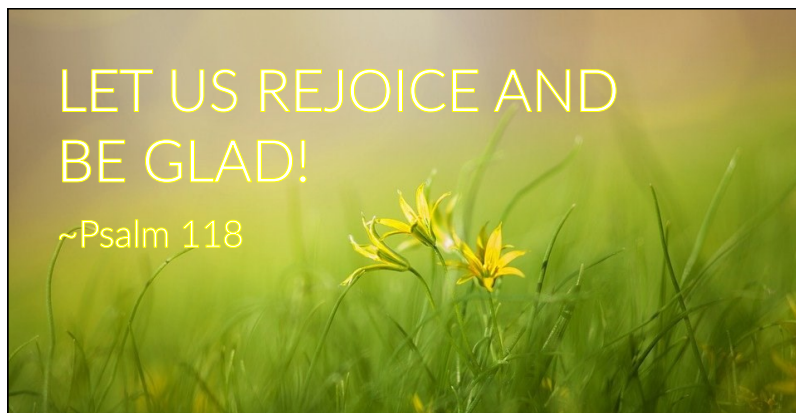
8:00 a.m. Russell Shaw and Family (Liv & Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

LET US REJOICE AND
BE GLAD!

~Psalm 118



Ushers – Help Urgently Needed



Since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, our Knights of Columbus have served to usher all Masses. Many of them also serve in ministry as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. For several of these men, this has meant serving as many as three to four Masses per weekend for the last two

years. We can't thank them enough for their dedicated service.

Particularly now, as we begin ramping up events and our Knights are hosting weekly Lenten fish fries, and coffee and donuts, monthly pancake breakfasts and other special events like last week's wonderful St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner, our small but mighty crew of Knights needs some relief.

We are in need of several ushers for all Masses. No experience necessary. Please leave your name and phone number with the sacristan at Mass, or call the office to volunteer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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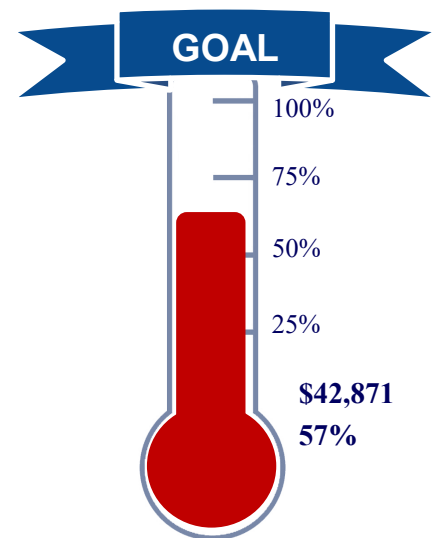
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Easter: New and abundant life for all *Continued from cover*

diseases and political uncertainty; then there is the use of drugs by so many people, especially the young, and the destruction addiction wreaks in so many families; plus, there is the loss or distortion of traditional values because of the primacy of having over being, the pursuit of pleasure and power at all costs—regardless of the means—as the ultimate goal of human existence, etc.

This reality threatens to suffocate the potential of human life and harms and hardens the coexistence of all of us in contemporary society. The situation clamors—with great urgency—for a transformation, a change, a metanoia, a new life. It clamors for people whose lives are transformed as well as the reconstruction and renewal of institutions so that they become more just, more supportive, and more humane.

Second—and inseparable from the power of Easter to transform lives—the confession of the Resurrection of Jesus signifies a triumph of life over death, a step away from failure and toward victory. Thus, Easter also stands for an “abundance of life” as the ultimate destiny of human kind, of every man and woman who comes into the world.

Today’s many ills, as mentioned, that afflict and distress individuals and society at large, call us to a daily task; we have a calling to progress from the bad to the good, from the inhuman to the human and humane, from the mediocre to our best selves, from lies and errors to the truth and honesty, from the twisted and confused to a clear conscience. We can make such progress through our words and in our actions, building up—through that step forward, that transformation, that novelty in our lives—the room for abundant life.

Let us embrace abundant life, so that, in our nation, it can manifest itself in the realms of law and politics, in economics, and in the quality of inter-communal and interpersonal relations, in the world of art and sciences, in the exercise of our professions and in all our daily tasks, and so too in the world of entertainment, recreation and sports, in our religious practice, etc.

Our society—proud of and enriched by so many material achievements—is the stage for so many accomplishments and the reason for so much hope for so many who have come here or dream of doing so. Yet, at the same time, within and without or borders, there are so many who are suffering the pain of unfulfilled dreams, unfulfilled longings, and dashed hopes; the pain of a thousand injuries inflicted by unjust and inhuman ways of life. All of this demands from us that we embrace a new life—and invite others to do the same—to embrace Easter’s promise of an abundant life, the prosperous, full and happy life for which we all yearn.

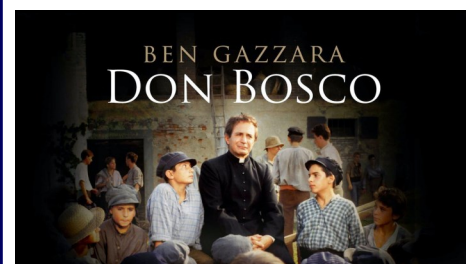
Let it be Easter then every day. Let all our days witness our passage from the old to the new, and from scarcity, and petty and precarious ways of life, to a truly abundant life!

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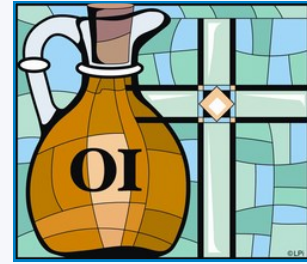
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