

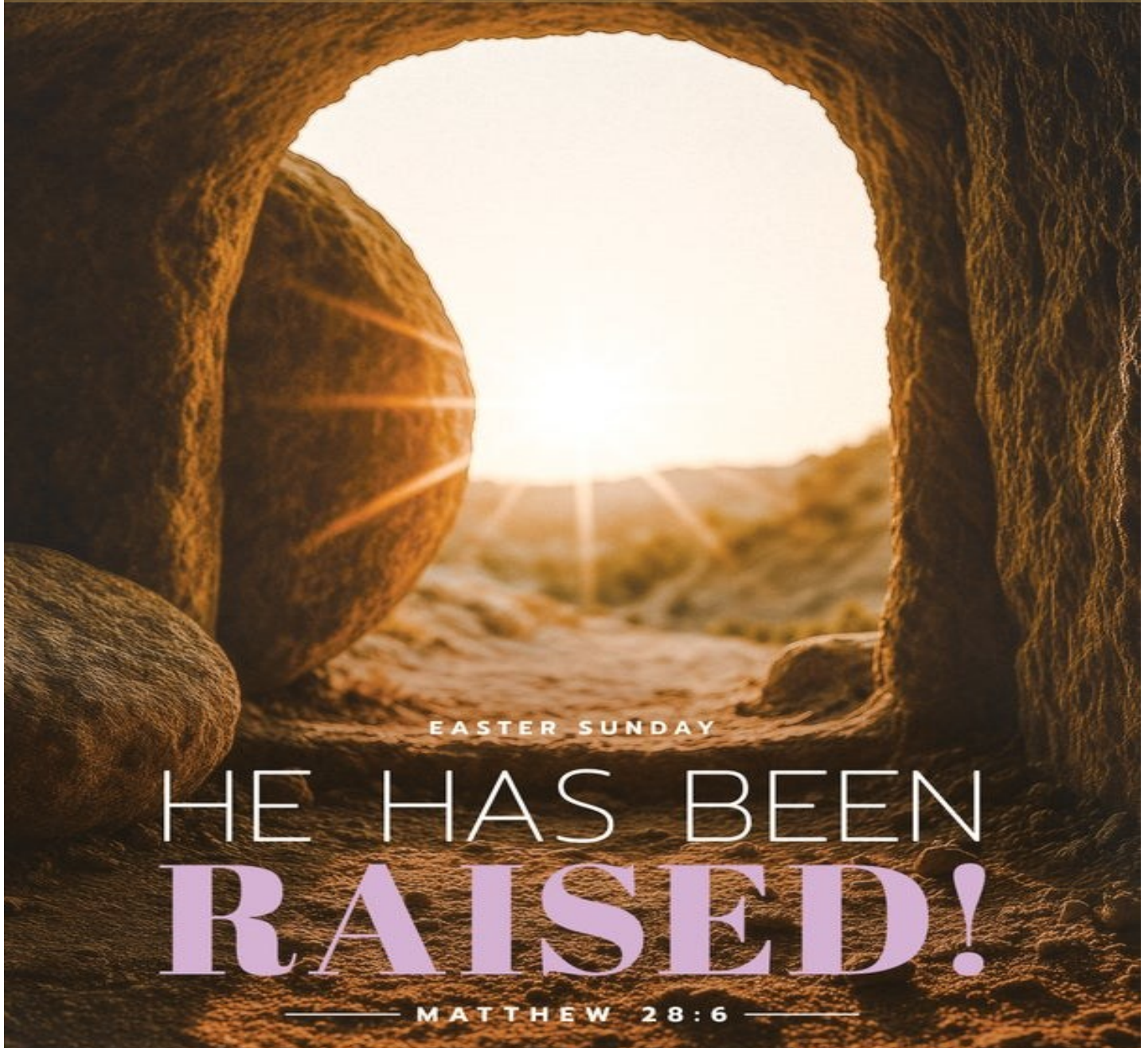


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— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

APRIL 5, 2026



EASTER SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN
RAISED!

— MATTHEW 28:6 —

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The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear Families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

It is easy to forget that we know how the story ends. We know that Jesus has been raised from the dead. We've heard about it for years. It is the central element of our Christian faith. But think about those disciples in the early morning of that first day of the week. It is hard to imagine the flood of emotions they must have been experiencing—everything from the shock to fear to the beginning of joy. This empty tomb was the start of a new adventure.

It is beautiful to see the development of faith in the early Christian community, moving from the shock of Mary Magdala, Peter, and the beloved disciple to the witness of Peter we hear in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Questions turn to statements. We are witnesses. We ate and drank with him. He commissioned us. It is important to remember that these developments occur over time.

Like these first disciples, we must allow ourselves to remember, however, that our life of faith is an ever-developing process. As we celebrate Easter, let us invite the risen Christ into our hearts so that we might continue to grow in relationship with the God who loves us. And if we are at a moment in our lives where we are not ready to shout "Alleluia!" today, let us bring ourselves as we are to the God of life and love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
Fr. Quang

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Queridas Familias de Inmaculado Corazón de María,

Es fácil olvidar que nosotros sabemos cómo termina la historia. Sabemos que Jesús ha resucitado de entre los muertos. Llevamos años oyendo hablar de ello. Es el elemento central de nuestra fe cristiana. Pero piensa en cómo esos discípulos se quedan a primera hora de la mañana de ese primer día de la semana. Cuesta imaginar la avalancha de emociones que debió de estar experimentando: desde el shock hasta el miedo y el comienzo de la alegría. Esta tumba vacía era el inicio de una nueva aventura.

Es hermoso ver el desarrollo de la fe en la comunidad cristiana primitiva, pasando del shock de María Magdala, Pedro y el discípulo amado al testimonio de Pedro que escuchamos en la primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Las preguntas se convierten en afirmaciones. Somos testigos. Comimos y bebimos con él. Nos encargó el trabajo. Es importante recordar que estos desarrollos ocurrieron con el tiempo.

Como estos primeros discípulos, debemos permitirnos recordar; Sin embargo, que nuestra vida de fe es un proceso en constante desarrollo. Al celebrar la Pascua, invitamos al Cristo resucitado a nuestro corazón para que podamos seguir creciendo en relación con el Dios que nos ama. Y si hoy estamos en un momento de nuestras vidas en el que no estamos preparados para gritar "¡Aleluya!", llevémonos tal y como somos al Dios de la vida y el amor.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.
Padre Quang

Regular Mass Schedule. Holiday and Feast Days may be different.

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español) - 5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM & Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Entrance Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN



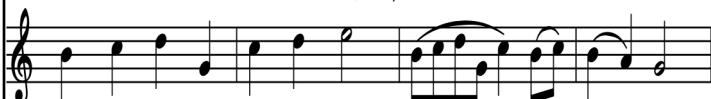
1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,

Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en-dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Suf - fer to re-deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re-deem and save.
3. Where the an-gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Gloria

Mass of Creation



Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and on earth



peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **R.**
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father;
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **R.**
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.
Amen, Amen! **R.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118 • Marty Haugen



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad;



this is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures for ever;
Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures for ever."
2. The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted,
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,
the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

THE EASTER SEQUENCE

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

Gospel Acclamation

Easter Alleluia



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Christ the Paschal Lamb who was slain has become our sacrifice /
come let us feast with joy in the Lord, Alleluia! R.*



Preparation of the Gifts

Surrexit Christus

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

On that bright joyful Easter Day
the sun arose with brighter ray,
when Christ, to earthly sight made plain,
the glad apostles saw again:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus Hodie!

His wounds to them Christ then did show,
which from his risen body glow;
and they aloud declared and said,
"The Lord is risen from the dead"
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus Hodie!

First witnesses to Eastern Morn
were women three who came forlorn;
then Magdalen did cease her sighs
when Christ she saw with joyful eyes:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Surrexit Christus Hodie!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Creation

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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Memorial Acclamation

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

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Great Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life
Suzanne Toolan, RSM

1. I am the Bread of life. you who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live for ever.




And I will raise you up, and I will
raise you up, and I will raise you
up on the last day.

On This Day

Ricky Manalo, CSP

1. On this day, the first of days,
God's most holy name we praise.
And who, creation's Lord and Spring,
Did the world from darkness bring.
2. On this day the eternal Christ
Over death his triumph shines.
And on this day the Spirit came
With the gifts of living flame.
3. Loving God, who did fashion us
Image of yourself we trust.
Come, fill us with your love assured,
And conform our wills to yours.
4. God, the blessed Three in One,
May your holy will be done.
Now one in you with all above,
We send forth our hearts of love.



Refrain
Di - es Dó - mi - ni! Di - es Dó - mi - ni! On the
Day of the Lord we rise and sing: Di - es Dó - mi - ni! Ju - bi -
lá - te! Praise and glo - ry on this day!

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now he reigns above as King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: 77 77 verse 1, Latin, 14th cent. alt.; verses 2-3, The Compleat Psalmodist, ca. 1750, alt.; verse 5
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Later form of melody fr. Lyra Davidica, 1708.

Entrada**El Señor Resucitó**
Tradicional de Inglaterra

1. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó,
 2. El que al pol - vo se hu - mi - lló,
 3. El que a muer - te se en - tre - gó,
 4. Cris - to nues - tro sal - va - dor,
- ¡A - le - lu - ya!



1. Muer - te y tum - ba ya ven - ció.
 2. Ven - ce - dor se le - van - tó.
 3. El que a - sí nos re - di - mió,
 4. De la muer - te ven - ce - dor,
- ¡A - le - lu - ya!



1. Su po - der y su vir - tud,
 2. Y can - ta - mos en ver - dad,
 3. Hoy en glo - ria ce - les - tial,
 4. Pron - to va - mos sin ce - sar,
- ¡A - le - lu - ya!



1. Cau - ti - vó la es - cla - vi - tud.
 2. Su glo - rio - sa ma - jes - tad.
 3. Rei - na en vi - da tri - un - fal.
 4. Tus lo - o - res a can - tar.
- ¡A - le - lu - ya!

Gloria*Misa Alrededor de Tu Mesa*

Glo - ria a Dios en el cie - lo y en la tie - rra



paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se - ñor.

1. Por tu inmensa gloria te alabamos,
te bendecimos, te adoramos,
te glorificamos, te damos gracias **R.**
2. Señor Dios, Rey Celestial, Dios Padre todopoderoso.
Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo;
Señor, Dios, Cordero de Dios, Hijo del Padre **R.**
3. Tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, ten piedad de nosotros;
tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, atiende nuestra súplica;
tú que estás sentado a la derecha del Padre,
ten piedad de nosotros **R.**
4. Porque sólo tú eres Santo, sólo tú Señor,
solo tú Altísimo, Jesucristo,
con el Espíritu Santo en la gloria de Dios Padre **R.**

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 117 • Mary Frances Reza



És - te es el dí - a en que ac - tuó el Se - ñor:



se - a nues - tra a - le - gri - a. És - te es el dí - a en que ac -



tuó el Se - ñor: se - a nues - tro go - zo.

- | | |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Den gracias al Señor
porque es bueno,
porque es eterna su misericordia.
Diga la casa de Israel:
eterna es su misericordia. 2. La diestra del Señor es poderosa,
la diestra del Señor es excelsa. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No he de morir, viviré,
para contar las hazañas del Señor. 3. La piedra que desecharon
los arquitectos,
es ahora la piedra angular.
Es el Señor quien lo ha hecho,
ha sido un milagro patente. |
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A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya.

*Cristo Jesús resucitó, cantar queremos en su honor /
porque a la muerte derrotó, Aleluya R.***Preparación de las Ofrendas****Jesús, Nuestra Pascua**

Pedro Martins

*Estrillo*Jesús, nuestra pascua, por todos murió.
Cantemos alegres, que resucitó.
Cantemos alegres, que resucitó.

1. Pascua sagrada, oh fuente de alegría,
despierta tú que duermes que el Señor resucitó (bis).
Pascua sagrada, oh pascua siempre nueva,
dejad al hombre viejo, revestíos del Señor (bis).
2. Pascua sagrada, Dios se hizo igual al hombre,
nos habla por su hijo que es maestro y Salvador (bis).
Pascua sagrada, oh fiesta del bautismo,
renacidos por el agua somos hijos del Señor (bis.)
3. Pascua sagrada, oh pascua salvadora,
al pueblo prisionero el Señor ya rescató (bis).
Pascua sagrada, oh pascua redentora,
Jesús es el cordero que por todos se inmoló (bis).

Santo*Misa Alrededor de Tu Mesa*

Santo, Santo, Santo
 Santo es el Señor Dios del universo.
 Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.
 Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor,
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.

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Aclamación Conmemorativa*Misa Alrededor de Tu Mesa*

Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección.
 Ven, Señor Jesús.

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Gran Amén*Misa Alrededor de Tu Mesa*

Amén, Amén, Amén.

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Cordero de Dios*Misa Alrededor de Tu Mesa*

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
 ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
 ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
 danos la paz, danos la paz.

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Comunión

Yo Soy el Pan de Vida
 Suzanne Toolan, RSM

- Yo soy el Pan de Vida. A mí vengan: no tendrán hambre.
 En mí crean: no tendrán sed.
 Nadie viene a mí si mi Padre no lo atrae.
- El pan que yo daré es mi carne, la vida del mundo.
 Los que comen de este pan
 vivirán por siempre, vivirán por siempre.
- Si ustedes no comen la carne del Hijo del Hombre,
 y no beben de su sangre,
 no beben de su sangre, no podrán tener mi vida.
- Yo soy la Resurrección, Yo soy la Vida.
 Si en mí ustedes creen,
 aunque hayan muerto, vivirán por siempre.

Yo los re - su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re -
 su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re - su - ci - ta -
 ré en el dí - a fi - nal.

Cristo Resucitó

Alberto Taulé

Estrillo

Cristo resucitó.

La muerte ha sido vencida.

Exulten los cielos, cante la tierra,
aleluya, aleluya.Exulten los cielos, cante la tierra,
aleluya, aleluya.

1. La diestra del Señor hace proezas,
 es excelsa la diestra del Señor.
 No he de morir, que viviré
 y contaré las obras del Señor.

2. Ábrame las puertas de justicia;
 entraré y daré gracias al Señor.
 Esta es la puerta del Señor;
 los justos entrarán por ella.

3. La piedra que fue desechada
 es ahora la piedra angular.
 Este es el día del Señor.
 Exultemos y cantemos jubilosos.

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Salida

Resucitó
 Kiko Argüello

Estrillo
 Re - su - ci - tó, re - su - ci - tó, re - su - ci -
 ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu -

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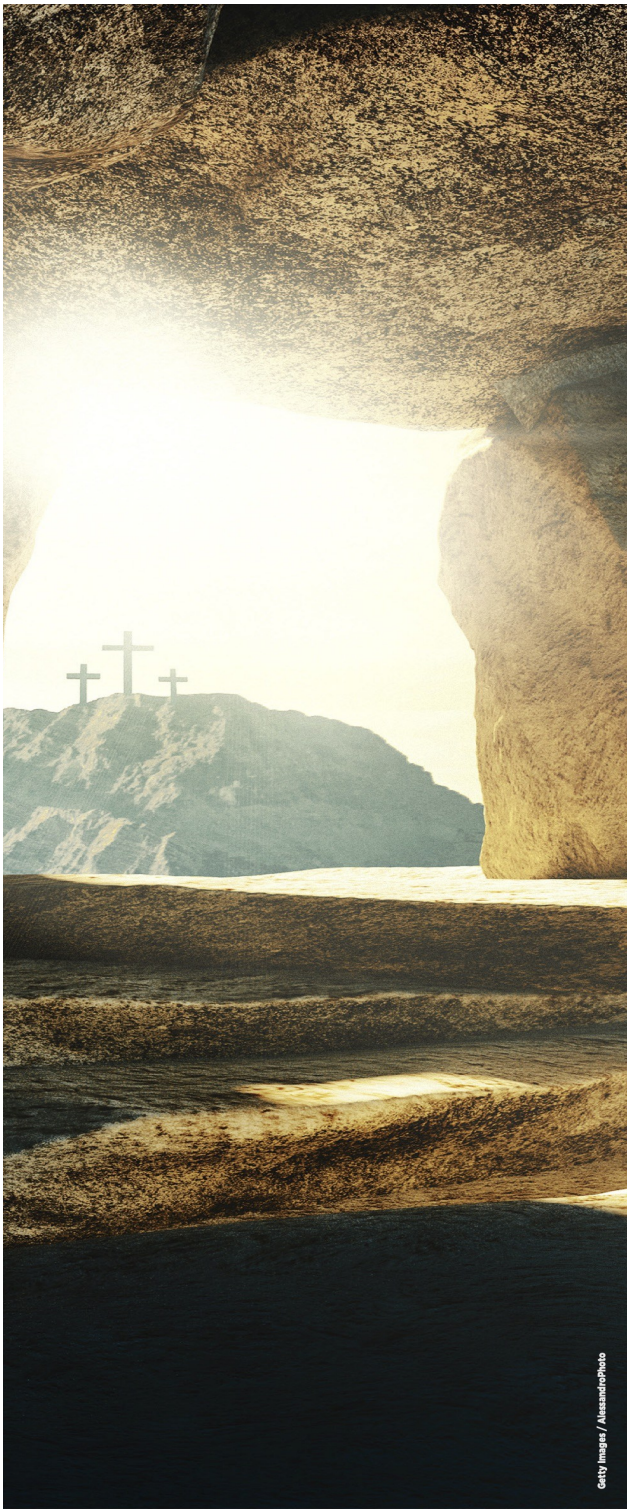
Estrofas

- La muer - te ¿dón - de es - tá la muer - te?
- Gra - cias se - an da - das al Pa - dre
- A - le - grí - a, a - le - grí - a her - ma - nos,
- Si con Él mo - ri - mos, y con Él vi - vi - mos,

- ¿Dón - de es - tá mi muer - te? ¿Dón - de su vic -
- que nos pa - só a su rei - no don - de se vi - ve de a -
- que si hoy nos que - re - mos y es que re - su - ci -
- y con Él can - ta - mos: y ¡A - le - lu -

al Estrillo *Coda*

- to - ria? tó. A - le - lu - ya.
- mor. _____
- tó. _____
- ya! _____



April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of the Lord

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

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

Today we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the pinnacle of the Church's entire liturgical year. As disciples, we know that Christ's resurrection is not something that happened to him alone; his resurrection offers us the promise that all who believe in him will one day rise with him. But the new life Christ promises is not something we have to wait for the next life to experience! Everything we have been doing throughout Lent to prepare for today's celebration also gives us a foretaste of the fullness of life we will share with him at our own resurrection. By God's grace, we have been inwardly renewed by Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our minds and hearts have been lifted from the things of earth to the things of heaven. As disciples of the risen Christ, let us continue to "seek what is above," deepening our own participation here and now in the life he won for us through his cross and glorious resurrection.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The scene in today's Gospel offers us a helpful insight for evangelization. Peter and John run to the empty tomb. While John gets there faster, he waits outside and allows Peter to enter first. We can think of Peter as symbolic of faith (he is the one, after all, who confesses Jesus as the Christ (Mt.16:16)), and John, as symbolic of love (in our Gospel, John is referred to not by name, but as "the other disciple whom Jesus loved.") Although Peter and John see the empty tomb and believe, our Gospel reading ends with this interesting detail: "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." I think what the text is showing us is that *love and faith* often precede *understanding*. In our efforts of evangelization, apologetics and theology have their place. But we must not forget that sometimes inviting someone to love and trust in the Lord – before they have all the answers worked out – is more effective than trying to help a person reason their way to faith by perfect explanations. Love and faith draw us to encounter the risen Lord, and understanding comes later.

CELEBRATE

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" our psalm tells us. Today is the Solemnity of solemnities, the Feast of all feasts! Take some time to rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us through his death and glorious resurrection. Today nothing else should be on our "to do" list other than to celebrate well!

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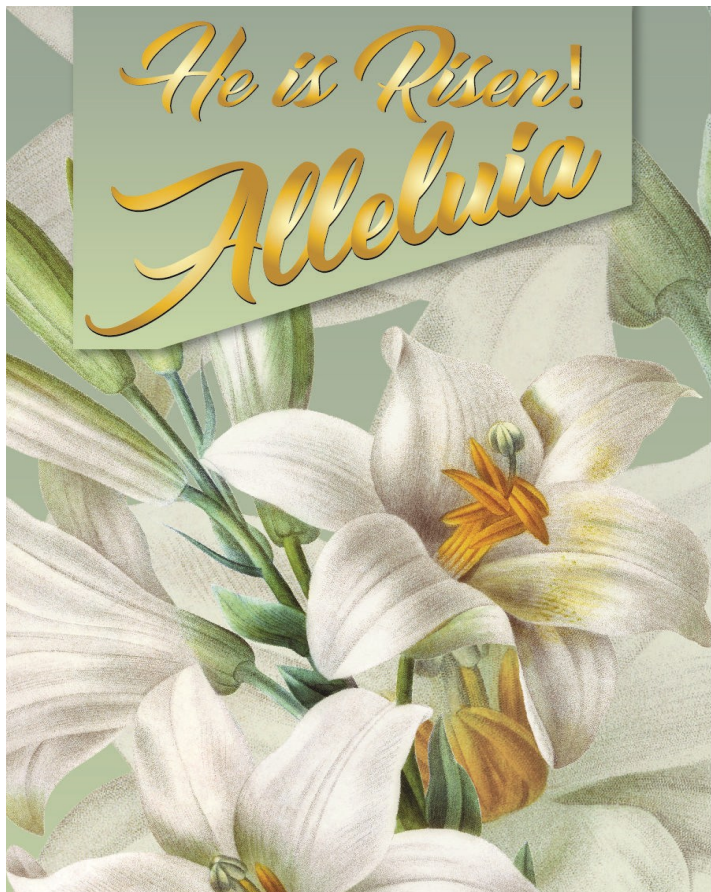
Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y
asechanzas del demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos
por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas. Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



A Prayer for Easter



Jesus, our Risen Savior, all glory and praise to You, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow and fullness of love to our hearts.

On this Resurrection Day, we ask You to renew our hearts, minds and bodies with the new joy of this Easter Season. Guide us to keep focused on Your Holy Word that is all encompassing and pure.

Allow us to be a reflection of Your peace and enlightenment to this world which so desperately needs Your eternal presence.

*He is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Oración de Pascua

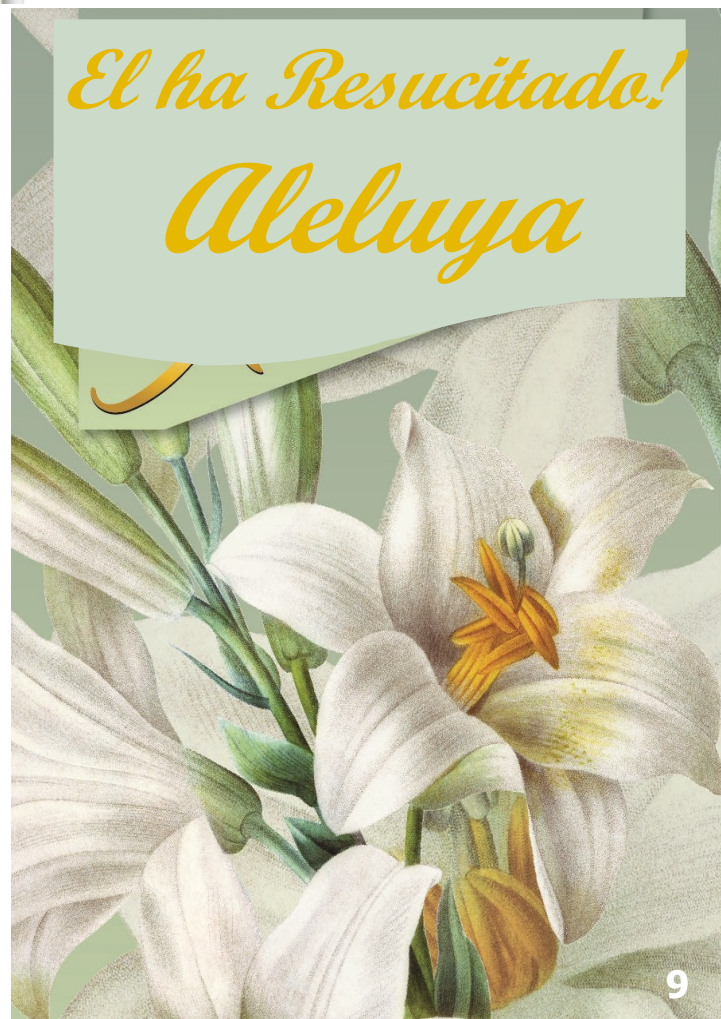


Jesús, nuestro Salvador resucitado, toda la gloria y la alabanza sean para Tí, pues Tú traes luz a nuestra oscuridad, alegría a nuestro dolor y plenitud de amor a nuestros corazones.

En este Día de la Resurrección, te pedimos que renueves nuestros corazones, mentes y cuerpos con la nueva alegría de este tiempo pascual. Guíanos para que nos mantengamos centrados en Tu Santa Palabra, que lo abarca todo y es pura.

Permítenos ser un reflejo de Tu paz y Tu luz para este mundo que tanto necesita Tu presencia eterna.

*¡Ha resucitado!
Aleluya ¡Aleluya!*



Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of April 12, please bring canned soups. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 12 de abril, por favor traigan sopas enlatadas. GRACIAS!

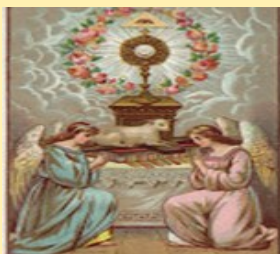
PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office and Chapel will be closed on Monday, April 6th. Also, there will be NO Confessions at 6pm on April 7th.

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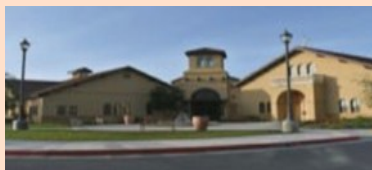
La oficina de la parroquia y la capilla estarán cerradas el lunes, 6 de abril. También no habrá confesiones el martes 7 de abril a las 6:00pm.

Hours of Adoration are on Thursdays, from 8:30am to 6:00pm. On Fridays, Adoration begins at 8:30am and continues until 7:30am on Saturday. Please pray for increased vocations.



Horas de Adoración son los jueves de 8:30am a 6:00pm, Adoración los viernes empieza a las 8:30am y continúa hasta el sábado a las 7:30am. Por favor recen para que aumenten las vocaciones.

Please join us on Saturday, April 11, at Holy Cross Cemetery for a Mass at 11:00am.



Les invitamos el sábado 11 de abril, al cementerio de Holy Cross, para una Misa a las 11:00am.

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 12 - Maintenance Fund

April 26 - Bishop's Appeal

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

12 de abril - Fondo de Mantenimiento

26 de abril - Apelación del Obispo



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2026 Scholarships

Graduating High School Seniors and Continuing College Students are reminded that the 2026 High School and College scholarships are available on the IHM Brentwood Website or at the parish office. Scholarships applications are due by April 15, 2026.

A limited number of Scholarships will be available this year.

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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

March 6, 2026

Reverend Quang Dong, Pastor
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
500 Fairview Ave
Brentwood, CA 94513-1742

Dear Reverend Dong,

On behalf of Bishop Barber and the entire Office for Mission Advancement, I write to celebrate your parish's exceptional generosity during the 2025 Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Your community's faithful stewardship has carried you beyond your fundraising target, and it is my privilege to present you with the enclosed rebate check for \$5,871.86.

We are deeply moved by the dedication shown by you and your parishioners. This achievement is a testament to your shared commitment to the wider Church. Your support is the foundation that allows our essential ministries and programs to flourish, serving those most in need across our diocese.

Thank you for your partnership in this mission. Bishop Barber and I are profoundly grateful for the way your parish witnesses to the Gospel through such tangible generosity. You are making a difference that resonates far beyond your parish boundaries.

Should you have any questions regarding this rebate, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Office for Mission Advancement at (510) 267-8358.

With gratitude and blessings,

Terri Porter
Director, Office for Mission Advancement

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Why Easter is Everything: The Heart of Every Catholic

If you've ever wondered why Easter for Catholics is so special, here's the truth: it's not just a holy day—it's the holy day. It's the moment everything hinges on. Without Easter, our faith would be a nice collection of teachings and traditions—but with it? It's power, purpose, and the promise of forever.

Let's step back first. Before Easter became what we celebrate today—flowers, vigil candles, choirs belting "Alleluia" after a long silence—it had a quiet, raw beginning. The earliest Christians didn't have formal calendars or churches. They met in homes, shared bread and wine, and told the story again and again: that Jesus died, was buried, and on the third day... He rose. That's it. That was the center. Everything else pointed to that single, history-splitting event.

Easter is not just one important feast. It's the reason we have Sunday Mass at all. Every Sunday—every single one—is a "little Easter," a weekly mini-celebration of the resurrection. That's why Catholics are called to worship every Sunday: we're not just fulfilling a rule—we're stepping into the story again. Every time we hear "This is my body, given up for you," we're reminded: this is real. It happened. And it's happening still.

The resurrection isn't a metaphor or a feel-good myth. It's the moment Jesus crushed death underfoot and turned a torture device—the Cross—into a throne of glory. That's why Easter doesn't end on Easter Sunday. It explodes into eight full days (the Octave), and stretches into fifty days of joy. It's not just about one morning at the tomb. It's about what it means for all our mornings, and all our tombs.

Porque la Pascua lo es todo: El corazón de todo católico

Si alguna vez te has preguntado por qué la Pascua para los católicos es tan especial, aquí está la verdad: no es solo un día santo, sino el día santo. Es el momento en el que todo gira. Sin la Pascua, nuestra fe sería una bonita colección de enseñanzas y tradiciones—¿pero con ella? Es poder, propósito y la promesa de para siempre.

Vamos a retroceder primero. Antes de que la Pascua se convirtiera en lo que celebramos hoy—flores, velas de vigilia, coros entonando "Aleluya" tras un largo silencio—tuvo un comienzo tranquilo y crudo. Los primeros cristianos no tenían calendarios ni iglesias formales. Se reunieron en casas, compartieron pan y vino, y contaron la historia una y otra vez: que Jesús murió, fue enterrado y al tercer día... Se levantó. Eso es todo. Ese era el centro. Todo lo demás apuntaba a ese único evento que dividió la historia.

La Pascua no es solo una fiesta importante. Es la razón por la que celebramos misa dominical. Cada domingo—cada uno de ellos—es una "pequeña Pascua", una mini-celebración semanal de la resurrección. Por eso los católicos son llamados a adorar todos los domingos: no solo estamos cumpliendo una regla—estamos volviendo a entrar en la historia. Cada vez que escuchamos "Este es mi cuerpo, entregado por ti", nos recuerdan: esto es real. Ocurrió. Y sigue ocurriendo.

La resurrección no es una metáfora ni un mito que te haga sentir bien. Es el momento en que Jesús aplastó la muerte bajo sus pies y convirtió un instrumento de tortura—la Cruz—en un trono de gloria. Por eso la Pascua no termina el Domingo de Pascua. Explota en ocho días completos (la Octava) y se extiende hasta cincuenta días de alegría. No se trata solo de una mañana en la tumba. Se trata de lo que significa para todas nuestras mañanas y todas nuestras tumbas.

Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

+ Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM
Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes
7:30AM

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario

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Wednesday/Miércoles
8:00AM Mass then 8:30AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

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Thursday/Jueves and Friday/Viernes
8:00AM Mass then 8:30AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia

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Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

Mon. April 6th

8:00am	Men's Fellowship	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	KofC Officers Mtg	Mark
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	John
7:00pm	C.O.V./with Fr. Candelario	Church
7:00pm	Adult Education	Hall B/C

Tues. April 7th

10:00am	IHM Crafters	Library
3:00pm	First Communion/Eng	All Classrooms/Library/ Hall A/B/C
4:15pm	Edge/Middle School	All Classrooms/Library/ Hall A/B/C
6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp NO CONFESSIONS	Chapel
7:00pm	First Communion/Sp	Hall A/B/C/Mk/Lk/Jn
7:00pm	Faith Formation/Sp Parents	Church
7:00pm	SPRED	Library/Matt

Wed. April 8th

10:30am	SVDP Board Mtg	Mark
2:30pm	IHM Good Shepherd	Hall A
4:00pm	OCIC	Mark
6:00pm	Confirmation/Teen	Hall A/B/C/Library/ All Classrooms
7:00pm	English Lenten Reflection	Church

Thurs. April 9th

10:00am	Women's Faith Sharing	Library
3:30pm	IHM Good Shepherd	Hall A/B/C/Jn
5:00pm	Widow/Widower Group	Library
6:30pm	Youth Group	Hall A/B
7:00pm	OCIA	Luke/Matt/Mark
7:00pm	Adult Confirmation/Eng	Hall C
7:00pm	Emmaus Women/Sp	John

Fri. April 10th

9:00am	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
4:00pm	Fish Fry	Hall A/B/C
7:00pm	Divine Mercy Cencle/Sp	Matt
7:00pm	OICA/Adult Confirmation/Sp	John

Sat. April 11th

9:00am	First Communion/Eng	All Classrooms/ Library/Hall A
9:00am	First Communion/Sp Retreat	Hall B/C
10:30am	Marian Movement of Priests Cenecl	Library
10:30am	Our Lady of Fatima	Mark
3:30pm	Confessions	Church

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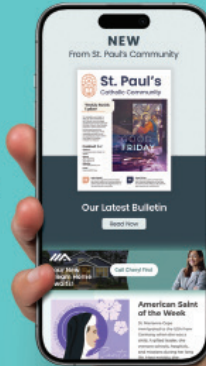


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