



*Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

## Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F**aith can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever experienced life flowing  
from what appeared to be a death?***



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**Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9:00am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – 10:00am - Benediction**

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Monday evenings at 7pm online via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, [fgwohl-muth@logic.bm](mailto:fgwohl-muth@logic.bm) to join. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

## **FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:**

**St. Theresa's Cathedral**

7PM 1st Friday of the month (usually)

**St. Joseph's Church**

11AM 3rd Saturday of the month

**Stella Maris Church**

7PM Last Wednesday of the month

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. MAR 30th	9:00 am 6:30pm	Morning Prayer + Easter Flower Memorials
Sun. MAR 31st (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30 am 6:00 pm	+ Easter Flower Memorials + Pelas intencoes dos doadores das flores + Easter Flower Memorials No Mass
Mon. APR 1st	7:30am	+ Ben DeSilva & Intentions of Daphne DeSilva
Tues. APR 2nd	7:30am	Intentions of Fr. Dandy Traje CP
Wed. APR 3rd	7:30am 12:10pm	Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak CR For Good Health of the Barreto family & In Thanksgiving to St. Theresa's
Thurs. APR 4th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Fr. Julio Blazejewski CR + Aurelia Ferreira Leite
Fri. APR 5th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Ben DeSilva Special intentions of Darin Mosley
Sat. APR 6th	6:30pm	+ For Good Health of Maurice, Melishyia, Maclern Barreto & In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Anthony
Sun. APR 7th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ Mr. & Mrs. Albert Soares Sr. + Couples for Christ & Family Ministries + Peter Frank Schaefer

## **NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: April 6th & 7th, 2024**

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	J. Judd	K. Scarth	F. Maxwell	K. Johann
<b>Communion</b>	C. Carreiro	H. Cabral	J. Alcantara	Volunteers
<b>Ministers:</b>	P. Whitecross	E. Cabral	A. Cannonier	Needed
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	K. Judd	M. R. Mathias	M. Gravito	O. Anderson



## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good new whenever we can.

### Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Mar 23rd/24th	\$4,865.00
Electronic offering:	Mar 23rd/24th	\$350.00
To Date:	Week 12	\$93,147.50

*Thank you for your support!*

### ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

March 31st—April 6th, 2024

Donation Given for

Two 7-Day Votive Candles And 2 Roses

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### CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Bishop We Spiewak, CR and Rev. Dandy Traje CP take this opportunity to wish all of our parishioners a joyous and blessed Easter Season, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

We thank God for your generous gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure!

**Wishing a Happy Easter to you and your families!**



### MASS FOR THE DECEASED:

The Annual Cemetery Mass will be held at 11:00am at Calvary RC Cemetery on Roberts Avenue this Saturday, April 6th. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

All are welcome!

### THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY:



Jesus requested through St. Faustina, a Polish nun who was canonized by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, that the first Sunday after Easter be officially established in the Church as the Feast of Mercy. A service for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, April 7th, at 3:00pm. Plan to attend this special service.

## THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Easter season always inspires me with the story of Thomas and his journey to a moving profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" It is probably the best and for sure the most personal Creed. I have chosen these words for my Easter greetings this year, because it seems to me that humanity today expects from Christians a renewed witness to the resurrection of Christ. It needs to encounter him and to know him as true God and true man. If we can recognize in Thomas the doubts and uncertainties of so many Christians today, the fears and disappointments of many of our contemporaries, with him we can also rediscover with renewed conviction, faith in Christ dead and risen for us. This faith, handed down through the centuries, continues on because the Risen Lord dies no more.

We may all be tempted by the disbelief of Thomas. Suffering, evil, injustice, war, sickness, death, does not all of this put our faith to the test? Paradoxically the disbelief of Thomas is most valuable to us in these cases because it helps to purify all false concepts of God and leads us to discover his true face; the face of a God who, in Christ, has taken upon himself the wounds of injured humanity. Thomas' faith, hope and love were almost dead but were born again thanks to him touching the wounds of Christ, those wounds that the Risen One did not hide but showed, and continues to point out to us in the trials and sufferings of every human being.

Christ is risen and he is alive among us. It is he who is the hope of a better future. As we say with Thomas: "My Lord and my God!", may we hear again in our hearts these beautiful yet demanding words, and become apostles of peace, messengers of a joy that does not fear pain; the joy of the Resurrection. May Mary, Mother of the Risen Christ, obtain for us this Easter gift.

Happy Easter to you all!

*Bishop Wes*

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER:



**Thank you** for remembering your loved ones for Easter! The Easter Memorial Pamphlets can be found at the altar rail and on the table at the back of the Church for you to collect and take home with you. We received the total amount of **\$4,075.00** for this year's Easter Memorial Flower Fund, and sincerely thank you for your stewardship!



We extend sincere condolences to the family of the **late John Amaral Sr.**, who's funeral was on Thursday, March 21st. May he rest in heaven with the angels!



# Dear Padre,

**Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from?  
What about the Easter egg?**

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, “All life comes from an egg.” A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg “that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord.”

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 2:14, 22–33	Acts 2:36–41	Acts 3:1–10	Acts 3:11–26	Acts 4:1–12	Acts 4:13–21	<i>(Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i>
Mt 28:8–15	Jn 20:11–18	Lk 24:13–35	Lk 24:35–48	Jn 21:1–14	Mk 16:9–15	Acts 4:32–35
						1 Jn 5:1–6
						Jn 20:19–31

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.***

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