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the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Faith 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. ●



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER - March 28th

7:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Rosary, (Sorrowful Mysteries) Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, March 29th

2:00pm

Stations of the Cross

3:00pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

4:00pm

Prayer Service & Confessions until 5:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, March 30th

8:00pm

Easter Vigil

Lighting of the Paschal Candle will take place
in the front entrance/alcove of the Church

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, March 31st

10:00am

MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

*Please email Stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com if you wish to
volunteer for ministries at any of these Masses. Thank you.*

Reflect

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



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MINISTRIES . . .

MARCH 30/31st - EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Alberta Canonnier
10:00AM Lector: Pat Robinson EM: Willie Forbes
 Collection: Karen Marsh

April 6/7th - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:00PM Lector: Alberta Canonnier EM: Sara Peniston
10:00AM Lector: Cherry Ramdass EM: Joyce Lee
 Collection: The DeFrias

MASS INTENTIONS . . .

MARCH 30/31st - EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Easter Masses intentions are for all those remembered in our Easter Flower Memorials

April 6/7th - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:00PM The Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners
10:00AM Josephine & Nyal Clinton ++

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at

St. Theresa's - 7:30AM Mon.-Fri.

St. Anthony's - 8:00AM Tues.-Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00AM Mon.-Fri.

ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page

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March 23/24th Collection: \$947.00

Votives: \$17.00 Poor Box (SVdeP): \$10.00

Donation to Special Projects Fund: \$500.00

Easter Flower Memorials Funds to Date: \$1,119.00

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 to St. Michael's Church's

BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

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Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.

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!

Wes Jurewicz
 Bishop Wes



EVENTS in our Catholic community...

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- 6th of April, Saturday: 11:00am - Annual Mass for the Deceased at Holy Calvary Cemetery
- 7th of April, Sunday: 3:00pm - Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Patrick's
- 5th of May, Sunday: 1:30pm - Senhor Santo Cristo Feast at St. Theresa's
- 13th of May, Monday: 7:00pm - Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's



HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

Old Testament Readings: 1. *Genesis 1:1, 26-31a*

Psalm 33: The Earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

3. Exodus 14:15-15:1

Psalm: Exodus 15 - Let us sing to the Lord;
he has covered himself in glory.

5. Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalm Isaiah 12 - You will draw water joyfully from
the springs of salvation.

New Testament Reading: *Romans 6:3-11*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

FIRST READING – Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. 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. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." (R).

"The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." (R).

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (R).

SECOND READING – Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

"The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

Bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting;

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

To Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and 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. 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.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The priest speaks to the people using these or similar words.

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

I do.

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

I do.

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.





Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? *I do.*

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **Amen.**

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

The celebrant sprinkles all the people with the blessed baptismal water, while all sing the following song or any other that is baptismal in nature.

I saw water flowing from the Temple,
from its right-hand side, alleluia;
and all to whom this water came were saved
and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.

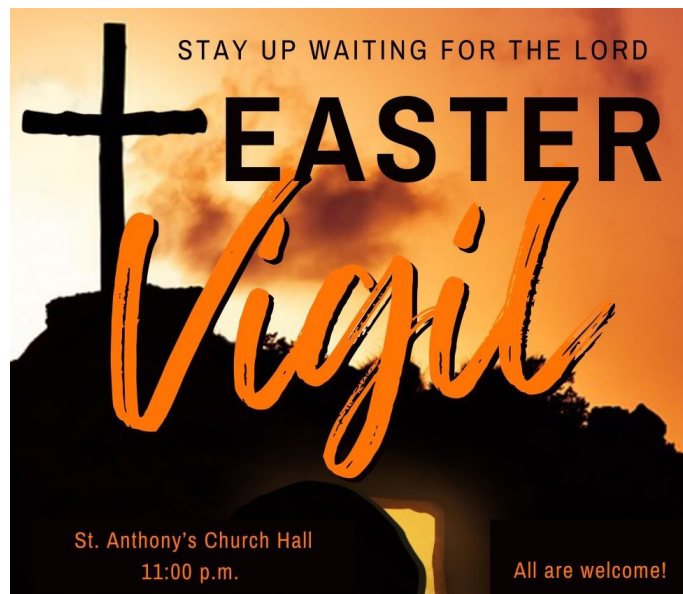
Prayer over the Offerings
Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia. *1 Cor 5:7-8*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favor,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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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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.

URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, ROME
APRIL 4, 2021

Around the Diocese . . .

- **ST. THERESA'S 12:10 MASS** is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Come join us..
- **ST. PATRICK'S:** The Rosary takes place every Wednesday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome.
- **ST JOSEPH'S FILIPINO MASS** is celebrated by Fr. Dandy on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 11:00am.
- **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** A new shipment of **Easter Cards** have arrived. Please stop by and see their selection as well as many other items. **Opening hours** are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.
- **LECTIO DIVINA takes place** every Monday evening at 7pm via Zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.
- **THE ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED** will be Saturday, April 6th at Holy Calvary Cemetery at 11:00am.

SPECIAL FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FR. ATTILIO...

At St. Anthony's **NEXT Sunday, April 7th**, with Holy Mass at 11:30am, and continuing with a reception in the Parish Hall. We are all invited to attend and to help with this celebration by contributing savoury and sweet finger foods. Please email stmichaelsbda@gmail.com if you can help with this event.

Everyone is welcome.



DIVINE MERCY Sunday



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 Divine Mercy.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church NEXT Sunday, April 7th at 3:00pm. All are invited to attend.

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed hope, faith, love, and joy.



Our Parish News . . .

EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY resumes this Tuesday, April 2nd at 3pm. All are welcome.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - Good Friday - If you would still like to donate, envelopes are on the altar rail or contributions may be made online to St. Michael's Church's **BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100**. Please remember to include *Holy Land Collection* in the memo field of your payment.



Easter Flower Memorials

Joao Pereira Almeida
 Maria Jesus Almeida
 Laetitia and Walte Anderson
 The Barnard & Cusack Famlies
 The Bergen Family
 Diolinda Bizarro
 Francisceo Bizarro
 Gloria Bizarro
 Jose Francisco Bizarro
 Mary & Benjamin Botelho
 Maxine Briere
 Serge Briere
 Velia & Sal Cantarella
 Gloria & Manuel Correia
 Mary Correia
 The Crainey Family
 Adelina & Jose DeFrias
 Francelina & Antonio DeFrias
 Norberto DeFrias
 Angelina DeSilva
 Mary Rita Dowling
 Evelina Furtado
 Manuel Furtado
 Winnifred & Jack Hedges
 Robert Hedges
 Catalina Hernandez
 Ella & Henry Johnson
 Florence Johnson
 Annette Jones
 Manuel Leitao
 Joseph Lewis
 Marcio Lightbourne
 Albert Litro
 Louise Litro
 Dr. Robert Litro

Diana & Patrick Mahoney
 Amelia & Anthony Marirea
 Aimee & Bertram Marsh
 Marlene Mennes
 Florence & Frederick Ming
 Brian Morris
 Jennifer Lynn Pedro
 Dorothy & Frank Peniston
 Iduiro Pimentel
 Jose Pimental
 Dawn Ramdass
 Joseph Ramdass
 Lloyd Ramdass
 Teresa Ramdass
 Normanda Pimental
 Rodrigues
 Sr. Judith Marie Rollo
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 Silveira Family
 Paddy Simons
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 Mary E. Soares
 Laura Sousa
 Steven Sousa
 Charles A. Pat Spanwick
 Veronica & Herman Tucker
 Orgeto Fernanda Vicente
 Loriann Wong
 Lily & Walter Wong
 Patricia Wong
 Richard Wong
 Walter Wong Jr.
 For the Souls in Purgatory

Dear Parishioners,

Last Friday as I was leading the Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's, I loved the ending of the 15th Station (Jesus is Raised from the Dead). Whenever I pray this version, I am always touched by the wording and I want to share it with you, as it is true.

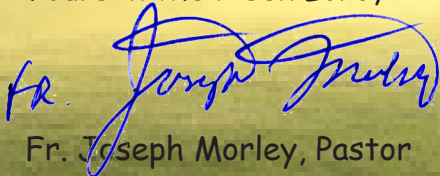
He is not dead: Where does resurrection begin? It begins with the empty tomb, with the women who come and go, puzzled, perplexed and yet in wonder at the angel's message. It continues with the men who race eagerly to the tomb, to see for themselves. Jesus is not dead. He offers peace to the fearful disciples in the upper room and breaks the bread at the table in Emmaus.

He is Risen: All of our crosses, all our pain, all our sins are healed, forgiven and transformed. Christ is risen! Although his risen body bears the marks of his suffering, his pain is gone. Mourning turns into dancing, grief turns into joy, despair turns to hope and fear turns to love. Hesitantly at first, some are saying, 'He is risen, he is risen...'. "Tell Peter, James and John that I go before them to Galilee." The eternal dance of new life goes on and on...

He will come again: Lord give us eyes to see that a new creation is begun, a new earth and a new heaven are proclaimed and a new beginning for humanity is announced in your Son's Resurrection. May this new beginning also begin in me I, and in each one of us.

Happy Easter! Together with good health and blessings as we celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. This Easter season leads to the birth of the Church in Pentecost. We are a Risen people. Amen.

Yours in the Risen Lord,


Fr. Joseph Morley, Pastor