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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

6 & 7 APRIL 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

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MASS TIMES

- ♦ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ♦ **Saturday:** 6:00pm
7.30pm Vietnamese
- ♦ **Sunday:** 8:45am, 10:00am,
6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

- 1st & 2nd Sun. Sudanese Mass 3pm
- 3rd Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4th Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

7 APR 2024

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, 7 April 2024, 3:00am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, 7 April 2024, 2:00am local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on 7 Apr 2024 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

Please Note:

Saturday Mass will start 5:00pm commencing **13th April 2024 until 5th October 2024.**



EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE FANTASTIC FIVE OF ST. ALBANS!

We are the fantastic five, but not the superheroes from the Marvel movies. Despite the insurmountable liturgical tasks during Holy Week that culminated in the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we are glad we shared the Good News of Christ's resurrection with the people of Holy Eucharist Church. Just like Mary, Peter, and John, who witnessed the empty tomb, we continue to bear witness to Christ's resurrection. We are not superheroes but agents of the Good News of the risen Lord, spreading His message of hope, which knows no limits. May the joy and blessings of Easter inspire all of you to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. The Lord is risen?

By Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR

BAPTISM – APRIL

Congratulations to:

Ava Maria Hay, Liam

William Hay, Anna Mi-

kayla Ngo, Cecilia Celine

Pham, Maria Celena

Nguyen, Maria Elysia Pham, Maria

Rosie Vo, Maria Queenie Le & Ma-

ria Willow Nguyen who were bap-

tized in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

You are welcome to be a part of our community faith.



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps.117

(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are

forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays after Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays of Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they

seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears.

Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our personal fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We are asked to do this right now as we ponder the wisdom of being vaccinated against COVID 19. Some are more fearful of the vaccine than of the virus. It may be helpful to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We are called to rise above our own fears and respond with love and generosity in times of crisis, to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time".

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the beginning and the end-all of the Christian faith. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then all of those who profess the Christian faith are basically crazy.

As St. Paul himself puts it: "if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain. . . . If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Cor. 15:14, 19). "That is what is at stake on Easter Sunday and throughout the New Testament. The claim of Jesus' Resurrection is the hinge upon which everything turns.

But Jesus was, in fact, raised from the dead, and his Resurrection shows that Christ can gather back to the Father everyone whom he has embraced through his suffering love. And that means we should make him the center of our lives.

So today is a good day to pose that question to yourself: *Is Jesus the center of my life? If so, how can I continue to grow in holiness? If not, why not? And what can I do to embrace the truth of the Resurrection and reorder my life around Christ?*

Word on Fire exists to help people learn the truth about Christ's mercy and to answer those questions for themselves. Our mission is to proclaim the joy of the resurrection to the culture and draw people into—or back to—the light of Christ.

Evangelization is not a spectator sport, and the work of this apostolate is also to equip people like you with the training, confidence, and faith to be an effective evangelist in your own family, parish, and community. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in these efforts!

By Bishop Robert Barron

RESURRECTION FUELS HOPEFUL ACTION

Author Debie Thomas describes why our belief in Jesus' resurrection matters:

I believe that the historic creed I profess with countless other Christians on Sunday mornings tells me something essential and true: we believe in "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." If we abandon this belief, we'll do so to our impoverishment and our peril.

Why do I feel this way?... We live in a world marred by too many mass shootings to count, daily headlines of war, a rapidly worsening climate, increasing economic inequality, ongoing racist violence, and a second global pandemic of mental illness and anguish.

In the face of all this, I need to know that a better world is not just possible but assured. I need to trust that God's salvation encompasses not only those of us who enjoy fairly comfortable lives here on earth but also those who will not experience the salvific love, vindication, healing, and justice of God in this life.

In other words, I believe in heaven because I believe in God's salvation for the children who have died and will die in elementary school classrooms because the United States worships guns. For the millions around the world who died of the coronavirus before vaccines were developed. For Black, brown, Indigenous, gay, and transgender Americans who live in perpetual fear of violence and recrimination on our streets. For the young people who live under the shadow of mental illnesses that modern medicine can't yet alleviate. For casualties of war around the world. For people in chronic pain....

For all these people ... I need to know that, while we have every obligation to alleviate suffering in this world, the salvation of God's precious children does not, finally, depend upon our clumsy efforts....

I worry [that] ... if Christians lose our belief in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we will also lose the ferocity of our hope, the holy restlessness that leads us to action, the commitment to justice that fuels our prophetic lament, solidarity, resilience, and courage. After all,

how will we pray for God's kingdom to come, and how will we credibly usher in that kingdom in whatever small ways we can here and now, if we don't believe in its ultimate fulfillment? [1]

Thomas names the paradox of Jesus' resurrection and continued woundedness:

If the resurrection really is the best good news that has ever hit the planet, then its goodness doesn't depend on us.... The tomb is empty. Death is vanquished. Jesus lives. Period. We are not in charge of Easter; God is.

In fact, Jesus's own resurrected body speaks to the importance of lament in the midst of joy. Even in the most triumphant story ever told in Scripture or history, scars remain (John 20:27) Resurrection is a way forward from the grave that honors the scars we carry, helping us to bear them with resilience and hope.

By Richard Rohr

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7th April 2024, 2PM

CONFESSION, ROSARY &
LITANY PRAYERS

3PM HOLY MASS

Presider Fr Richard Rosse

The Blessing of DVM Portrait &
Holy Ornaments will take place
during Mass

Please bring your Holy Ornaments

4PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

in SONG, Exposition of The
Blessed Sacrament, Benediction &
Divine Praises

"Couples for Christ Choir

Followed by hospitality in the front
foyer Coffee, Tea & Refreshments.

All welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 10th April 2024

Group 2 - Jeff & Jenny

Colquhoun, Cherry Surrao, Paul
Scerri, Hong

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 09-04-24

Reader Xuan Duong

Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 10-04-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri

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Thur. 9:00 AM, 11-04-24

Reader Shirley Krizmanic

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Fri. 9:00 AM, 12-04-24

Reader Helen Maddela

Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 13-04-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard

Commentator: Wendy Forbes-Perera

Readers: Alastair Surrao

Miriam Vella

Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu,

Carmen Camilleri

Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 14-04-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen

Commentator: Wilma Marmur

Readers: Helen Maddela

Shirley Krizmanic

Eucharistic Min. Salve Nidea

Mini Eddy

Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 14-04-24

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso

Commentator: Joh Cablao

Readers: St Francis Choir

St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Ed Cablao

Br. Tony Gatt

Christine Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 14-04-24

Lit. Coordinator Larnie Mendoza

Commentator Rod Lalunio

Readers: Lani Laririt

Xuan Duong

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio,

Lani Laririt

Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 13th April 2024

♦ 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 14th April 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - St Francis Choir

♦ 6pm - Singles for Christ Choir

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Marlene Ferdinand, Pam Norris,
Pauline Storace, Arnord Fernandez,
Toni Antonowicz, Anna, Maria Kim,
Yulette Tanner, Stella Sandle, Frank,
Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Joe Tucci, Dawn Chapman, Joseph
Tuan Minh Ho, Marisha Toese Brown

Death Anniversaries

Joseph Formosa, Grazio(Horace)
Camilleri, Maria Nguyen Thi Dao,
Hoang Family(Fanxico, Maria, Maria
& Teresa) & Nguyen Family(Joseph,
Anna & Maria), Nazareno & Jose-
phine Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud, Philip
Gauci, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri,
Cornelio Maddela, Joseph & Franc
Xiberras, Reno Cauchi, Mac-co Ngo
Van Thinh, Lucia Huynh Thi Kim
Hue, Phero Ngo Minh Truong, Ma-
ria Huynh Thi Thanh Kieu, Phero
Le Nghia, Matta Le Thi Linh, Phero
Le Quang Tuan, Theresa Nguyen
Ngoc Giang Thu, Dominico Le
Ngoc Son, Maria Tran Thi Huong,
Mary Camilleri, Richard & Connie
Curmi, Iro & Jessie Vella, Angela
Chircop, Peter Disco, Wayne Camil-
leri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea
family, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong,
Duong Family, Do Family, Vincent
Duong Kham Su, Michael Alphon-
sus Schiller, Mollie Rice (Marie),
Raymond Abela and All Souls

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is
committed to the safety,
wellbeing and dignity of all
children, young people and
vulnerable adults.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*Holy Eucharist parish respectfully
acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as
the traditional custodians of the land on
which we reside and worship.*

VOCATION VIEW

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be
begotten by God. A new life, achieved
from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life
for people for thousands of years. Nothing
more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the
Father sent me, so I am sending you..."

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