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APRIL 12, 2020 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

HAPPY

BELIEVING IS SEEING

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Then his friends would rejoice and those who had put him to death would repent (or run as fast as they could). Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Jesus did not appear to Herod or Pilate or Caiaphas. The Pharisees and scribes did not see him, either. Even the disciples did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31).

I used to think that Jesus was invisible to non-believers, but Mary of Magdala saw him, thinking he was the gardener. Then she believed and recognized him.

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. St. Francis saw him not only in the poor but in all creation. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies. That is why it is so important to spread the faith; if we don't see Jesus in everyone, we may never have true peace.

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EASTER

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 Alleluia!!

APRIL 12, 2020 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Dear Jesus,

I believe You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

The Coronavirus is big... God is BIGGER!!!

Fr. Cuddy

ON LINE WORSHIP

NATIVITY BVM LIVESTREAM MASS

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral will livestream daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and on Sunday at 11 a.m. To view these Masses, visit the Diocese of Biloxi's YouTube Page. You can also view Mass from St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans Monday-Friday at 12:05 p.m. by visiting www.thedailymass.com

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ANGELS AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

There are two places to locate the YouTube videos, one is a news item (on the right) of saintthomaslb.org webpage and the other is on a St Thomas Parish Mission Angels and the Spiritual Life graphic that you click on to go to the news item. Please note the news item will be retained on the website after it is removed from the main page.

<https://saintthomaslb.org/news/youtube-angels-and-spirituality-life-with-fr-mike-austin>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

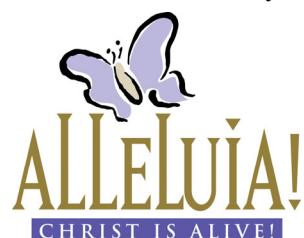
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen.

Byzantine Pentekostarion





SEEDS OF FAITH

There is a brevity, a certain terseness, in the scripture readings for Easter Sunday. Peter's speech in Acts is built of direct, pointed sentences. Paul's letters are based on straightforward creed-like statements. Even the Gospel story only briefly recounts what will turn out to be one of the most remarkable events in human history, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Advertising agents call these encapsulated points of information "bullet points." Scripture scholars call them kerygmata, or "kernels" of our faith. Actually, "kernels" or "seeds" are good terms for these statements, since throughout the Easter season, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of Paul, and the Gospel accounts of the days following the Resurrection exactly how these kerygmata began to flower, how they continued to grow through the life of the early church. May these Easter "seeds" of faith serve a similar purpose for us, too, so that the life of the Risen Christ will flourish in us and through our witness in the coming days.

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The Church Administration is currently exploring alternative donation options for the offertory.

While this is explored please be aware that your personal check is welcome in the mail as well as dropped off during office hours.

The Office is minimally staffed for the safety of all concerned.

Please remember that the following collections are still an important part of our church and The Church:

Catholic Sharing Appeal

Operation Rice Bowl (ongoing through Apr 12)

Catholic Relief Services (Mar 21&22)

Holy Land (Good Friday)

Catholic Home Missions Appeal (Apr 25&26)

SVdP Society (5th Sunday)

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SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Although Spring Clean Up (March 28) was cancelled as a parish-wide event, this is still an opportunity to get out of the house and get some fresh air!

There is no specific day to come by. Schedule with Ben for a day and time of your choice.

If you want to get out of the house, with or without the kids.... Call Ben DiLorenzo to schedule you and/or the family for a small group effort to spruce up the place for our return.

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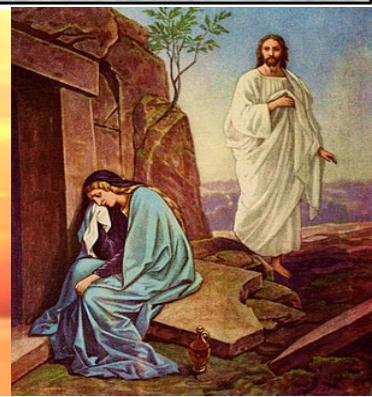
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Please pray for All the Souls in Purgatory



FILL US

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light, open wide the doors of our hearts that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.

Christina Rosetti

M ASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Apr 14, 11am

+Laura Creel
+Laszek B Remiszewski

Thursday, Apr 16, 11am

+Mary Hamel Schwultz
+John Linder

Sunday, Apr 19, 9am

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Family

Sunday, Apr 19, 11:30am

+Betty Jean Necaise
+Drew Garrett



Prayer to Send Your Guardian Angel to Mass



Go, my Angel Guardian dear,
to church for me, the Mass to hear.

Go, Kneel devoutly at my place
and treasure for me every grace.

At the Offertory time,
please offer me to God Divine.

All I have and all I am,
present it with the Precious Lamb.

Adore for me the great Oblation.
Pray for all I hold most dear—

be they far or be they near.

Remember too, my own dear dead
for whom Christ's Precious Blood was shed.

And at communion bring to me
Christ's Flesh and Blood, my food to be.

To give me strength and holy grace,
a pledge to see Him face to face.

And when the Holy Mass is done
then with His blessing, come back home.

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inflicted with Coronavirus, strength
for their loved ones and God's pro-
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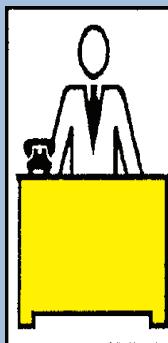
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