

# *The Resurrection*

THE GREATEST OF MIRACLES

He Is  
Not Here  
For He Has

*Risen*

Just As He  
Said

Matthew 28:6

ST. JOHN BOSCO  
Catholic Church

April 4, 2021

## *The Pastor Jots It Down*

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie Parishes and School,

Happy Easter Sunday and Easter Week!

The day that we have been waiting and preparing for since February 17th has finally arrived -- the culmination of all salvation history.

When humanity was listening to the lies of Satan, turning their backs to God, and committing the first deadly sin, God did not turn his back and abandon us. Rather he promised that he would save us from our sins. That was the beginning of salvation history.

God kept his promise by sending His only Son, Jesus, to show us how to live. In the greatest act of love Jesus gave His life on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven.

He gave His all for us. Today as we celebrate His victory over Satan, sin, and death, and made heaven possible for us, we can ask ourselves, how are we living for Him? What example are we giving to our family members, our friends, our co-workers, our neighbors?

Jesus, through his Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection wants to give us life and peace – life and peace in all its fullness.

St. Francis in reflecting upon the life of Christ and desiring to do his part in bringing about the coming of God's Kingdom, composed this beautiful prayer –



### *The Peace Prayer of St. Francis:*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

St. Francis not only composed this prayer, but he lived it in his life.

Today, let us reflect upon this prayer and ask God for the grace to give Him our all and cooperate with Him in the salvation of souls.

God loves you!

*F. Mark*

# Life Messages for Easter

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-04/gospel-commentary0.html>

## **1) We are to be a Resurrection people:**

Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a “Resurrection people.” This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement or doubt, nor that of death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives. “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24).

## **2) We need to seek our peace and joy in the Risen Jesus:**

The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life. “Peace be with you!” was His salutation to His disciples at all post-Resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord.

## **3) We are to be transparent Christians:**

We are called to be transparent Christians, showing others, through our lives of love, mercy, compassion and self-sacrificing service, that the Risen Jesus is living in our hearts.

## **4) We need to live new, disciplined lives in the Risen Jesus:**

Our awareness of the all-pervading, loving presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own coming resurrection, help us control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. These salutary thoughts inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the Risen Lord is present in our neighbors and in all those we encounter should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.

## **5) We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays:**

Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share the power of His Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust, we share in the Resurrection

of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations – but keep on trying to overcome them – we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus’ Resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we too can conquer them if we put our Faith in Him.

## **6) We are to be bearers of the Good News of Resurrection power.**

Resurrection is Good News, but at the same time, it’s sometimes painful because it involves death. Before the power of the Resurrection can take hold in our own lives, we’re called to die to sin, to die to self. We may even have to die to our own dreams, so that God can do what He wants to do with our lives. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. Early that Easter morning, Mary Magdalene did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: the Risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God’s new ways of working in the world. That’s the power of the Resurrection. When those moments come, we must spread the news--just as Mary Magdalene did: We have seen the Lord!

## **7) We need to be Easter people (Fr. V. Kizhakevely):**

We are in truth called to be an "Easter people", because there are many Easter moments in our lives. It may be in prayer, when for a moment we really experience the love of God, especially having felt his absence, as we often do, like the disciples who experienced the emptiness of the tomb. It may be that moment when we are touched and given hope by a word of scripture - like the disciples on the road to Emmaus when their hearts were uplifted in joy and hope as the Lord opened up the scriptures to them. Or it may be a moment during the sacrament of reconciliation, after we have acknowledged honestly our weakness and selfishness, our sinfulness and come to experience his forgiveness. Indeed, there are times in our lives when we know, through faith, that the times of calm after the storm, of joy after sorrow, of restored vitality after weary days on our journey of faith, are truly times when we share in his paschal mystery. (Fr. Antony Kadavil).



## *The 8 Most Defining Images from 8 Years of Pope Francis*

Colleen Dulle, March 13, 2021 AmericanMagaine.org <https://bit.ly/3cFo5aV>

Eight years ago today, Pope Francis emerged on the balcony of St. Peter's Square for the first time, clad not in the red ermine cape and new red loafers prepared for the next pope, but in a simple white cassock and his old black orthopedic shoes.

His simple apparel set the tone for what would become a whirlwind papacy including 52 papal trips, six major documents, three synods and thousands of speeches and homilies aimed at shifting the church toward simplicity, collegiality and care for the poor and outcast.

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Long after "Amoris Laetitia" and "Laudato Si'" have faded into history, people will remember the images of this South American pope warmly embracing a man covered in tumors, falling to the ground to kiss the feet of formerly warring African leaders or praying alone in the rain in St. Peter's Square at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

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This is a pope who lives the phrase often attributed to his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

In honor of eight years of Pope Francis, here are the top eight images from his pontificate.

### **1. Pope Francis greets the world for the first time as pope, March 13, 2013**



**Pope Francis appears for the first time on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 13, 2013.**

**(CNS photo/Paul Haring)**

Going into the 2013 conclave, few people considered Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio a frontrunner—least of the cardinal-archbishop of Buenos Aires himself. As America's Vatican correspondent Gerard O'Connell details in his book *The Election of Pope Francis: An Inside Account of the Conclave that Changed History* (Orbis, 2019), *when Francis emerged on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica for the first time as pope, he "just stood there in silence, immobile. He seemed stunned by the sea of humanity that stretched out in the darkness before him across the square, right down the Via della Conciliazione reaching toward Castel Sant'Angelo."*

He greeted the crowds as his “brothers and sisters” and said: “You know that it was the duty of the conclave to give Rome a Bishop. It seems that my brother Cardinals have gone to the ends of the earth to get one, but here we are!” Before giving his blessing, he asked for the crowd to pause and pray for him for a moment first. A hush descended.

Mr. O’Connell writes that there was something new in the Roman air that night: an anticipation that the first non-European pope in 1,200 years, the first Jesuit pope and the first to take the name of St. Francis might, as he told the cardinals in their pre-conclave meeting, open the windows of a dusty church to let the Holy Spirit blow in.

## **2. Washing the feet of prisoners, women and Muslims at Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013**



**Pope Francis washes the foot of a prison inmate during the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper at Rome’s Casal del Marmo prison for minors March 28, 2013.**

**(CNS photo / L’Osservatore Romano via Reuters)**

Just after his election, the new pope caught the world’s attention when he held a small Holy Thursday liturgy at a youth detention center. Breaking with tradition, the pope washed the feet of 12 young inmates including, for the first time, *two girls: one Christian and one Muslim. Three years later, he would change the text of the Roman Missal to officially include women in the foot-washing rite, a move that faced resistance within the Vatican.*

Every year since, the pope has washed the feet of women, minorities and those on the margins of society, like the elderly, at his Holy Thursday liturgies.

## **3. Pope Francis embraces a man with a severe skin condition, Nov. 6, 2013**



**Pope Francis embraces Vinicio Riva, 53, during his general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Nov. 6, 2013. Riva, who is afflicted with neurofibromatosis, said receiving the pope’s embrace was like being in paradise.**

**(CNS photo / Claudio Peri, EPA)**

Vinicio Riva was used to people being afraid of him. He had learned to stifle his anger when people harassed him for his skin condition: His face and body are covered in severe tumors that often bleed through his shirt, his aunt told CNN. So he was shocked when Pope Francis approached him without hesitation at a public audience in November 2013, embracing him and letting him bury his head in the pope’s chest.

“When he came close to us, I thought he would give me his hand [to kiss],” Mr. Riva’s aunt, Caterina Lotto, told CNN. “Instead he went straight to Vinicio and embraced him tightly. I thought he wouldn’t give him back to me, he held him so tightly. We didn’t speak. We said nothing, but he looked at me as if he was digging deep inside, a beautiful look that I would never have expected.”

The image went viral, part of the “Francis effect” that touched the hearts of the world early in the Francis papacy.

#### **4. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew kisses Pope Francis’ head, Nov. 29, 2014.**



**Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople kisses Pope Francis as they embrace during an ecumenical prayer service in the patriarchal Church of St. George in Istanbul Nov. 29, 2014.**

**(CNS photo/Paul Haring)**

During his papal trip to Istanbul, Pope Francis asked Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodox Christians, to bless him and “the church of Rome.” When he bowed for the blessing, the patriarch kissed him gently on the head.

The two men have a warm relationship, often kissing one another on the cheek and embracing when they meet. Achieving unity between the Eastern and Western churches, which have been in schism since the Middle Ages, is one of Pope Francis’ major goals.

#### **5. A beam of light hits Pope Francis’ cross on his return flight from Dublin, Aug. 26, 2018**



**A shaft of light illuminates Pope Francis as he responds to a question from reporter Anna Matranga of CBS News aboard his flight from Dublin to Rome Aug. 26.**

**(CNS photo/Paul Haring)**

Pope Francis’ trip to Ireland was expected to be his most challenging yet. The thrill of his first years as pope had worn off, and the American church was embroiled in what has since been called its “summer of shame”: the second wave of sexual abuse revelations brought about by the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report, which recounted in detail 70 years of abuse allegations, and revelations that the influential Cardinal Theodore McCarrick *had abused minors and seminarians.*

The Irish church, once culturally dominant, had lost thousands of adherents after sexual abuse revelations began there in the 1990s.

*To be continued next week.*

## Announcements

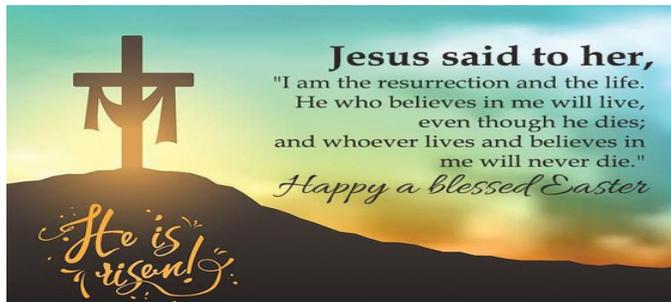
### Parishioners ~

Please remember if you elect to put a check in the collection not inside a giving envelope, please be sure your envelope number is on the check. This will help the office give proper credit!



### Easter Holiday ~

The parish office will be closed Thursday, April 1st, Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th. We wish everyone a blessed Holy Week!



### Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of  
All Souls in Purgatory*

### Bread & Wine

*In Memory of  
All Souls in Purgatory*

### Important Reminder -

Please follow all CDC Guidelines

**If you or someone in your household have been exposed to, or have tested (and may be waiting on results) for COVID19, please stay home.**

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 3 ~ Holy Saturday

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass  
Parishioners of St. John Bosco

### Sunday, April 4 ~ Easter Sunday

9:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco  
Noon Parishioners of St. John Bosco

### Monday, April 5

7:00am +Raymond & Helen Saulino

### Tuesday, April 6

7:00am Happy Birthday Christopher Rea

### Wednesday, April 7

7:00am +Vernon Guillot, AOD

### Thursday, April 8

7:00pm Happy 57th Anniversary  
Pat & Mona Nunez, 4/3

### Friday, April 9

7:00am +James' Soul

### Saturday, April 10

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco  
5:30pm +Jacqueline G. Guillot  
+Wayne Delaune  
+Joyce Sonnier  
+Leboria Burrell  
+Duffy & Derek Dumas  
+Peter John Paul Nguyen  
+Joseph Lai Duc Anh  
+Dale Hymel  
+Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.  
+Lawrence Francis James Benoit  
+Doug Trauth, Sr.  
Peter Tuy Do

### Sunday, April 11

9:00am +William DeBlanc, MOB  
Noon +All Souls in Purgatory  
+Joseph Hung Monh Do  
+James McKenna  
+Steven Hourcade  
+Maria Hoang & Joseph Nguyen  
+Peter & Maria Nguyen  
Conversion of Sinners

*“We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way.”*

*~Pope Francis*