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Easter
Sunday



He has been raised from the dead,
and he is going before you to Galilee.

MATTHEW 28:7

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St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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From The Desk of Father Mac

This is an Easter Sunday like none we've ever experienced. Sadly, it is a time of sickness, death, and economic chaos; a time when ordinary patterns of human interaction - even the patterns of worship of God - have all been disrupted by a global pandemic. It is as if the whole human family has entered a boat together, sailing through an unpredicted storm, on an ocean that was already deep and dangerous and seems to have no boundaries. Pope Francis pointed this out several weeks ago when, standing on the steps of the Vatican overlooking an empty St. Peter's Square, he granted the special blessing to the "city and the world." We are a people lost at sea. Where can we look for meaning and consolation in this frightening time?

We can look to Jesus Christ. Though we are navigating through stormy waters right now, Jesus is in the boat with us and he promises to lead us safely to the heavenly shore. The passion, death, and Resurrection of Our Lord remind us that God has not abandoned us. God loves us so much he was willing to sacrifice His only Son and by willingly undergoing his passion, Jesus has won our salvation!

Through his death and Resurrection, the Lord Jesus has destroyed the power of sin and death and brought us into His life and has won for us victory over the grave. The Church in her wisdom asks us to keep this feast alive for fifty days. We need to reflect on this and just how much our Lord loves us. Easter is much more than flowers, cards, Easter eggs, candy, beautiful music, or even Easter Sunday Mass, which we are deprived of this year. Easter is the historical event that gives ultimate meaning and purpose to our lives. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we no longer have to fear sin and death. The victory has already been won in Christ. We celebrate Jesus, our Paschal Lamb who died out of sheer love for us.

Easter is the ultimate reality. At whatever point we are in creation history, the mystery we celebrate in Easter is what (finally) IS. Easter promises those who have entered the waters of baptism the ultimate outcome of victory if we choose to believe and live in God's Reign on earth, as it is in Heaven. Jesus challenges us to not be afraid. In the end, even COVID-19 is subordinate to the will and plans of the Father. The waters of chaos, filled with the Breath of God, have become the waters of baptismal life through the death and resurrection of the God/human, Jesus the Christ.

It might feel like Good Friday is lasting a little longer this year as our world continues to walk the painful way of the cross of this pandemic, but this crisis will pass. There will be an Easter ahead! I pray that this most unusual Easter season will be a time of renewed personal encounter with Our Risen Lord for you and your family that will give you hope and encouragement during this difficult time. Easter is not cancelled! The tomb is empty! Alleluia! Alleluia!

YOURS IN CHRIST,
REV. EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

Fr. Mac



**We know many of you have been impacted
by layoffs, work furloughs, or pay cuts
due to the coronavirus pandemic.
Our prayers are with you.**

**This is affecting our parish too!
Our deepest thanks to those
who are continuing
to give so generously to support our parish
during this challenging time!
May God reward your kindness**



Pray For



Our Catechumens
& Our Confirmandi

Regina Hagan
Tio Galli
Mickey Pappas
Sheldon Payne
Mary Shartzter
Alicata Houston
Family
Bob Farina
Maureen O'Connor
John King
Marco Larios
Pat Filley
Scarlett Olson

****All doctors,
nurses, medical
workers and first
responders****

****All those who
have lost their in-
come due to public
health closures****

**** All those who are
suffering physical,
mental or emotion-
al distress due to
the pandemic****

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US



Easter Daily Devotion

Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!

Let the joy of the Resurrection fill me
every day, O Lord.

Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!

May the Spirit's grace and power bless me
this day, O Lord.

Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!

Help me to be a sign of your life and love
today and every day, O Lord.

Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!

Table Prayer for the Season of Easter

This is the day the Lord has made! On
this Day of days we are filled with Easter
joy and nourished by the fruits of earth.

On this Day of days may we know the
presence of Christ in breaking bread
with those we love. On this Day of days
let us show his presence to the poor and
hungry as our service to them is a sign
of his glory. This is the day the Lord has
made! Let all the earth cry out with joy
on this Day of days. May this meal be
blessed, as we will be at the feast of
heaven. Amen.

Regina Caeli, Lactare. Alleluia!

Rejoice, Queen of heaven. Alleluia!
Lead the rejoicing of all the saved,
Holy Mary, Mother of God.

You were chosen to be Christ's mother.
Alleluia! Help us remain
faithful children of light,

Holy Mary, Mother of God. Christ has risen
as he said. Alleluia!

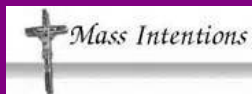
Let us follow your example, Holy Mary,
Mother of God. Pray for us to God. Alleluia!
With all the saints, Holy Mary, Mother of God,
intercede for us at the throne of grace. Rejoice
and be glad: the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia!

May our joy bring us, Holy Mary, Mother of
God, to join you and the hosts of heaven, sing-
ing eternal praises in glory for all eternity.
Alleluia!

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The public celebration of all Masses is suspended until further notice.



Mass intentions that were already scheduled are being celebrated privately by Father Mac. If you have a request, please contact the parish office.

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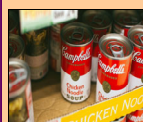
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HEARTS TO SERVE Ministry



The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is teaming up with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus to provide support for those struggling during the pandemic.



HEARTS TO SERVE launched on March 24. Anyone can call the hotline 855-423-6780, from 8 a.m.

-5 p.m. daily, and volunteers will connect callers with local resources for food and household necessities. Drivers are available to deliver supplies to homes and parish-based food pantries.

HEARTS TO SERVE will also work to help those who have lost their jobs or find themselves unable to pay for basic needs.

For anyone struggling with loneliness under LA's "safer in place" directive, Hearts to Serve will also provide critical human contact, including prayer, conversation, and resources for support. To learn more or to volunteer click [here](#).



*O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of
hope. We entrust ourselves to
you, Health of the Sick, who
at the cross took part in Jesus'
pain, keeping your faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the World,
know what we need, and we
are sure you will provide so
that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to
feasting after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine
Love, to conform to the will of
the Father and to do as we
are told by Jesus, who has
taken upon himself our suffer-
ings and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.*

*Under your protection, we seek
refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties
of we who are in trial, but
deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*



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Or download the color version and display prominently in your home
as a reminder to pray without ceasing.

Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

What impact do my Baptismal vows have on my everyday life?

This Easter season, spend some time each week pondering the questions below to discern how your ordinary world might better reflect the Baptismal promises you renewed on Easter Sunday.

Week One: Do you renounce Satan? Where does Satan work on your life and your heart? Where does temptation meet you? Food? Social media? Anger? What can you do to break the cycle and reject Satan's hold?

Week Two: And all his works? Satan's work is to divide. Where in your life is division rampant? What issues do you approach in an all-or-nothing way, leading to judgment and acrimony? What can you do to bridge division when you encounter it in daily life?

Week Three: And all his empty show? Which of Satan's promises are hardest for you to resist? Comfort, power, admiration, prestige, luxury, self-righteousness? When do you find yourself unwilling to sacrifice those things in order to see God's kingdom of justice made real on earth? What stands in the way of truly rejecting these empty promises?

Week Four: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? If God made all things, then we must treat the created world with reverence. List three ways you can treat God's creation with greater reverence and better stewardship.

Week Five: 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? Because of Jesus' incarnation, death, and resurrection, everyone on earth is invited to the heavenly banquet. What does this mean for your interactions with those on the margins of your ordinary life: philosophical/ political opponents, those of other cultures or religions? How can you better honor them as bearers of God's image?

Week Six: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? The Spirit moves every person in a unique way. Do you invite the Spirit to dwell in you, or are you afraid? Where in your life do you need the Spirit's guidance, discernment, or healing?

Week Seven: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? Belief manifests in action. What gifts can you offer to the Church? What prevents you from giving of your time? What can you do to change that?

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