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

Sunday Mass Readings can be found in our hymnals at no. 1065



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

MATTHEW 28:7

MASS SCHEDULE

AT

INCARNATION

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Easter Sunday

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An Easter Message from Your Pastor!

Greetings!

We can spend many years of studies, read many books, travel to many places, hear from both the simple and the learned people, and learn lessons from the experiences of life. Still, we can't have all the answers to many existential questions.

We may have unwavering faith in God, but we still grapple with many mysteries of life and faith, such as suffering, sickness, death, and eternal life. Take, for example, our quandaries on our experiences of crisis and tragedies in this era—wars, terrorism, mass shootings, firestorms, earthquakes, tsunamis, and now the coronavirus pandemic. What do we make out of them?

As we grow older, we continue to confront many questions and complexities, and we can never have absolute certainties about many issues affecting us. No generation will ever have all the answers to life's struggles. No science and technology will ever bring satisfaction to our queries. It's because our minds are limited. All that we can do is to succumb to uncertainties and surrender ourselves to God's mysterious ways.

The absolute truth in life is that everything will end. We cannot know the day nor the hour, but this world will come to an end too. As the Gospel this Sunday (Mark 13:24-32) states, the time will come when the sun will darken, the moon will stop shining, and the stars will fall from the sky.

With this realization, should we stop living passionately, loving generously, exploring, and studying life and the world? I don't think so. For the purpose and meaning of life is to give our personal lives away for the glory of God. It is no wonder that Jesus Christ said that it is in losing one's life that we gain it. And the highest wisdom that we can learn from our earthly journey is that a life spent in service and love is what matters most!

And so, what shall we do with our continuous wrestling with the questions and mysteries of life? Let's deal with them, struggle with them, remain hopeful for each other and the whole humanity, and trust in the mighty power of God over our lives and the universe. As Jesus says in the Gospel, "this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place, but my words will not pass away."

The key then to accepting and surrendering to life's pains and mysteries is faith in God's Word, which he spoke to us in Jesus Christ. God's words declare that we matter, and we belong to Him!

In God and his Word, we experience peace more durable than all sufferings of this world. Moreover, we feel His presence in prayer, in sincere dialogue with others, in silence, in our interaction with nature, in reading a luminous and profound passage. His words fill us with passion and strength. His words, "I am with you until the end of time..." (Matthew 28:20) echo within all that we are and experience.

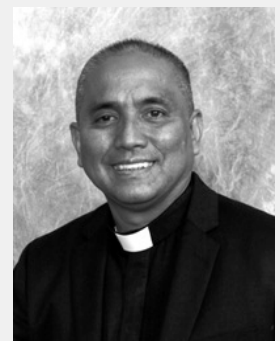
C.S. Lewis sheds light on God's wisdom: "God whispers to us in our pleasures; speaks in our consciences but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world..."

Pope Francis encourages us also with words grounded in the Scriptures: "Do not fear time; nothing is eternal. Do not fear wounds; they make you strong. Do not be afraid to cry; it cleans the soul. Do not fear challenges; they make you agile. Do not fear making mistakes; they make you wise. Do not fear loneliness; God is always with you."

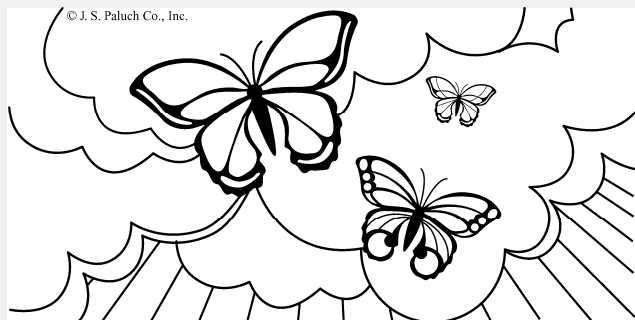
Blessings to you and your loved ones this Easter!

Your loving pastor,

Fr. Rodel "Odie" Balagtas



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 12, 2020



When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.
— *Colossians 3:4*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 *or at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*.

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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*

Ways to Celebrate Easter Sunday at Home!

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray every day.

Easter Sunday: Dress up the dinner table including candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy. Look online for other suggestions for celebrating Holy Week at home, to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of physical distancing. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Special Prayer Requests

For the Sick: *Deacon Celso Roxas, Pete Jarasa, Augustine Zacharias, Theresa Zick, Joe & Josephine Algiers, Ella Victoria Bayley.*

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Readings for the Week ~ April 13 - 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Masses at Incarnation

**As instructed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles,
we will have no public Masses.**

We will broadcast, live, on our parish Facebook account Masses, Mon.-Fri., 5:30 PM, Saturday at 8:30 AM Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM.

The intentions listed below were previously scheduled for 8:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses. They will be combined into the daily Mass. During this unprecedented emergency we must accept and honor these difficult decisions.

The most important thing to remember is that these intentions are being said. *May God bless us all!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Apr. 12	8:00	MANUEL SANDIL (RIP)
	8:00	PEOPLE OF INCARNATION (INT)
	10:00	ED MCINNISH (INT)
	10:00	NINI MALDONADO (INT)
	5:00	MARY SCHNEIDER (RIP)
Mon., Apr. 13	5:30	FR. RODEL (INT)
	5:30	LESLIE GALBAN (RIP)
Tue., Apr. 14	5:30	NELSON BALTAZAR (RIP)
	5:30	COLLECTIVE INTENTION
Aldrin Sandil, RIP; Leslie Galban, RIP; Socorro Rivera, INT; Maria De La Luz Michel, RIP		
Wed., Apr. 15	5:30	GEORGE INSPRUCKER (RIP)
	5:30	PATTI ARANETA (INT)
Thur., Apr. 16	5:30	JUSTINE YEO (RIP)
	5:30	ROLAND RUIZ (RIP)
Fri., Apr. 17	5:30	TOLEDO J. JINGCO, SR. (RIP)
	5:30	PEARY JOHN & RURINSIMO REAMOSIO (RIP)
Sat., Apr. 18	8:30	COLLECTIVE INTENTION Ethel Diamante, RIP
		Carolina P. Lingat, RIP; Liza P. Lino, INT; George Insprucker, RIP;
	8:30	REMEDIOS ROXAS (RIP)

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If you have not yet received an email from us, please send your email address to vickievp@incaglendale.org.



Yes! We must still say “Alleluia”!

Holy Week presses in on our daily routines and beckons us to recall the story of Christ’s passion. We are used to holding vigils and services to retrace the steps of Christ. Purple cloth would adorn the altars, and Easter baskets emerge from the closets where they’ve been sitting since last spring.

Yes, spring is here! The flowers, trees and plants are shouting praise in their blooming. And yes, this is a sacred story. I have wondered this season, and through this pandemic, ***“How does Christ feel about the way we tell his story?”*** (Especially because of our current situation.) The question has left me speechless for all that I do not know.

Over three years, Jesus shared intimately with his 12 disciples and taught them everything they could take in. Ultimately, he gave them a charge to share the message with any who would listen. It was a message of love and forgiveness. Radical love. Radical forgiveness.

For more than 2,000 years now, people have continued to have encounters with Christ through direct experience or through the love, grace and mercy shown to them by people who believe. Making all things new.

On March 22, 2017, I lost my Mom when she was 83 years young. On June 1, 2017, just four months after my Mom passed, my brother passed away at 58 years old. Easter reminds me we will be together again. I recently lost a friend to cancer who was just turning 40 years old and left behind his 3 very young sons. Easter reminds me we will be together again. My list goes on and on. I suspect yours does as well.

And it is not only death that is conquered in the Resurrection. It is also those things that bring destruction and death into our daily lives: addiction, heartache, illness, financial oppression, dysfunctional relationships and a host of other things (yes, even COVID-19). Christ’s life, death and resurrection hold the power to redeem it all.

Today I have a slightly different question: ***“How does Christ ask me to tell His story?”***

“Love one another as I have loved you,” is all I hear in response (John 15:12). By this love—the love of Jesus—the world will know his story.

Happy Easter Incarnation Family. Stay safe. Stay positive. And celebrate with many ALLELUIAS in your homes this Easter because that is where he abides!

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