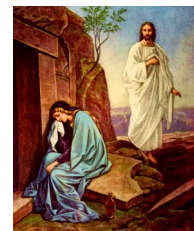


Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

A Catholic Tradition in the foothills of Los Angeles since 1920



April 9, 2023

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Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass

7:00 am (English)
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10:30 am (English)
12:30 pm (English)

Daily Mass

Monday through Thursday
7:45 am
Friday: 8:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
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2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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Adoration and Benediction

First Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Rosary

After Daily Mass

Baptism and Marriages

Please call the Parish Office
☎818-352-3218

Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday brings to a glorious conclusion the season of Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Triduum. Christ has indeed risen, as is evident in the empty tomb and from the experience and testimony of the apostles who ate and drank with him after the resurrection.

In the gospel reading, John tells us that the empty tomb was not a dream. He carefully observes the setting, noting that the linen cloths that had held the lifeless body of Jesus were on the ground; they were no longer necessary. Moreover, the cloth that had covered Jesus' face was neatly rolled up and placed in a separate place. This was not a hurried job; the body of Jesus had certainly not been stolen. This is the work of God!

If the body had been stolen, the thieves would not have removed the linen. Besides it would be less suspicious to carry a covered body than a naked, dead body. If the body had been stolen, the thieves would not have taken the time to hold and roll the linen cloth then set it neatly apart. The way the linen was arranged showed that there was no confusion, no haste. At one glance, the message was clear; the man wrapped in this linen leisurely stood up, removed the linen, folded it neatly and calmly walked out, i.e., Christ had resurrected.

"Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark," as the Gospel tells us. Can you imagine what was darting through the mind of this brave follower of Jesus on that somber, loveless morning? Her mind must have been filled with conflicting memories. There were cherished images of Jesus bringing life and hope to so many people whom he encountered, including her. But these memories were dimmed by the horrible images of Calvary: the deafening shouts of the crowds and the horrific sounds of hammers driving nails into wood. The dramatic events of Calvary had taken from her the one she had come to love and to follow. The darkness of that early morning hour reflected the darkness that enveloped her heart.

Mary Magdala and the other disciples discover however, that Jesus is no longer a prisoner of the tomb. At first, Mary does not fully understand the wondrous event that has taken place. So, she goes to share her news with Peter and the Beloved Disciple. The Gospel tells us that the Beloved Disciple came, saw the empty tomb, and believed.

The Good News of Easter begins now to sink into the minds and hearts of the disciples.

Paul reminds us that we too already share in the new life of Jesus because we "have been raised up in company with Christ....". We have been totally immersed into Christ's death and resurrection and given a new life in him. We now have to wait for the time when we too will enjoy the same glory into which Jesus has gained new life.

Our world has endured a pandemic that has at times made us feel that we were enveloped by darkness. Many lives have been taken away. We have been waiting for the stone to be rolled away so that we might come out of the tomb. Compounding our struggles with the lethal virus, we are going through the scourges of wars among nations, violence in the streets, in dancing halls, including the murder of a bishop in his private room.

And so, we Christians celebrate this Easter Sunday as part of a wounded nation and a wounded world. We come at this time to profess our belief in the resurrection of the Lord. For had Christ not risen, our suffering would be without meaning; our faith in God would be nothing; our love would be fruitless; and our death would be in vain. What an abysmal desolation of existence it would be! But Christ's resurrection gives us now an unflinching hope in God's testament of love: we pass over from the bondage of sin to the freedom of Christ; we pass over from an insecure world to the certainty of the kingdom of God; we pass over from our mortal lives to the abiding presence of God. Thank God. Christ is alive! Alleluia!

Faith in the resurrection does not give us easy answers to the profound questions occasioned by suffering. But our faith does give us the hope that there is a light shining in the midst of the darkness.

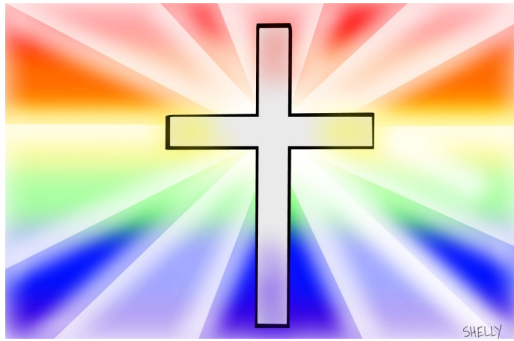
In the death and resurrection of Jesus, we can now find the presence of God in the person who is suffering, even in one undergoing a horrific death by crucifixion. More so, Easter assures us that God is a God of life who brings life out of death. We cannot always grasp how God does that. The lines of God's lifegiving action cannot be drawn with precision. But we believe that God is always on the move to bring new life out of the many forms of death that we go through each and every day.

Happy Easter!

Cast into the Deep (April 9)

The Whole Enchilada

Nelle Orsburn



Christ is risen! Alleluia!

After the past week's somber and austere images of our Church environment, and the readings recounting the suffering and Death of Jesus, his resurrection evokes so much exultation. Our church environment is full of light with flowers and vestments amplifying the joy in our hearts. In fact, our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Rite greet one another on Easter morning with an excited "Christ is Risen" to which they respond with equal joy, "He is truly Risen!"

When we were young, we learned from our Catechism that the Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith. In fact, Easter is the holiest of our holy days, the solemnity of solemnities, the feast of feasts. "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1 Cor 15:14).

That's not to say, that the other holy days celebrating the life of Christ are not important. Every part of Jesus' life while he was here in his earthly abode is part and parcel of our salvation story. All of it! The whole enchilada. If the Blessed Virgin Mary had not said her yes, Jesus would not have been born. If Jesus had not been born, he would not have been around to work his miracles, to preach to the people, and to gain a big following. If he had not started his public life, he would not have drawn the ire of those who wanted to see him dead; and without his passion and death, there would not have been his resurrection. And this is the crux of our saving story— his passion and death and his rising from the dead.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace. " (CCC, 654)

With respect to the first, In dying on the cross, Jesus took our sins upon himself. "He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness." (1 Peter 2:24) So that we might live for righteousness. This is the liberating factor. We are no longer slaves to sin for Jesus has paid for our iniquities and has shown us how to live a righteous life by his grace and mercy. He took upon himself unimaginable sufferings and indignities, including death, death on the cross, out of love for us. But he did not remain in death. He did not even rise from dead to go back to his mortal body as was the case with Lazarus. No. He rose from the dead in glory, with his glorified body, to sit at the right hand of the Father where he lives forever and ever. He rose from the dead to reconcile us to the Father, to reinstate us in God's grace. "... as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

How do we live this Paschal Mystery. How do we live his passion and death that we may be resurrected with him? This past week we walked the steps to Calvary. Recalling Jesus suffering but anticipating his glorious resurrection at the same time. In a sense it was like rereading a good story, knowing what the ending is but still relishing the details and actions that lead to the climax and denouement. But is it really? It is more like an interactive story for we are active participants of our salvation story. Every day we can recall and unite ourselves to the Passion and Death of Christ. Every day, we encounter sufferings, sometimes big, sometimes bigger. Oftentimes small, really just annoyances. We have a choice. We can complain, be miserable and make others miserable, or uniting our suffering with Christ's suffering, we can transform it to love. How? Are you suffering physical pain? Recall the scourging Christ received out of love for us, and love him in that suffering. Is it a broken relationship? Recall the disciples, his friends who fled when the soldiers seized him. Is it mental anguish? Spiritual darkness? Recall his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Recall his words from the cross "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" Whatever suffering may come to visit us, Christ had experienced it in his Passion and Death. We must pray for the grace to continue loving through the suffering. Certainly, be proactive in getting relief, in finding healing, through medical treatment and therapy, through discernment and spiritual counsel. But just like Jesus, we do not remain in death, we do not dwell in the suffering. With Jesus, we rise up from this "death" to live in newness of life. The new life that we have received from him in Baptism. It is the new life of putting on Christ and loving with the love he loves us. Then, when we greet one another "Christ is Risen" we know and can say, "He is truly Risen!"



A Day in the Life of Fr. Rolly

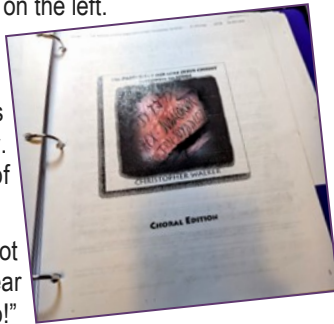
Thank goodness his day starts with prayer (and coffee) because judging by what's in his calendar, Fr. Rolly would surely need it.



It was the morning of the first day of April, and Fr. Rolly was at Orcas Park in Sylmar blessing animals. It came about when Monica Rodriguez, our city council representative, made an appearance at the Friday Fish Fry. Spotting Fr. Rolly there, she invited him to bless the animals at the Annual event. It was covered by the Daily News in its local section as we see in the photo on the left.

Then it was on to practice, with the choir, the choral rendition of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Walker) for Good Friday. Yes, of course, he was singing all of Jesus' lines.

Before too long, it was time to hotfoot it back to the church to hear confessions. "Sorry, Ania, gotta go!"



After confessions, with barely enough time to vest for the liturgy, Fr.



Rolly headed for the outdoor altar where the Mass would begin since April 1st was the Vigil for Palm Sunday. He blessed the palms and reflected on the Gospel reading, after which he processed with the congregation to the church to

continue the liturgy inside.

As sometimes happens, after Communion, Fr. Rolly invited the congregation to join him in blessing Jim and Whitney, in celebration and thanksgiving on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Day's end. There were breakfast, lunch, and dinner somewhere in the mix, and more planning and doing, but it is time to sleep happy to have served the Lord. "Lord, this is your church. Take care of it. I'm going to bed. Good night." ❖



Happy Easter

We need the crucified and risen Lord so that we can believe in the victory of love, and hope for reconciliation. Today, more than ever, we need him to stand in our midst and repeat to us: "Peace be with you!"

~ Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi, Easter 2022

Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering.

Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Parish News

Schedule of Masses and Reconciliation

Confessions

Saturday at 3:45 - 4:45 pm (music room - entry by baptismal font)

Sunday Masses (all Masses are indoors)

Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Sunday at 7:00 am, 8:30 am (Spanish), 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Live Stream: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am (Sp)

The Link to the live streamed Masses is:

<https://www.facebook.com/106570891120663/live/>

Daily Masses

Monday - Thursday at 7:45 am; Friday at 8:30 am

Wearing a face mask in Church is not required. It is a matter of individual preference.*
Let's respect each other's preference.

*LA County Public Health

TOGETHER IN MISSION

| | a/o 4/3/23 | Last Year |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Goal: | \$44,396.00 | \$41,607.00 |
| Pledged: | \$18,209.50 | \$49,948.00 |
| Paid: | \$12,265.50 | \$48,272.75 |
| Over/Under Goal | (\$32,130.50) | \$ 6,665.25* |

If you haven't submitted your pledge, it is not too late. Pledge envelopes are in the bulletin racks. Thank you for your generosity.

* Amount over goal last year was paid to the parish as rebate.

Access your bulletin online and get the added bonus of more articles and photos. Click on the link on Fr. Rolly's Friday letter or enter the url:

<https://www.ollchurch.us/bulletins> or scan the QR Code



Lions Roar: OLL School News

OLL School Golf Tournament on May 23, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.



Moorpark Country Club will be the venue for the first Golf Tournament organized by the OLL Family Fun Days Team to benefit OLL School.

Singles at \$200.00 and Foursomes at \$700.00.

Get our buddies to fill in the slots by March 1st. Register at:

ollgolfevent@gmail.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Masquerade Night

Friday, April 28, 2023 @ 6 pm

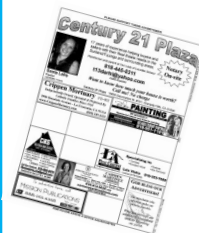
La Canada Country Club

Cocktail Attire; 21 and over event

Tickets are Pre-Sale only: \$75 per person; \$800 for a reserved table for 10. Flyer on p 11 of eBulletin.



In the News:



Save our Parish Bulletin

If you have a business or service that you would like to advertise, consider doing so in our Parish Bulletin. To place your ad, please call our publisher, Mission Publications, at 888-253-4358.

Caring and Sharing: A Bereavement Support Group

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one through death, whether your loss is recent or many years ago, please join us for this 6-week support program.

Tuesdays starting April 11 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 OLL Parish Office

To register, Please call
 the Parish Office at
 818-352-3218.



Seniors 55+ Group

Join the Seniors 55+ Group (for single, separated, divorced and widowed women) on **Saturday, April 22** for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:50 p.m.

Call the parish office and leave your name, email and phone number before **April 20** so we know how many to expect for dinner.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court San Ysidro #1507
 invites you to our annual

Spring Tea

"Around the World"

Join us for food, fun, prizes, and a

"Parade of Nations"

April 23, 2023, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Auditorium
 7355 Apperson St, Tujunga, CA

\$15.00

For more information see flyer on p 9 of eBulletin



Celebrating our Saint for the Week

April 12: St. Teresa of the Andes, Religious (1900 –1920): St Teresa was born in Santiago Chile and was baptized Juana Fernandez Solar. Her family were well-off and faithful to their Christian faith. Even as a young child she had a deep desire to serve God. She gave herself over to prayer, to the acquiring of virtue and the practice of a life in accord

"I am God's, He created me and is my beginning and my end."

with the Gospel. Such were her efforts that in a few short years she reached a high degree of union with God.. she entered the Discalced

"[God] desires me to allow myself to be guided entirely by the Holy Spirit. My life should be a continuous praise of love. I should lose myself in God and always contemplate Him without ever losing sight of Him."

Carmelite monastery at Los Andes on May 7, 1919. There she was given the religious name of Teresa of Jesus. A year later she contracted typhus and died on April 12 after taking her emergency final vows. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on April 3 1987.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

The 2nd Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. This year this falls on **Sunday, April 16, 2023.**



Everyone is encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Friday April 7th. Mass will be held on Saturday, April 15th at 8:30 am to celebrate the conclusion of the novena.

On the day of the Feast itself (April 16), the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed before each mass. After the 12:30 Mass, we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction. Please join us for refreshments at the Hospitality Patio after the Benediction.

Papal Prayer Intention for:

April: For a culture of peace and non-violence
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support.

Mass Intentions April 8 to 14, 2023



Saturday April 8 HOLY SATURDAY
(No Mass Intentions)

Sunday April 9 EASTER SUNDAY
(No Mass Intentions)

Monday April 10 7:45 AM
Luz V. Quezada †
Dolores Guzman †--*Birthday Remembrance*
Paz Luna †--*Birthday Remembrance*
Daniel Cruz †--*Birthday Remembrance*
Floreza Banquerigo—*Birthday Blessing*
Marja Centina—*Birthday Blessing*
Amelia Nicole Thomas—*1st Birthday Blessing*

Tuesday April 11 7:45 AM
John Schoot Cook †
Dolores Monroy Mejia †
Daniel—*Spiritual Blessing*
Geovanny Guerrero--*Thanksgiving*

Wednesday April 12 7:45 AM
Rosalie Haase †
Dolores Monroy Mejia †
Ernestina Muro †--*Birthday Remembrance*
Marily & Chumy Enriquez—*Thanksgiving*

Thursday April 13 7:45 AM
Madonna Sarne †
Dolores Monroy Mejia †

Friday April 14 8:30 AM
Dolores Monroy Mejia †

"...he saw and believed."

John 20:8

Readings for April 10 to 16, 2023

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| 4/10 | Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 / Mt 28:8-15 |
| 4/11 | Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 / Jn 20:11-18 |
| 4/12 | Acts 3:1-10 / Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 24:13-35 |
| 4/13 | Acts 3:11-26 / Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 24:35-48 |
| 4/14 | Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a / Jn 21:1-14 |
| 4/15 | Acts 4:13-21 / Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 / Mk 16:9-15 |
| 4/16 | Acts 2:42-47 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31 |

From scripture to life...

For a moment, you are Mary of Magdala. What is YOUR reaction to an empty tomb?

en Nuestra Parroquia

Calendario de misas y reconciliación

Confesiones: Sabado a las 3:45—4:45 pm (sala de música. entrar por el área del coro)

Misa dominicales:

Sabado a las 5:00 pm

Domingo a las 7:00 am, 8:30 am (Español), 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

Misas transmitidas en vivo: a las 5:00 pm; 8:30 am (Español)
<https://www.facebook.com/106570891120663/live/>

Misas diarias

de lunes a Jueves a las 7:45 am; Viernes a las 8:30 am

No es obligatorio usar mascarilla en la Iglesia. Es una cuestión de preferencia individual.*
 Respetemos la preferencia de cada uno.

*LA County Public Health

Torneo de Golf Escolar OLL



el 23 de mayo de 2023 a las 12:00 p.m. Moorpark Country Club será la sede del primer Torneo de Golf organizado por el Equipo de Días de Diversión Familiar de OLL a beneficio de la Escuela OLL.

Singles a \$200.00 y Foursomes a \$700.00. Haz que nuestros amigos llenen los espacios antes del 1 de marzo.

Regístrate en: ollgolfevent@gmail.com

Noche de Mascarada de OLL

viernes, 28 de abril de 2023 a las 18:00

La Cañada Country Club

Traje de cóctel; evento para mayores de 21 años

Los boletos son de preventa solamente: \$75 por persona; \$800 por una mesa reservada para 10. Volante en la página 11 de eBulletin.



La Arquidiócesis continúa ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Durante el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, y en nombre del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, afirmamos nuestro compromiso continuo de reportar alegaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, apoyar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes en su jornada de sanación y proteger a los niños y a las demás personas vulnerables. Para ello, la Arquidiócesis creó un sitio web, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>, que sirve como una herramienta integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar el abuso. Si usted o alguien que conoce es víctima de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, contacte a las autoridades policiales y llame a la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o visite <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> para ayuda y apoyo.

“...y vio y creyó,”

Jn 20,8



Intención de oración papal para:

Marzo: Por las víctimas de abuso

Abril: Por una cultura de paz y no violencia

Oramos por la difusión de la paz y la no violencia, mediante la disminución del uso de armas por parte de los Estados y ciudadanos.



Hijas católicas de las Américas

Tribunal San Ysidro #1507

te invita a nuestro anual

Spring Tea

"Alrededor del mundo"

Únase a nosotros para obtener comida, diversión, premios y un "Desfile de las naciones"

23 de abril de 2023, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Auditorio de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes,

7355 Apperson ST, Tujunga, CA

Para obtener más información, consulte Flyer en p9 de ebulletin



Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia

El 2º domingo de Pascua es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Este año cae el domingo **16 de abril de 2023**. Se anima a todos a rezar la Novena de la Divina Misericordia a partir del viernes 7 de abril. La misa se llevará a cabo el sábado 15 de abril a las 8:30 am para celebrar la conclusión de la novena. El mismo día de la fiesta (16 de abril), se rezará la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia antes de cada misa. Después de la Misa de las 12:30, tendremos la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, Adoración y Bendición. Únase a nosotros en el Patio de la Hospitalidad después de la Bendición para una recepción.



De las escrituras a la vida ...

Por un momento, eres María de Magdala. ¿Cuál es TU reacción ante una tumba vacía?

Domingo De Pascua De La Resurrección Del Señor**Primera Lectura: Hechos 10, 34. 37-43****Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 118***- Éste es el día en que actuó el Señor: sea nuestra alegría y nuestro gozo.***Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 3, 1-4****Evangelio: San Juan 20, 1-9****¡Feliz Pascua!**

El Domingo de Pascua de Resurrección da un final glorioso a la temporada de Cuaresma, la Semana Santa y el Triduo Pascual. Cristo ciertamente ha resucitado, como es evidente en la tumba vacía y por la experiencia y testimonio de los apóstoles que comieron y bebieron con él después de la resurrección.

En la lectura del evangelio, San Juan nos dice que la tumba vacía no fue un sueño. Él observa cuidadosamente la escena, indica que la tela de lino que había sostenido el cuerpo sin vida de Jesús estaba en el suelo; ya no era necesaria. Además, la tela que cubría el rostro de Jesús fue cuidadosamente enrollada y colocada en un lugar separado. Esta no fue una acción apresurada; el cuerpo de Jesús ciertamente no había sido robado. ¡Esta es la obra de Dios!

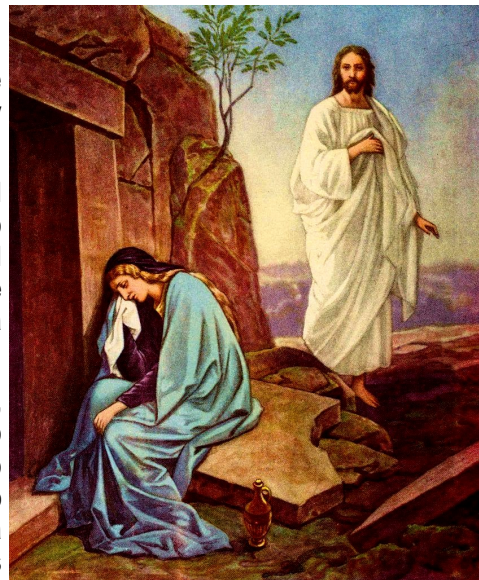
Si se hubieran robado el cuerpo, los ladrones no le habrían quitado la ropa blanca. Además, sería menos sospechoso llevar un cuerpo cubierto que un cadáver desnudo. Si el cuerpo hubiera sido robado, los ladrones no se habrían tomado el tiempo de enrollar la tela de lino y luego separarla cuidadosamente. La forma en que se dispuso la tela muestra que no hubo confusión ni prisa. A simple vista, el mensaje fue claro; el hombre envuelto en esta sábana se levantó tranquilamente, quitó la tela, la dobló cuidadosamente y salió tranquilamente, es decir, Cristo había resucitado.

"Estando todavía oscuro, fue María Magdalena al sepulcro", nos dice el Evangelio. ¿Puedes imaginar lo que pasaba por la mente de esta valiente seguidora de Jesús en esa mañana sombría y sin amor? Su mente debe haber estado llena de recuerdos contradictorios. Había imágenes preciadas de Jesús dando vida y esperanza a tantas personas con las que se encontraba, incluida ella. Pero estos recuerdos fueron empañados por las horribles imágenes del Calvario: los gritos ensordecedores de la multitud y los espantosos sonidos de martillos clavando clavos en la madera. Los dramáticos acontecimientos del Calvario le habían arrebatado al que había llegado a amar y a seguir. La oscuridad de esa hora de la mañana reflejaba la oscuridad que envolvía su corazón.

María Magdalena y los demás discípulos descubren, sin embargo, que Jesús ya no es un prisionero del sepulcro. Al principio, María no comprende del todo el maravilloso acontecimiento que ha tenido lugar. Entonces, ella va a compartir la noticia con Pedro y el Discípulo Amado. El Evangelio nos dice que el Discípulo Amado vino, vio el sepulcro vacío y creyó. La Buena Noticia de la Pascua comienza ahora a calar en la mente y en el corazón de los discípulos.

San Pablo nos recuerda que nosotros también compartimos ahora la vida nueva de Jesús porque "hemos resucitado con Cristo...". Hemos sido totalmente sumergidos en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo y hemos recibido una nueva vida en él. Ahora tenemos que esperar el momento en que nosotros también disfrutaremos de la misma gloria en la que Jesús ha ganado nueva vida.

Nuestro mundo ha soportado una pandemia que en ocasiones nos hizo sentir que la oscuridad nos envolvía. Se perdieron muchas vidas. Hemos estado esperando que la piedra sea removida para poder salir de la tumba. Agrava nuestra lucha con el virus letal,



estamos pasando por los flagelos de las guerras entre naciones, la violencia en las calles, en los salones de baile, incluido el asesinato de un obispo en su habitación privada.

Y así, los cristianos celebramos este Domingo de Pascua como parte de una nación herida y de un mundo herido. Hemos venido ahora a profesar nuestra creencia en la resurrección del Señor. Porque si Cristo no hubiera resucitado, nuestro sufrimiento no tendría sentido; nuestra fe en Dios sería nada; nuestro amor sería infructuoso; y nuestra muerte sería en vano. ¡Qué abismal desolación nuestra existencia sería! Pero la resurrección de Cristo nos da ahora una esperanza indefectible en el testamento de amor de Dios: pasamos de la esclavitud del pecado a la libertad de Cristo; pasamos de un mundo inseguro a la certeza del reino de Dios; pasamos de nuestra vida mortal a la presencia permanente de Dios. Gracias a Dios. ¡Cristo está vivo! ¡Aleluya!

La fe en la resurrección no nos da respuestas fáciles a las interrogantes difíciles que el sufrimiento nos plantea. Pero nuestra fe nos da la esperanza de que hay una luz que brilla en medio de la oscuridad.

En la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, ahora podemos encontrar la presencia de Dios en la persona que sufre, incluso en la que sufre una horrible muerte por crucifixión. Más aún, la Pascua nos asegura que Dios es un Dios de vida que saca vida de la muerte. No siempre podemos entender cómo Dios hace eso. Las líneas de la acción vivificante de Dios no se pueden trazar con precisión. Pero creemos que Dios siempre está en movimiento para traer nueva vida de las muchas formas de muerte por las que pasamos todos los días.

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