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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7:30 a.m. & Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Monday 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. During the school year
(7:30 a.m. when school is not
in session)
Thursday 7:30 a.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.
First Friday Adoration: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Holy Days: Consult the bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.
Saturday 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANointing)

By appointment only

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, are a living and growing Catholic community of faith, striving to follow and serve Christ. We are an evangelizing community, and we welcome others to fullness of life in Christ. With Mary we say "Yes" to God's call to pray together, worship consciously, and serve joyfully.

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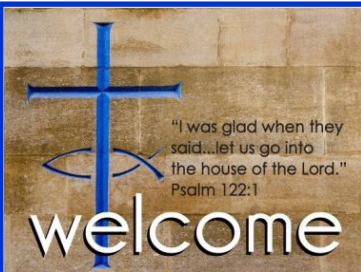
"Why do you
seek the living
one among
the dead?
He is not
here, but
he has
been
raised."

Luke 24:5-6

Holy Women at Christ's Tomb
by Annibale Carracci, 1590

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NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to a very friendly and enthusiastic community. Please fill out the information in the Binder on the Welcome Table located in the back of church or register at the Church Office. A Census Form can also be found on our website at www.olphbc.org.

Sacraments



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Due to demand, some months may be eliminated or another day or time may be chosen by the family if it is available on the church schedule of events." To begin the process, parents are encouraged to go to our website at www.olphbc.org to access the forms under Sacraments and return the forms by email or drop off at the Church Office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a seminar prior to the Baptism. The Baptismal Seminar is held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Day Chapel. If you need more information or have questions, call the Rectory at (504) 394-0314 or email cre@olphbc.org.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION: First Eucharist is celebrated the first Saturday of May for students in the 2nd grade or above. Children older than 2nd grade will be prepared on individual situations. The Sacrament of Reconciliation must be celebrated prior to Communion.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. Candidates who attend Catholic high school or are enrolled in the High School of Religion program come together for Sacramental preparation. All candidates are asked to pre-register in their freshmen year and no later than December of their 10th grade year. Information and registration can be found on our website: www.olphbc.org.

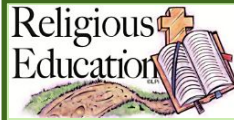
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org.



VISITATION OF THE SICK: Inform the Church Office when someone is sick, shut-in or hospitalized and unable to attend Mass.

FUNERALS: Inform the Church Office as soon as possible when someone in the family dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.



Religious Education

The mission of OLPH's Religious Education program is to bring the "Good News" of God's love to all children and their families and to call them to commit their lives to Christ. Religious Education is available for children in Kindergarten through adults. We encourage parents to be parishioners of OLPH when registering students for Religious Education classes. Census forms can be obtained from the Parish Office during regular business hours, on the Welcome Table located in the back of church or you can register online. Call the Church Office at (504) 394-0314, or email cre@olphbc.org for more information.

SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children in grades K-2nd are invited with a catechist during 10:30 a.m. Mass to the Day Chapel for the Liturgy of the Word for Children (September-May). A summary of the readings of the day is discussed on their level.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Our PSR program is divided in two parts. Family Faith Formation is the "academic" part with the textbook discussed at home as a family. Our Encountering Engaging Events are a chance to come together as a community to worship together, do crafts, or engage in traditional events like our Nativity Play and Living Way of the Cross.

HIGH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Students in 9th through 12th grade not attending a Catholic High School are offered Faith Formation with academics at home, working at their own pace, but also some time to get together to discuss what they have learned with their peers about three times a year. It is intended to be an informal study with honest Catholic answers.

RCIA: Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or completing Sacraments? Please join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We have a Year-Round RCIA process that you can enter into whenever you are ready. This is for you if you have never been baptized, if you have been baptized into another denomination and now want to become Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic but have never been confirmed. Sessions will be held in person with day and time to be adjusted to personal schedules. For additional information and to register, contact the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Safe Environment— Refer to the Web Site: <http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment> for policies and procedures concerning safe environment and child protection.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter, April 19, Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5,8,9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Altar Society Decorates Church—8:00 a.m.

Vigil Rehearsal, Church—10:00 a.m.

Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. (CANCELLED)

Easter Vigil Mass, Church—8:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

Easter Sunday, April 20, The Resurrection of the Lord, Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Masses, Church—7:00 a.m. (Fr. M), 9:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 11:00 a.m. (Fr. M)

2nd Collection—Capital Campaign (All Masses)

KC Easter Egg Hunt—10:15 a.m.

Monday, April 21, Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Closed

Baptismal Seminar, Day Chapel—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22, Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment

Confessions, Church—5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.

Novena—Mother of Perpetual Help, Church—6:50 p.m.

Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

Wednesday, April 23, Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 118:24; Lk 24:13-35

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment

Thursday, April 24, Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment

Catholicism Class, KC Hall—7:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

Friday, April 25, Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment

Riverbend Mass—10:00 a.m. (Fr. K)

Saturday, April 26, Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

First Communion Retreat, Church—8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. (CANCELLED)

Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

Sunday, April 27, Sunday of Divine Mercy

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

Children's Dismissal—10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Mass—10:30 a.m.

2nd Collection—Catholic Home Missions (All Masses)

HSR Class, Church—5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions

4/19, Saturday, 8:00 p.m.— Genevieve Duet, Darrell Roy, David & Pam DeJean, Fay Dudenhefer, Brigid Dufrene, George & Rosemary Sartis, Ellis Robeaux, Nazimova Fleming, Frank & Carolyn Salamone, Lyle & Lana Stockstill, Francis Gainey, Cindy Darce', Johnny Pennison

4/20, Sunday, 7:00 a.m.— Joyce C. Ehrhard

4/20, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners

4/20, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.— Eugene D. Fagnano, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Carol Schaubhut, Blaze St. Marie, Steven Cibilich, Donna Pobrica, Ante I. Tesvich, Irwin Cooper, III, Al "Pitt" Buras, Jacqueline Bubrig Cain, Debbie Buras, Paul LeBoeuf, Wade J. Bolotte, Theresa L. Bossier & Leslie J. Casler, Jr., Kerry M. Casler, Rosebud L. Dumesnil & Emmette E. Dumesnil, Sr., Earl J. Bossier, Ronald P. Boudreaux, Sandra Longley, Brigid Dufrene, Herman Ballay, Jr., Barbara Bourgeois, Anna Baker

4/21, Monday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

4/22, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

4/22, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Blaze St. Marie

4/23, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.— Nazimova Fleming

4/24, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.— Frank & Carolyn Salamone

4/25, Friday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

4/26, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

4/26, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Sandra Longley, Donna Pobrica, Wade & Barbara Bolotte, Jacqueline Cain, Irwin Cooper, III, Larry Avist, Sr., Trena Avist, Avist & Wilson Families, Ferdinand Von Behren, Darrell Roy, David & Pam DeJean, Fay Dudenhefer, Ellis Robeaux, Arturo Yap, Francis Gainey, Cindy Darce'

4/27, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners

4/27, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Esther Belsom, Wayne Perrin, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Blaze St. Marie, Brigid Dufrene, Donna Pobrica



The annual **KC Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Easter Sunday morning, April 20, 2025 behind the church. It will take place between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, about 10:15 a.m. All of the children of the community are invited. Please bring a bag or basket for the kids. **NOTE: Volunteers are needed to help set up. If interested, please call the church office.**



Pope Francis'
Prayer Intentions for 2025
April—For the Use of New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crisis of our times.

OLPH School News

Adventure Studio takes a virtual trip to Paris, France.



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

We are in need of certain items for our food pantry. If you are able to donate, please place items in our bin in the back of Church. **Thank you for your help in feeding those in need.**

Our pantry currently needs the following items:

Canned Fruit (any kind)	Canned Soup (any kind)
Hormel Chili	Cereal (any kind)
Pork n Beans	Grits (small boxes)
Canned chicken	Oatmeal (small boxes)
Tuna Fish	Pancake Mix
Vegetable Soup	Pancake Syrup
Peanut Butter (large size)	

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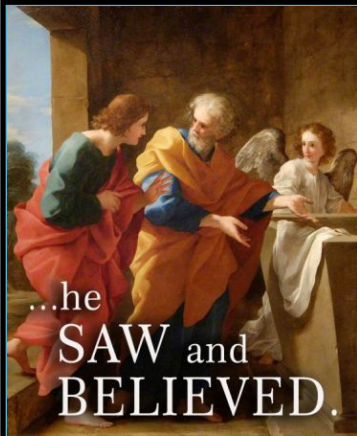


PASCHAL CANDLE

The **2025 Paschal Candle** for the Easter Season burns in our place of worship until Pentecost Sunday and for baptisms, funerals, and all special prayer services. **Cindy Liebel and Family** donated the Paschal Candle in loving memory of **Nick Liebel, Jr.**

HOLY OILS

The **Holy Oils** blessed by Archbishop Aymond at the Chrism Mass are used to anoint the sick, to baptize and to confirm. **Agnes Avist** donated the Holy Oils in loving memory of **Larry Avist, Sr., Trena Avist, and the Avist & Wilson Families.**



Childish or Child-like?

The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1-5). Besides running like excited kids, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus' resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today's reading, who "saw [the empty tomb] and believed" (John 20:9). That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

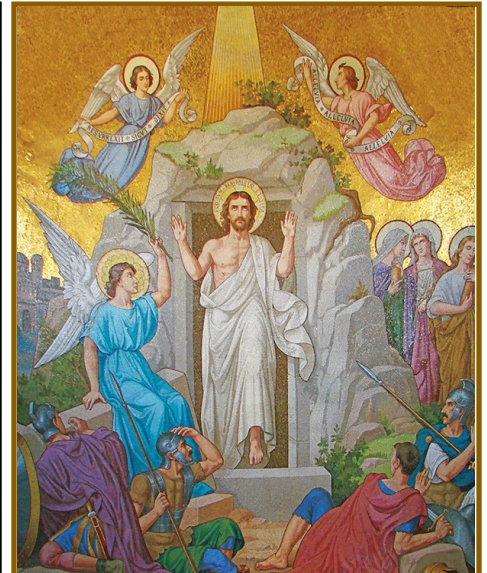
Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason. We "bribe" them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to believe in a real and loving God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless.

Jesus didn't say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don't get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God's love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood.

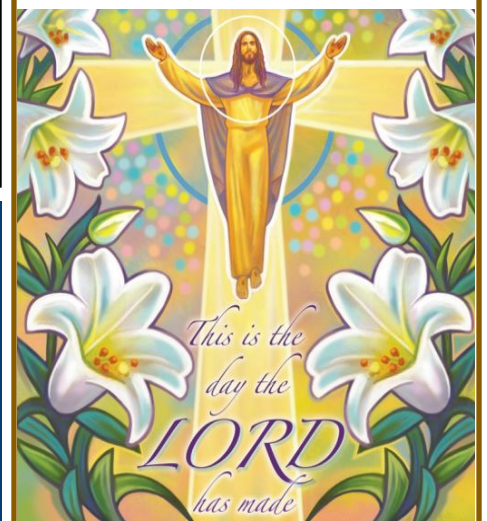
Tom Schmidt

A Prayer for Easter Sunday

Almighty Father, I thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead and redeemed humankind. Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful disciples and enthusiastic witnesses of our Catholic faith. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Amen!



Rejoice!
He Is Risen!



**Next Sunday is Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) - Year C**

Acts 5:12-16. The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

John 20:19-31. After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.



The Sanctuary Light by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of: **Roy Wingard**, requested by Dolly Roy; and **Arturo Yap**, requested by Dolly Roy.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn in memory of a loved one, call the Church Office. The donation for the Sanctuary Light is \$10.

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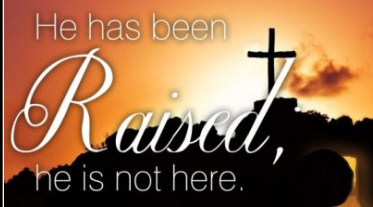
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**The Empty Tomb
Changed the World**

The significance of the empty tomb cannot be overstated. It is the foundation of our faith and the source of our hope. As Catholics,

our actions would be in vain if the tomb was not empty. But it was, and this is what gives our faith its purpose and our hope its substance. We are called to live out this faith and pass it on to others, just as previous generations have done for over two thousand years.

As Catholics, Easter is not a one-day event but a life-changing reality that transforms our perspective and gives us hope to be with the Lord for all eternity. Our faith is not fantasy but reality, a reality that we get to live and share with our family and those we interact with on a daily basis. The Church affirms this reality by inviting us to celebrate the Octave of Easter (8 days ending on Divine Mercy Sunday) and the Easter Season (50 days ending on Pentecost). As we read in the Gospel, Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the empty tomb, the first to enter into it. St. Thomas Aquinas called her the "Apostle of the Apostles." Imagine sharing the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection with His very own followers!

This Easter, may we worship, thank the Lord, celebrate, and be filled with the joy of Jesus, just like the first witnesses of His resurrection did. May the powerful truth of this greatest of Feasts pour into the ordinary moments of our lives and sanctify them. The details of how we live the faith matter, for from our heart spills out our love, belief, and faith in Jesus, which we then share with our family, friends and the greater community.

The tomb is empty, just as He said!

Have a blessed and joyful Easter!

By Emily Jaminet



EASTER FLOWERS

We are accepting donations toward Easter flowers used in Church. Donation envelopes are available on the information table. Please write clearly on the envelope so that the memorial may be published in the bulletin.

Stewardship
All things are possible with God.



Devote Time



Share Talent



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A way of life

Income before Fair, Maint. & Capital 310,391
Fair Proceeds 91,000
Maintenance Monthly Collections 36,213
Capital Campaign Collections 11,131
Expenses (420,770)
Total YTD Actuals \$ (19,379)

Church Financials

Year to Date through January 31, 2025

	Operating	Maintenance	Cap. Campaign	Total
Income before Fair, Maint. & Capital	310,391			310,391
Fair Proceeds	91,000			91,000
Maintenance Monthly Collections		36,213		36,213
Capital Campaign Collections			11,131	11,131
Expenses	(420,770)	(94,246)	(86,116)	(601,132)
Total YTD Actuals	\$ (19,379)	\$ (58,033)	\$ (74,985)	\$ (152,397)

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Straight Talk by: Father William Maestri **Dare to LIVE Easter!**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the **CENTRAL** mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith.... It is the most fundamental and **ESSENTIAL** teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'. "(No. 234).

The **CENTRALITY** of belief in the Trinity is one with the belief in the bodily **resurrection** of Jesus from the dead on the third day (Nicene and Apostle's Creeds). The resurrection of Jesus is the apex and confirmation of the central mystery of the Christian faith. As to this point, the Catechism teaches: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by...the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross." (No.638). Pope Benedict XVI adds: "The Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead." (Jesus of Nazareth, (Part Two), p.241).

Why is the Resurrection so crucial for the **TRUTH** of the Christian faith AND OUR daily witness to "Christ is risen"? After all, even if we discounted the testimonies of those who encountered the risen Jesus, and the stories of these encounters preserved in Scripture, we could gather sufficient evidence from other sources to verify that Jesus lived, preached, and exerted a great deal of influence on the religious and political establishments, as well as on the people (especially on those of low religious and social regard). However, IF Jesus had not been resurrected, Pope Benedict puts it bluntly: "the Christian faith itself would be dead. Jesus would be a failed religious leader" whose influence would last only as long as his influence on others. Jesus could join the ranks of Socrates, Aristotle, Buddha and Confucius. In effect, Jesus would be just another human but not "the way and the truth and the life". (Jn 14:6). According to Pope Benedict, the only authentic guidance for our life would be **OURSELVES!**

What if we dare a kind of Pascal-type wage that something spectacular and extraordinarily new occurred in Jesus and appeared in human existence and history? This is the most profound wager we can make: Has, or has not, Jesus risen from the dead? Pope Benedict reminds us, "In answering yes or no to this question [our wager], we are taking a stand not simply on one event among others, but on the figure of Jesus as such." (Pope Benedict. Jesus of Nazareth, (Part Two), Chapter nine, pp. 241-77; see also Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), Pensees)

To say **YES** to the crucified and risen Lord is one filled with "fear and trembling" (Soren Kierkegaard (1813-55)). We are invited to enter into a new form and way of existing. We no longer live for the world or by its standards for judging truth, beauty, and goodness. To die and rise with Christ is totally different than a 'make-over' or a new set of priorities, rather, it is the transformation of one's being; of **WHO** one is! In the words and **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE** of St. Paul: "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Gal 2:20).

This new living in the resurrected Christ is a process of grace unfolding within. Sometimes it is the slow maturation of the mustard seed (Lk 13:18-19); or it may occur on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19) in dramatic fashion. God's time and manner are not for us to determine. Rather, may the words of St. Paul be our Easter prayer: "that I may know him, and the power of the resurrection.... It is not that I have already taken hold of it, but I continue my pursuit in hope...since I have been taken possession of by Christ...forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:10-14).



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