

SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

The Easter Vigil ~ April 11

First Reading: Genesis 1: 1—2: 2

God creates the heavens and the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35: A song of praise to God, the Creator

Second Reading: Genesis 22: 1-18

God puts Abraham to the test.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16: 5, 8-11

The Lord shows us the path of life.

Third Reading: Exodus 14: 15—15: 1

The Israelites pass through the Red Sea.

Responsorial Psalm: Exodus 15: 1-6, 17-18

The song of praise that the Israelites sang after crossing the Red Sea

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 54: 5-14

The Lord promises to redeem Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13

A prayer of thanksgiving for redemption

Fifth Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

A call to return to the Lord who is merciful

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6

The Lord sends his Salvation.

Sixth Reading: Baruch 3: 9-15, 32—4:4

Israel is told to follow the way of God's commandments.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19: 8-11

A prayer of praise for God's commandments

Seventh Reading: Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28

The Lord will cleanse Israel for the sake of his holy name.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 42: 3, 5; 53: 3-4

A prayer of praise for God who saves us

Epistle: Romans 6: 3-11

Those who have been baptized have died with Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

God's mercy endures forever.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 28: 1-10

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who carry the message that Jesus has risen and will meet his disciples in Galilee.

Background on the Gospel Reading: All four Gospels

have an account of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Although the accounts differ depending on the point each Evangelist wishes to make, two points of the Resurrection testimony are common to all four Gospels:



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1. The tomb of Jesus was found empty and
2. The risen Christ appeared to certain persons.

Matthew tells us that, as Mary Magdalene and the other Mary approached the tomb, there was a great earthquake, and "an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it." The guards stationed at the tomb were terrified and "became like dead men." The angel then assured the women that Jesus "has been raised just as he said." The women, "fearful yet overjoyed," left the tomb as the angel instructed to tell the disciples. On their way, Jesus met and greeted the women who "embraced his feet and did him homage." Jesus himself then sends the women to "tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The mention of a great earthquake is peculiar to Matthew's account of the Resurrection. Metaphorically, it indicates the coming of a new and final age brought about through the life, teaching, ministry, and particularly through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Notable also is the fact that Jesus' first appearance is to women, the women who came to minister to him. Finally, not to be overlooked, is Jesus' use of the word "brothers" to refer to his disciples. It seems to be indicative of a new and different relationship that Jesus has with them. The disciples are

now entrusted with the message and mission of the risen Jesus Christ.

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

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FAMILY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

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The commercialism of Easter — costumed bunnies in the mall, Easter baskets full of candy and small toys, new clothes — often misdirects children's understanding and celebration of this greatest of Church feasts. When spoken of as the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, today's liturgical celebration may not stir excitement among them. Encourage your children to think about the real significance of this feast by using their creative skills to imagine this Easter Vigil's Resurrection account in Matthew 28:1-10.

Read Matthew 28:1-10 as a family, letting the children take the roles of the angel and Jesus. Set up the narrative by speculating on how sad the women must have felt as they approached the tomb. Talk about the excitement of the two women who saw the empty tomb and heard the angel explain that Jesus was raised from the dead. Wonder together about how it must have felt to embrace the risen Lord as the women did. Imagine with your children the enthusiasm the women must have felt when sent to tell the disciples that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Remind them that today we remember and celebrate all that Jesus did to win entry to Heaven for us. Create together a colorful ALLELUIA banner to display in your home to celebrate Jesus Christ's glorious Resurrection. Then stand, praying together today and throughout the Easter season: Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is risen, Alleluia!

~An Excerpt from Our Pastor's Message~

I would like to remind folks this week of some practical side effects of our current situation for our parish. We have had a small number of people mail in their weekly donations and we are certainly grateful for that. We even had one family slip their donation under the church door. We also had our regular and new online donors which helps relieve our stress. With online donations we do not need to have money counters to come in to count the money. This makes things easier for both parties; you can even have a standing donation withdrawn from your account and added to the church's account weekly or monthly. I mention this to remind people that we continue to need your financial support. The bulk of our expenses, like your own do not stop because of Covid-19.

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Holy Week Online Resources:

[THE EASTER TRIDIUM](#) (Dan Schutte, composer & musician, St. Louis Jesuits)

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Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network: Join the Jesuit community in as we pray the Rosary for those most vulnerable to this virus. Complete the Rosary on your own time with our guide: www.jesuits.org/coronavirus-rosary

CRS RICE BOWLS

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we have been journeying with our brothers and sisters in Kenya, Honduras, and Vietnam.

You can "Empty Your Rice Bowl" virtually this week.

Instead of dropping your Rice Bowl off at our parish or school, the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life Archdiocese of Santa Fe **has set up another way you can give!** Rice Bowl helps us to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. Give your 2020 Lenten Rice Bowl Contribution here: <https://archdiocesasantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl>. Please donate what you have collected. It is more important now than ever before!

Where Does Our Lenten Rice Bowl Money Go?

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