



*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

F aith can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one’s “blankie.” All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus’ and ours. ●

Reflect

***Have you ever experienced life flowing
from what appeared to be a death?***

Monday April 1	Tuesday April 2	Wednesday April 3	Thursday April 4	Friday April 5	Saturday April 6	Sunday April 7
NO MASS	NO MASS	MASS Chapel 12:15 P.M.	MASS Chapel 12:15 P.M.	MASS OLM 12:15 P.M.	MASS Church 5:30 P.M.	MASS Church 9:30 A.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
 Saturday; 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment.

WEDDINGS: Wedding date & arrangements must be made six (6)
months ahead of proposed wedding date with the Pastor.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor to schedule an appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register with the pastor.

STEWARDSHIP

Amount needed each weekend	\$ 2612.60
Collection - March 24, 2024	\$ 970.00
Online Giving – YTD	\$ 27.02
OLM Roof - YTD	\$ 2700.00
FYTD deficit	\$ (40813.30)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 30, 2024	Sunday, March 31, 2024
Sacristan: John Gannon	Sacristan: Vickie Wright
Greeter: Kate Gannon	Greeter: Volunteer
Servers: n/a	Servers: n/a
Lector: Jeff Hicks	Lector: Kathy Rubado
EM's: Volunteer	EM's: Angelia Doderer & Volunteer

Prayer List

Fr. Hoppenjans	Sr. Nancy Edwards
Ricky Mullett	Michael Carroll
Ray Tosti	Phillis Edwards
Patty Vanhoose	Fr. Bill Fedders
Phyllis Edwards	Harold Bayes
Mary Zielinski	Regina Collins
Tamara McKenzie	Jacob Collins
Peyton Mercer	Lorraine Doderer
Bernie Merlo	Bob Felty
Mike Kulp	Dr. Mark Caruso
David Hillman	Garland Arnett
Irwin McHugh	Steve Faust
Tiera Newsome	June Lane
Kimberly Gottfried	John & Charles Ratliff
Fr. Brandon Bigam	Betty Fraley

P.S. If anyone has passed on from our prayer list, please let us know.

EASTER SUNDAY

Today is a day of great joy and celebration. That's because Jesus Christ, who suffered a cruel death and rose from his tomb, is now risen in glory. And now that you are “raised with Christ,” he invites you to enter into His joy.

You may feel full of joy today. But what if you don't? What if you feel weighed down by worries and burdens? There is still a way that you can experience Easter joy.

How? By faith.

Easter Joy is not just about gathering for Mass, enjoying a feast, or wearing a special outfit -- you know that! It comes about through faith and service, and it can last all year long. So set your hearts on “what is above” today. Then hear Jesus say, “Come and share in my joy!”

“Jesus, I rejoice in your resurrection!”

Reflection from *The Word Among Us*

HYMNS FOR MASSES (MARCH 30-31)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #172

You Alone #661

Three Days #169

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise #180

EASTER VIGIL/EASTER

Saturday night is the Easter Vigil, the holiest liturgy of the Church's holiest liturgical week of the year, an anticipation Christ's resurrection from the dead. Rigel Preston & Joshua Reed will come into full communion with the Catholic Church. We will have a reception for them in the parish hall after Easter Sunday Mass. There will also be an Easter egg hunt after Easter Mass.

RCIA

RCIA next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study will be Wednesday, April 3 after the 12:15 Mass in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 9 a.m. before the 9:30 Mass. Please join us!

TEST STM WEBSITE – ONLINE GIVING

We invite you to use Fr Michael's test website. It has all the bulletins since last July, the latest Liturgical Ministers schedule, and a Donate tab for those who wish to donate electronically to our Offertory, OLM Roof Replacement Fund, Tuition Assistance for Students, or Outreach to the Poor.

Here is the link to the website:

<https://www.frmichaelflanagan.org>

You can also donate using the QR Code below. The default way to give is to our Church Offertory, but you can select the other options listed above from the drop-down menu. Use your smart phone camera to access Online Giving. Here is the QR code:



St. Michael Church
Offertory
<https://www.frmichaelflanagan.org>

Copies of the QR Code are available in the Gathering Area in Church. We welcome any feedback/suggestions.

DAY OF PRAYER – EVERY THURSDAY

Fr. Michael invites all parishioners to pray every Thursday that God would send us more people to join our parish, celebrate Mass with us, and evangelize others.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Dear Padre,

**Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from?
What about the Easter egg?**

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, “All life comes from an egg.” A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg “that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord.”

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	<i>(Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

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