



**JESUS said
to her, "I
am the
resurrection
and the life.
He who
believes in
me will live,
even though
he dies; and
whoever
lives and
believes in
me will
never die."
John
11:25-26.**

HAVE CONFIDENCE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD!

Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that unless Christ arose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Cor 15:17). We cannot really understand Jesus if we do not believe in His resurrection. Karl Rahner, S.J., shows us this necessity in these passages from his *Spiritual Exercises*:

The purpose of His life is perfectly accomplished in His resurrection. In it, He overcame both death and the world. The love of the Father is now brilliantly present to Him – that love to which He clung amidst the power of the world's sinfulness, before the judgment seat of the thrice-holy God, and in the darkness of His Godforsakenness. This love seizes the totality of His concrete human existence – including His body. The whole Christ with His whole destiny and with every-thing He experienced and suffered on earth with His human nature, has now entered into the glory of the Father.

Jesus does not leave His past behind Him:

When He meets us now as the resurrected Lord, He is who He is because of His past. . . . He took His whole life and everything in it with Him into glory. He is the resurrected Victor over death and the world. And He is that in the glorification of His body.

Jesus has taken the world into the presence of God.

The reality of the resurrection affects us now. The world in which we live has been overcome by the love and mercy of God: the Holy Spirit has been given to us. Those "powers" in the world that we think affect our ultimate destiny are overcome. This does not mean we will not face hardships, sufferings, and even death. It does mean that the Christian, in spite of everything, knows he is surrounded by the victory of Christ. This is the source of our courage and hope:

. . . this victory-confidence of ours is almost identical with the weakness of the cross, because the victory was obtained on the cross. Therefore, we are still walking in fear and trembling. But still in a fear that is self-composed. We must consider the cross the test of our faith, and at the same time realize that God is stronger in us than is our own fear of the cross. We should have this viewpoint in mind when we consider the future of the Church and our own future: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Is it any wonder the Church welcomes new adult members at the Easter Vigil by sharing with them the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist? Is it any wonder the Church reminds all Catholics to receive the Eucharist during the Easter season? Through the reception of the sacraments we enter more deeply into the death and resurrection of Jesus and live more completely as Easter Christians.

Megan Dick



We welcome the following people who have chosen to become a part of our faith community at the Easter Vigil this year!

Scott Michael Blevins, Filip Bizik, Jennifer Burgard, Donald Ely, Adam Michael Fitz, Mallory Ivascu, Marion Kelly, Amy Michelle Keyfauver, George Frederick, Knapp, Pamela May, Margaret Nordhoff, Meghan Saponara, Bobbie Sines, Mariah Smith, Eve McKennah Stanley (Baptism Only), Robert Stanley, Tony Michael Walters, Christine Wright, Kimberly Yanike.

Confirmation Only: Vincent Fuentes, Kevin Macao, Brad Pard

The paschal candle is an ancient symbol of the risen Jesus and commonly used in liturgical parishes during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It is a very large white candle, the largest and tallest of all sanctuary candles. Paschal candles are always inscribed with a cross, the current year, and the Greek letters alpha and omega ([Revelation 1:8 and 22:13](#)), signifying that the Lord is present in His church now in the present year and forever in eternity. Sometimes, five grains of incense, symbolizing the five wounds of Christ, are pressed into the arms and center of the cross with pins or small nails. The paschal candle is prominently featured in the service of the Easter Vigil at which it is first lighted and brought into the sanctuary. According to ancient liturgical tradition, it is allowed to shine continuously throughout the Great Fifty Days that end on Pentecost, when it is removed from its place next to the altar and placed near the baptismal font. It is lighted at baptisms to remind Christians that in baptism we are crucified and raised with Jesus ([Romans 6:3-5](#)). The paschal candle is also lighted at Christian funerals as a reminder that those who die in Christ are raised up with Him.





THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	April 4	Acts 10:34, 37-43	Ps 118:1-2,16-23	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-9
Monday	April 5	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Ps 16		Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	April 6	Acts 2:36-41	Ps 33		John 20:11-18
Wednesday	April 7	Acts 3:1-10	Ps 105:1-9		Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	April 8	Acts 3:11-26	Ps 8		Luke 24:35-48
Friday	April 9	Acts 4:1-12	Ps 118:1-4,22-27		John 21:1-14
Saturday	April 10	Acts 4:13-21	Ps 118:1,14-21		Mark 16:9-15
Sunday	April 11	Acts 5:12-16	Ps 118: 2-4,13-24	Rv 1:9-19	John 20:19-31

This weeks reflection question for the Easter Gospel.

In the Gospel reading, how would you characterize Peter and John's reaction to the empty tomb? The empty tomb had a profound impact on both of their lives. How has the truth of the empty tomb affected your life?

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS "SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday April 5	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Hilda M. Gullo
Tuesday April 6	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Joseph Bauer Anna F. Grove
Wednesday April 7	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Northampton 6:30 PM (SP)	Bridget Flannery Ferry Dale Sherry J. Harry Grove Corinne Callahan
Thursday April 8	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Msgr. Edward V. Echle Malen Montney
Friday April 9	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	James Grove Charles Marshall
Saturday April 10	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Yi Choon Su Ints. Patricia & Charles Shaffer Luis y Carmen Cardenas Bob Souders (Anniv.)
Sunday April 11	7:30 AM 9:00 AM CH 11:00 AM CH 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Neal P. Cochran (Anniv.) Odette Lopez Frances Heck People of the Parish Ints. Theresa Alterman Ints. John McGowen & Family

(This prayer is used from Easter Monday until Ascension Thursday.)

Leader: We have cause for abiding joy; for God raised Jesus up and set him free from the grip of death. Behold, Jesus died and now lives for evermore. Alleluia!

ALL: He has gone before us. Yet he is with us for all time. Alleluia!

Leader: Father, bless this food and this time together. Strengthen us to live together in love, united to Jesus whom you have made both Lord and Christ, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

