



*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?***



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th January, 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's – Saturday at 5:00 p.m., or by appointment
St. Joseph's – Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. “ ”
St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment – one month in advance
WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)
FILIPINO MASS – Saturday, 20th April - 11:00 a.m.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Sunday, 14th April 10.00 a.m.
Children's Mass – 28th April
Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA
Monthly Coffee Social – 28th April – Grace's Team

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Today's Hymns

Entrance: **Christ, Is Alive** #418
Offertory: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise** #411
Communion: **I Received the Living God** #786
Recessional: **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** #401

Leader of Song: Aidan Stones



We extend a warm welcome to our visitors and hope that your stay will be a pleasant one.



Sunday – 7th April 2024

Proclaimer of God's Word **Stefano Ausenda**
Opening/Closing of the Church **Kathie Ausenda**
Eucharistic Minister **Joanne Smith**
Collection Counters **Simon & Mary Stones**
Altar Servers **Alessia Vianello**
Music **Tony Bari**

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Mary Maybury, Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Bernie & Eileen Davies, Jenny Woods; Jose Garcia, Elena Domondon and Evelyn Pinlac, and for Petra Caesar who is still in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

31st March **+Jose Miguel Arruda**

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

	Attendance	Collection
23 rd March	30	\$362.00
24 th March	33	\$183.00
Flowers		<u>\$110.00</u>
		<u>\$655.00</u>

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is appreciated.
Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number: 20006060757062100 – Bank NT Butterfield



If you would like to donate to the **Easter Flowers**, the envelopes are at the back of the church; please remember to put the names of your loved ones on the envelopes. The **Special Memorial Mass will be offered, next Sunday, 7th April.** Thank you.

THANK YOU to Kathie, Liz & Mary, for getting the church ready for Easter. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

There will be a special farewell celebration for Fr. Attilio next Sunday, 7th of April, at St. Anthony's Church. It will begin with Holy Mass at 11:30 a.m. and will continue with a reception in the Parish Hall. If you would like to contribute to the refreshment table, your “goodies” would be very much appreciated.

BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Easter season always inspires me with the story of Thomas and his journey to a moving profession of faith: “My Lord and my God!” It is probably the best and for sure the most personal Creed. I have chosen these words for my Easter greetings this year, because it seems to me that humanity today expects from Christians a renewed witness to the resurrection of Christ.

It needs to encounter him and to know him as true God and true man. If we can recognize in Thomas the doubts and uncertainties of so many Christians today, the fears and disappointments of many of our contemporaries, with him we can also rediscover with renewed conviction, faith in Christ dead and risen for us. This faith, handed down through the centuries, continues on because the Risen Lord dies no more.

We may all be tempted by the disbelief of Thomas. Suffering, evil, injustice, war, sickness, death, does not all of this put our faith to the test? Paradoxically the disbelief of Thomas is most valuable to us in these cases because it helps to purify all false concepts of God and leads us to discover his true face; the face of a God who, in Christ, has taken upon himself the wounds of injured humanity. Thomas' faith, hope and love were almost dead but were born again thanks to him touching the wounds of Christ, those wounds that the Risen One did not hide, but showed, and continues to point out to us in the trials and sufferings of every human being.

Christ is risen and he is alive among us. It is he who is the hope of a better future. As we say with Thomas: “My Lord and my God!”, may we hear again in our hearts these beautiful yet demanding words, and become apostles of peace, messengers of a joy that does not fear pain; the joy of the Resurrection. May Mary, Mother of the Risen Christ, obtain for us this Easter gift.

Happy Easter to you all!

Bishop Wes

MASS FOR THE DECEASED: The Annual Cemetery Mass will be held at 11:00 am. at Calvary RC Cemetery on Roberts Avenue on Saturday, 6th April. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at St. Theresa's Cathedral. All are welcome!

THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY: Jesus requested through St. Faustina, a Polish nun who was canonized by Pope John Paul II on 30th April, 2000, that the first Sunday after Easter be officially established in the Church as the Feast of Mercy. A service for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, 7th April, at 3:00 p.m. Plan to attend this special service.

Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.*

source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book



*Wishing you all
a Blessed Easter*

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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