



**Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the
Lord
April 17, 2022**

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins *through his name.*

EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today’s psalm guides our response to God’s power: “it is wonderful in our eyes.” Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus’ resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John’s Gospel admits that the disciples “did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Even Jesus’ closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become “a fresh batch of dough.” Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection in my daily life?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Recycling old palms:

Please bring back to church next week any blessed palms you might have at home from prior years. They will be recycled into holy ashes for 2023. Thank you!

Finance Corner: Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of April/May offerings: PLEASE put in Mass collection basket or mail to St. Philip/St.

Teresa Parish, P. O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465.

Or donate at our website www.stphilipstteresa.org via Paypal or card. Please include your offering envelope # [if you have one] with your donation. **4/10: 1st col: \$4458. 2nd col: \$576.**

4/17: Easter. 4/24: Rural Food. 5/01: Catholic Home Missions.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council [PC]: TBA

Finance Council [FC]: TBA

Liturgy Committee [LC]: TBA

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022

4/16 Sat. 7:30pm Easter Vigil Service, *St. Teresa's*
 4/17 Sun. 8am Easter Mass, *St. Philip's*: Papke family intention
 4/17 Sun. 9:30am Easter Mass at Calvary Cemetery, *Bodega*
 4/17 Sun. 11:15am Easter Mass, *St. Philip's*: for the People

 4/23 Sat. 5:00pm ✠ Brendan Smith
 4/24 Sun. 8am Mass ✠ Hugh Peterson
 4/24 Sun. 9:30am Mass for the People
 4/24 Sun. 11:15am Mass ✠ Al Gerhardt

Prayer Requests: Please leave a message at 707-408-2650.

Robert S., Britney N., Chuck, Rebecca A., April K., Leo A., Ed C. family, Kathy R., Donna W., Sherry S., Gail F., Marie N., Christine, James G., Gary S., Peter R., Gerry N., Diane K., River M.; Nikkie; Mr. C., Michelle, Christian A., Peter B Samantha S., Gary E., Frederick Kasl, John Geving, Noelle G., Arnie, Reece

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Picnic returns on Saturday, August 6, 2022.

Join us for barbecue, games and a chance to re-connect with friends. Hope to see you there!



March Update AMA 2022

Thank you to all who have now already pledged a total of \$9,426 moving us closer to our goal as a parish community of \$13,754. Keep up the good work and generosity!



RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for APRIL 2022

On Tuesday, April 12, forty-seven families, (118 individuals) were welcomed to our distribution and selected fresh produce, milk, eggs, poultry, beef, fish or vegetarian items, commodities, snacks and bread. All who are in need are welcome to receive nutritional support from our Program. One of our clients provided colorful hand crocheted caps which were offered to all clients during the very chilly morning.

Filled Easter eggs were offered by Volunteers to every client to share with their family. Our volunteers even found time to help with the weeding in the hall parking lot. What an amazing group!

We have opened the hall to in-person shopping for our clients who can choose specific foods from our program for their families. It also allows volunteers and clients to re connect post pandemic.

If you are aware of a family which needs nutritional assistance, please let them know about our program. Leave a message at the parish office, (707) 408-2650 to get a call back with additional information and to answer your questions.

This program is funded through monthly Rural Food Collection, private donations and the dedicated, awesome volunteers. Thank you for your generous donations as we strive to meet the nutritional needs of all attendees at our food distributions.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the Parish Hall and parking area: Saturday, May 7, 9-10:00am repackaging; Monday, May 9, **9:00 – 11:00am** set up and Tuesday, May 10, 7:30a – 11:00am to distribute food to clients.



I live no longer I (my ego), but Christ lives in me.

The Gospels are not just audible – such as we experience them every Sunday. They are also legible, which means you can actually read them and ponder what they are presenting. And if you do ponder the Gospel narratives that tell of Christ’s resurrection, such pondering may have a *radical* effect upon you. What I mean is: people may not be able to recognize you.

Have you noticed how at first his followers – confronted by Christ’s resurrection – don’t get it? When he appeared in that upper room, his disciples assumed he was a ghost; they were startled and terrified. As for the two disciples Jesus joined on the road to Emmaus asking what sort of things they were discussing, there was no recognition on their part – only surprise that he hadn’t heard the news of his death! Only after the disciples invited him to dine at an Inn and Jesus broke bread as if he were breaking open their minds did they recognize him – and now knew why their hearts were aflame when he spoke to them.

And then there was Mary Magdalene back at the tomb, distressed over the missing body – who, seeing a gardener, asks who stole it – then hears her name spoken with such affection and only then does the gardener turn out to be Jesus, much to her astonishment. And of course we have Thomas – who missed out on the first appearance of Jesus to his disciples in that upper room. He can’t believe their story. Dead is dead. “If whatever it was you saw can show me wounds in his hands and side – verifiable evidence of an execution – then I might (I say *might*) believe what you say.” And then there is that fishing moment in John’s Gospel *when it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.*

And so we too may be initially perplexed by these resurrection narratives. Unless - for instance - we understand how *St. Paul* understood Christ’s death and resurrection! For him it was more than a one-time event within a Roman governor’s jurisdiction. For Paul Christ’s death and resurrection was something for each of us *to experience – liturgically, sacramentally, as pivotal, crucial* to our lives. Did you know that? As Paul says in his letters: *I have been crucified with Christ: yet I live no longer I, but Christ lives in me.* Or again: *Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . so that just as Christ was raised from the dead . . . we too might live in newness of life.* That process is to begin from the day of your baptism – meaning you are already risen from the dead. The Gospel resurrection narratives were but prelude to our own – daily.

So getting back to where we began – relative to the initial failure of people to recognize the risen Christ - have you at times also become unrecognizable; are you the person you were twenty, forty years ago – even as Paul was no longer Saul? I mean if you are being daily processed from who and what you were to someone who has laid aside one’s burial clothes and now breaks bread and sets hearts on fire – and who enters a room and radiates: *Peace be with you* and is so sensitive as to say within a dense crowd *Who touched me?* are you not rising from the dead into a fresher apparition - everyday? **--Geoff Wood, 4/17/22**

Lake County Outdoor Passion Play

† **3rd Weekend in May** †

Saturday & Sunday, May 14th and 15th, 2022, at 4:00-6:00 PM



Off Highway 29, about 4 miles north of Lakeport

7010 Westlake Rd, Upper Lake CA, 95485

Call: 707-263-0349

Christian Play for People of all Faiths

Free Admission

Please join us in the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, here in beautiful Lake County, California. This has been rated THE BEST outdoor Passion Play in the world, by various spectators. The Passion Play is a prayerful expression of the faith of the people involved. Men, women, and children from many denominations have come together to make this a truly ecumenical experience, touched by the Holy Spirit.

- **Free of charge; donations are gratefully accepted.**
- **Bring your own chair.**
- **No smoking, food, drink, or pets on grounds.**
- **Water available.**
- **Facilities for the handicapped.**

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Visit our website at: www.lakecountypassionplay.org

