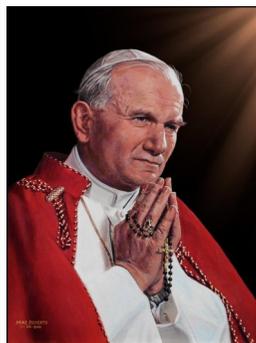
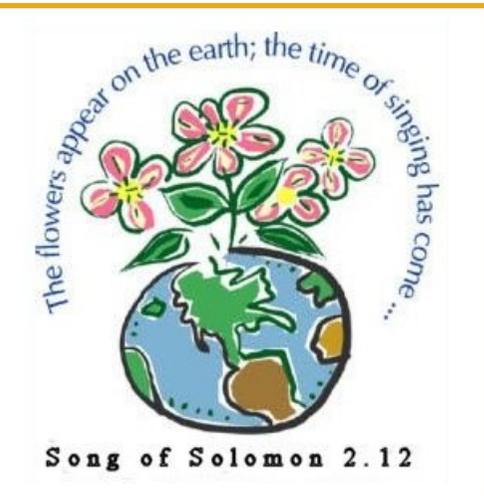




Russian icon with 5 themes: The Holy Trinity of New Testament; Good thief enters in Heaven; Adam, Eve and others follow Jesus from Hell to Heaven; Harrowing of Hell; Entombment of Christ. It is located in the Solovetsky Monastery located on the Solovetsky Islands in the White Sea in northern Russia

The Solovetsky Monastery was founded in 1436. After a chequered history it was converted into a Soviet prison and labour camp in 1926–39, and served as a prototype for the camps of the Gulag system. A small brotherhood of monks has re-established activities in the monastery after the collapse of communism, and it

currently houses about ten monks. The monastery has also recently been extensively repaired, but remains under reconstruction.

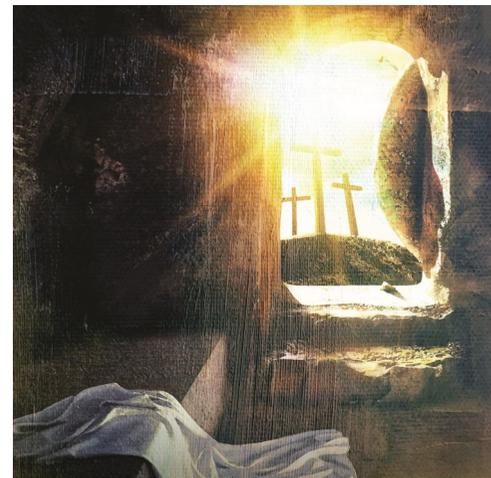


‘Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.’

Saint John Paul II



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EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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MASS INTENTIONS

11.30 am Mass Easter Sunday Morning
 4th April 2021:-

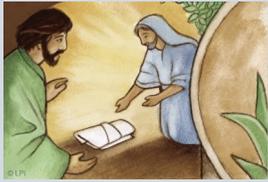
Anne Keating (Anniversary)
 Joan Cassidy (4th Anniversary)
 Paddy Lennon (Anniversary)
 Kevin Crowley (Anniversary)

Recently Deceased

Ruth Farley
 Nanette O' Callaghan

Anniversaries:-

Bernard King (1st Anniversary)
 Eddie O' Donnell
 Dr. Brian Mc Govern
 Josephine Mc Govern
 Liam & Mai Lane
 Eileen & Jimmy Osborne
 Tess Murphy
 Ross Doyle



April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shone forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so

today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism.'
(Acts 10:34-37-43)

PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
(Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23)

SECOND READING

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ you must look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.
(Col 3:1-4)

GOSPEL

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb .
(Jn 20:1-9)



the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!". This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God...

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen!".

Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence).

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is

Indifference, self-centredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words for ever! They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.

With these thoughts, I would like to wish all of you a happy Easter.
Pope Francis