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Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Called to be a Witness

Happy Easter! This is truly a day to rejoice and be glad. In fact, the Catechism tells us that Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the “Feast of feasts.” It is the day that we look forward to all year long, in much the same way that we look forward to Heaven our whole lives long. Today we celebrate what Jesus has done for us and the ultimate destiny he won for us this day. Easter is all about Heaven!

When we truly enter into the mystery of Christ’s Resurrection, hope should grow in our hearts. This hope is what turns us into witnesses. When we realize what Christ has done for us, our hearts will naturally overflow with love for others.

So how can we get in touch with the reality of the Resurrection this Easter? How is Jesus calling you to witness to the hope and joy of the Resurrection?

First Reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this reading from the Book of Acts, Peter is standing in the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion. An angel had appeared to Cornelius and asked him to invite Peter to his house. Peter had also received a vision from the Lord, and immediately found Cornelius’s servants knocking at his door and inviting him to come. In



his speech, he summarizes the life of Jesus from his birth, to his ministry, to his Death on the Cross, to his Resurrection. Peter testifies to the truth and the relevance of Jesus’s Resurrection: “that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43). Peter himself is amazed at God’s plan and providence, that he “shows no partiality” (v. 34) and that even the Gentiles, like Cornelius, are invited into the plan of salvation.

This moment from the Book of Acts illustrates how our own experience of Jesus, our encounter with his life, Death, and Resurrection sets the stage for our own testimony. We too can be like St. Peter, sharing our experience of the Faith and our testimony about the Risen Christ with those who have never heard the message of the Gospel. Peter shows us how to tell the story and how to make it applicable and meaningful to others. While we might not be summoned directly by an angel, we can make use of every opportunity we find to tell the Good News.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Here on Easter Sunday, St. Paul calls us to look at what it means to live in the belief and hope of Resurrection. He insists that we have already died with Christ in Baptism, participating sacramentally in the Cross. But if we have

died with him, St. Paul argues, then we also participate in his victory over sin and death at his Resurrection. Instead of anticipating the resurrection of the dead at the end of time, he insists that we have already been raised with Christ in Baptism. He exhorts us that if we have been raised with Christ, then we ought to live like it by seeking the things above and setting our minds on heavenly things. Paul is emphatic that our behavior, our moral action, our deeds, and even our thinking, should line up with the salvation which has already been bestowed on us in Christ. The life which we experience now in a hidden and partial way will eventually be revealed in all its awesome reality when Jesus returns.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

This Easter Sunday Gospel begins with a note of fear. The disciples are huddling together in a locked room, afraid that they too might be executed like Jesus had been. It is the evening of Easter Sunday and they have heard reports of the resurrection, but have not yet seen Jesus themselves. Rather than waiting for them to come find him, the risen Jesus comes to them and shows his wounds to them. Their fear and unbelief dissolve and fall away in this great moment of witness. Jesus descends to their human need for evidence, for proof, by showing them the nail marks in his hands. This is not a secret twin brother, but in fact Jesus himself!

Jesus is able to transform their fear into faith with his presence. He has defeated death, risen from the grave bodily and is now standing before them in triumph. Despite the testimony of all the disciples, the one who was not present, Thomas, still doubts. When Jesus comes to them again, he allows Thomas to probe his wounds to confirm his belief. Then Jesus issues an Easter blessing for us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:29 RSV). That's us! We are the ones who are supposed to believe in Jesus' resurrection even though we have not seen physical proof. Faith frees us from fear and unlocks the door to eternal life: "that believing you may have life in his name" (20:31). Jesus defeated death on Easter Sunday and he invites us to share in his victory by faith.

Discussion

Watch the short video reflection found at FORMED.org. With a

friend or in your journal, consider these questions:

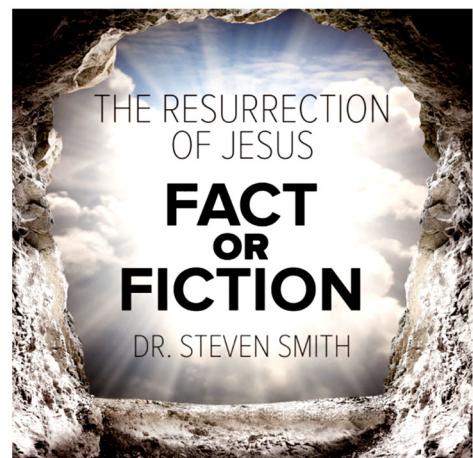
We are all a part of this chain of witnesses stretching back to the Apostles. Take a moment to ponder your place in this grand story. How did you come to be a part of it? Who are the people who have witnessed Christ's Resurrection to you? Which people did God work through to give you the gift of faith? Who are the people to whom he has given faith in his Resurrection through you?

When we forget who we are and who God is, we begin to live life differently. We live without hope, and then we have no hope to share with others. For those of us who have heard the Good News, the enemy is constantly trying to make us forget it and go back to a life without God. One could say that the whole Christian life is striving to remember who we are. Our hope is intimately tied to our memory.

Today, take a moment and remember your story. Who are you? Who is God to you? Take some time to witness to the Resurrection by telling your story. How did you come to know the Lord?

Digging Deeper: Devotions

Devotions are practices by the faithful that have developed over time as people attempt to respond to St. Paul's call to "pray without ceasing." They are used to extend the liturgical life of the Church into our everyday life. There are many types of devotions – the Rosary, veneration of the saints, Divine Mercy, the Holy Hour, novenas, etc. It's important that our devotions shouldn't become superstitious or simply "going through the motions." The devotions should flow out of a deep desire to be devoted to Jesus as one who is deeply in love with him, like Mary Magdalene in today's Gospel.



Come to grips with what really happened to Jesus

Dr. Steven Smith explores Resurrection narratives from the vantage point of each of the four Gospels as well as many of the vital medical details of Roman crucifixion.

Dr. Steven Smith is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Dr. Smith earned his Ph.D from Loyola University in Chicago, where he specialized in the study of the Gospels and their relationship to the Old Testament.

Listen to this engaging audio talk free at StMichael.FORMED.org

Mass

Intentions

Saturday 3/31

6:00pm John Mitchell †
10:00pm The Blandon, Castillo and Mendoza Families

Easter Sunday 4/1

5:30am Ilda Rosa
6:45am Moriarty Family
8:00am Cathy Struempf †
8:15am Mass for Our Parish
9:30am Nimfa Barrios †
9:45am Mass for Our Parish
11:00am Pat & Ray Werner †
11:15am Elizabeth Ezekwem family
12:30pm Pedro & Andreita †
Cleda & Juswant †

Monday 4/2

8:30am Tom Ramos
Jovina Quinto †

Tuesday 4/3

8:30am Zeny G & Oscar Mangabat

Wednesday 4/4

8:30am Kimberly Romero †
7:00pm Alan Aglwin †

Thursday 4/5

8:30am Emerita Tiedermann †

Friday 4/6

8:30am Jayson Garcia
Leonor Belasco †

**To arrange a Mass intention,
please visit the Church Office.**

**The suggested donation of \$10 per
intention goes to the priest who
celebrates the Mass.**



The readings for Easter Sunday show us the power of Jesus's Resurrection. He brings sinners to new life and sends them out to share the Good News with others! This chain of witnesses goes all the way back to the Apostles, and we are invited to be a part of it.

PRAYER

Let's ponder the Gospel story for today. Put yourself in the place of Peter and John who received the Good News of the Gospel from Mary Magdalene. Think of the fear and loneliness that must have filled their hearts before she came to them. Then think of the hope that must have begun to grow in their hearts upon seeing the empty tomb. What an important moment in the history of our Church – the witness of the Resurrection to our first Pope!

Take a word that comes to mind and reflect on what it means to you personally. For example, the phrase, "he saw and believed" might have stuck out to you. Ask yourself what this means in your own life. When have you seen and believed the power of Jesus's Resurrection? In what moments have you come to believe in him?

RESOLUTION

We are called to be witnesses to Jesus's Resurrection. In fact, St. Paul taught that our whole faith hinges on whether or not Jesus was raised from the dead. This is the crux of our hope, and it is the hope we are called to share with others. If Jesus Christ is truly risen, then we can be truly risen in him. This is such a joyous day because it is proof that God longs to fulfill all of our desires for him.

Parish Prayer Requests

In thanksgiving for all who were baptized, confirmed and received First Communion at Easter. Please send your prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Welcome Home!

The Joy of Easter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Easter to you all! May the wonder, joy and amazement of our Lord's resurrection truly enrapture you today. Christ has defeated death for us. Suffering and disease, dysfunction and disorder, pain and death do not have the last word. Easter changes everything. Alleluia, alleluia!

At Easter Vigil—and in the following weeks—numerous members of our community will have joined the Body of Christ through the waters of Baptism, become sealed with the Holy Spirit at Confirmation and received Jesus in First Communion. Sacraments are signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, through which divine life is dispensed to us. The purpose of the sacraments is to make people holy, to build up the body of Christ here on earth. Join with me in rejoicing with them and welcoming them into full participation in the Church!

If you have found yourself returning to Church over this past Holy Week or on Easter, and you are feeling the “nudge” to come home to regular Catholic practice, let me be the first to encourage you to listen to that “nudge.” St Michael’s

is a vibrant community of faith, just waiting to welcome you home.

Here are a few places to start:

1. Reach out to Tina, our Returning

Catholics “Concierge”. She will listen to your story, help you identify your needs and help connect you with the right people. Email Home@StMichaelLivermore.com

2. Just keep coming back! Find a

Mass time that works best for you and add it to your calendar. Even if the Mass seems awkward or unfamiliar, use the time to offer the sincere prayers of your heart.

3. The Welcome Brunch is April 29

after the 9:30 am Mass. Save the date and stop by to get answers to your questions, learn about our ministries and meet new Catholic friends.

4. Set up a FORMED account. It’s

an extensive digital library of Catholic movies, video-based study program, audio talks and eBooks. You can brush up on any topic of faith that interests you, and it’s free. Go to StMichael.Formed.org and follow the steps to register.

The clergy and staff of St Michael’s are overjoyed to welcome you

home. We want you to consider the parish as your second home. Please reach out and let us help you and make you feel most welcomed.

May everyone in our parish community and beyond experience the great hope and joy of Easter today, and throughout the entire Easter Season through Pentecost on May 20.

God Bless,

Deacon Dave Rezendes
Pastoral Administrator



THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APR 2

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Events:

Adoration Chapel re-opens after the 8:30 am Mass.

Reminder:

Parish Offices will be closed.

TUESDAY, APR 3

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Reminder:

Help Spread Easter Joy! Sign up to be a catechist for the 2018-2019 school year. The offering of your time will make a huge impact on the spiritual growth of our younger generation. Call Lourdes for more info: 925-667-4096

WEDNESDAY, APR 4

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Events:

Confession in the Convent Chapel at 2:30 pm.

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Call Marjorie to find out the first steps 925-447-2925.

THURSDAY, APR 5

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Are you a cheerful, organized person? We are always looking for volunteers to help in the church office.

FRIDAY, APR 6

Friday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Fridays are always a day of penance. The primary observance is to abstain from meat.

SATURDAY, APR 7

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Events:

Anointing of the Sick after the 8:30 am Mass.

SUNDAY, APR 8

Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Events:

Divine Mercy Sunday: An additional Mass will be held at 3:00 pm will begin with a sung version of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Traditional Latin Mass at 8:00 am.

The 6:00 pm Mass will be about 90 minutes long as there are several youth being baptized.



Convent Clean-Up

Saturday, April 14 and 21

Do you like to do physical hands-on work? Looking for community service opportunities for your family or youth group?

Contact Dennis Lundbom to sign up your family or your group: 775-772-6369.



Convent Clean-Up Days

Sat, April 14
9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Convent Yard Sale

Sat, April 21, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
(and if needed, Sun, April 22, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm).

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest

Sat, April 14
9 am—3 pm in the Hall

Come make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. We need all kinds of help, sewing, ironing, cutting. Stay for an hour, or stay the whole time. If you can't make it, we have take-home kits for you.

Contact: Suzanne Beck,
925-352-8447

Be a Knight!

Sun, April 15

Our Knights of Columbus will host a parish membership drive on **Sunday, April 15**. Please consider joining our council and working with good men serving God in Livermore. Contact Jim Shirley for information at: 925-518-1189.

Family Mass

Sun, April 15

All children and families are invited to attend the Family Mass at 9:30 am

Mass of Remembrance

Mon, April 16
6:30 pm at St Michael's

The Mass honors the memory of those who have passed before us. Bring a small framed photo of your loved ones to place before the altar during Mass.

Date Night

Sat, April 21
6:30 pm in the Hall

All married and engaged couples are invited to attend. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Child care will be available. Please RSVP:
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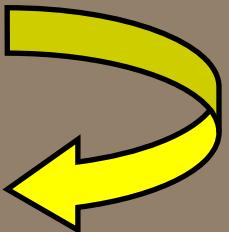
**DISCOVER
*The Sacraments***
EASTER MISSION WORKSHOP

6:30 PM | THURSDAYS, APRIL 12, 29, 26 IN ENGLISH
7:00 PM | FRIDAYS, APRIL 6, 13, 20 IN SPANISH

PARISH HALL

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*The Mass***
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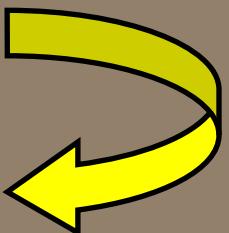
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7:00 PM | TUESDAYS, MAY 1-29 IN ENGLISH
7:00 PM | THURSDAYS, MAY 3-31 IN SPANISH

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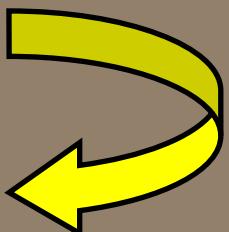


FULFILLED
Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism – Part One

7:00 pm Mondays, April 30 - June 11

Register: StMichaelLivermore.com/OnCampus

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Español



PROCLAMA AL CRISTO RESUCITADO

En la mañana de Pascua el clima primaveral, las flores, los pájaros y las mariposas, las personas que nos rodean con sus mejores galas, la hermosa liturgia y la agradable música, todo parece dar testimonio de que Jesucristo ha resucitado hoy. De la misma manera que los relatos de los testigos en la lectura de hoy, la vida gloriosa y gozosa que nos rodea nos ayuda a creer en la buena nueva de la Resurrección y exclamar ";Aleluya!"

Hoy en la Sagrada Escritura escuchamos a Pedro, a Pablo y a Juan quienes hablan con convicción de haber visto al Cristo resucitado. El relato del Evangelio según san Juan incluye a María Magdalena, quien también tuvo el privilegio de ser testigo de la Resurrección y contarles a los demás la buena nueva. En este glorioso Domingo de Pascua, ¿podemos nosotros también dar testimonio de que Jesucristo ha resucitado hoy y está vivo y activo en nuestra vida?

Vivir la fe con los talleres de Misión

Descubrir, o redescubrir, la belleza de los sacramentos del bautismo y la confirmación, la Eucaristía y entender la Misa.

Conocer la fe Católica es una cosa, pero ¿qué tal vivirla? Symbolon: Viviendo la Fe responde a esta pregunta explorando cómo Jesús nos dio los sacramentos, la Misa y los ricos tesoros de la enseñanza de la Iglesia para acelerar nuestra fe y traer vitalidad a nuestras vidas católicas. Con una enseñanza vivida y perspicaz, transmitida por presentadores calificados, complementada con una bella cinematografía filmada en diferentes partes del mundo, Symbolon: Viviendo la Fe abarca todos los aspectos de

nuestras vidas para un auténtico crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual.

Sesión 1: Bautismo y Confirmación
6 de abril a las 7:00 pm en el gran salón

Sesión 2: La Eucaristía
13 de abril a las 7:00 pm en el gran salón

Sesión 3: La Explicación de la Misa
20 de abril a las 7:00 pm en el gran salón

(La versión en inglés de este mismo taller se realizará los días 12, 19 y 26 de abril a las 6:30 p. M. En el salón)



Un Paseo Bíblico a través de la Misa

por Dr. Edward Sri

Jueves, del 3 al 31 de mayo a las 7:00 pm

Este programa de cinco partes, lleva a los participantes por un recorrido emocionante a través de la Liturgia. Explora las raíces bíblicas de las palabras y los gestos que usamos en la Misa y explica su profundo significado. Entienda, tal vez por primera vez, porque decimos lo que decimos y hacemos lo que hacemos cada semana en la Misa. Las palabras y los gestos serán vistos en una nueva luz, que dará vida nueva a su experiencia litúrgica.

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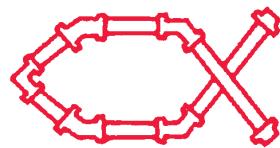
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5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am

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Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English

6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,
at 2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
appointment: 925-447-1585 |

1er sábado después de las 8:30 am Misa
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Eucharistic Adoration | Adoración Eucarística

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours access
code, call 925-980-4826 |

24/7 en la Capilla. Para el código de acceso
después de las horas, llame al 925-980-4826

Office Hours | horas de oficina

M-F 8:30 am—5:00 pm (closed
during lunch)

Sun 8:30 am—12:30 pm

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Rev. David Staal, Associate
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