



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

Sacraments

Masses

All are currently canceled until further notice.

Reconciliation / ConfessionSaturday3 - 4:30 pm

All Other Sacraments Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva **Pastor**

Fr. Cleetus Karakkat **Parochial Vica**r

William Goeke Jim McFadden Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

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Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ. We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic, sacramental, loving and charitable.

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a] / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. " (Lk 24:30-31)

Gospel Meditation

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a "Eucharistic" encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

In his first speech in Acts, Peter focuses on God's work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. What do you think the resurrection of Jesus says about God?

Second Reading

Peter asserts that the resurrection of Jesus should give believers "faith and hope" in God. How do you remain focused on this objective in your spiritual journey?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most well-known and beloved resurrection stories. What do you think makes this resurrection account so appealing?

Easter Duty Reminder From Bishop Soto April 14, 2020

Catholics throughout the world are aware of the significance of the Easter Season. This joyous Season awakens in us the spirit with which we are to live the Catholic Faith throughout the year. Jesus Christ, who died for our sins upon the cross of Calvary, has been raised from the dead. He sits at the right hand of the Father and lives among us. He continues to shepherd His Church. The zeal and hope of the Easter Season should abide throughout the year. While in this holy season, Catholics are reminded of the traditional Easter Duty. All the baptized are obligated to receive Holy Communion during this Season. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2042) For a just cause this precept may be fulfilled at another time of the year.

The current suspension of public Masses is intended to cooperate with public health directives protecting against infection with the coronavirus. I pray God's mercy will soon bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic but there is no predicting when that will happen. It will come about in the Lord's time. When conditions permit us to safely gather as God's people around the Lord's altar and offer the Sacrifice of the Mass, we will all be able to fulfill the Easter Duty. May the Lord sustain our hunger and thirst for that blessed day.

Catholics are also obliged to confess one's sins once a year. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. #2042) This precept is not confined to the Lenten and Easter Season, though many of the Faithful traditionally make use of this time of year to approach the Sacrament of Penance. Catholics may fulfill this obligation anytime during the year. They are urged to seek the grace of the Sacrament of Penance with greater frequency. If a member of the Faithful is unable to approach the Sacrament of Penance, I remind them to make an Act of Perfect Contrition (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1452) with the firm resolve approach the Sacrament as soon as they are able to do so.

These words of counsel are intended to guide and console the Faithful in the Diocese of Sacramento as we journey through this uncertain and agonizing moment for the State, the Nation, and the World. May we respond with faith and charity seeking always the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

Be assured of the prayers of Bishop Weigand, my brother priests and me. We daily offer the Sacrifice of the Mass for all the People of God, especially those in any way afflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic. May the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother Mary and the Communion of Saints be joined with our supplications for God's mercy to bring healing for the infirmed; perseverance and protection for all those caring for them; wisdom for public officials working to eradicate the pandemic; eternal rest to all those who have died and consolation for all those who mourn.

Christ has risen. May His mercy kindle in our hearts the fire of His hope and joy.

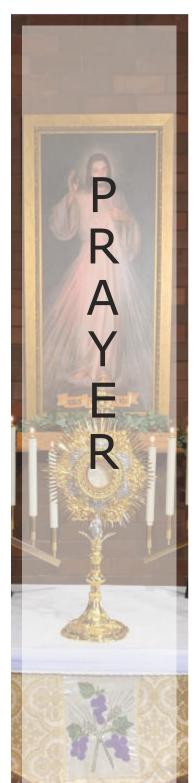
+Jaime Soto Bishop of Sacramento

Check Our Parish Website For Updates folsomcatholic.org

Please check our website for any updates regarding the status here in our parish. You will also find links to the Diocese latest updates regarding the Sacraments and services. There are links to an Adoration video, a list of parishes live streaming Daily and Sunday Masses as well as a link to resources available for spiritual growth. Links to the Prayer for a Spiritual Communion as well as guidance to a Perfect of Contrition are also available there. Bulletins are also posted. Just click on the word "Bulletin" located near the top of our Home page. A limited number of printed copies are also available in the vestibule.

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At St. John the Baptist Parish, time in conversation with our Lord is at the center of our lives.

Mass Intentions Scheduled prayer intentions will be offered by the priests of the parish during their private mass.

Sunday, April 26th 7:30 am Jack Green+ 9:00 am Lucio Prades+ 11:30 am Lisa Middleton 6:00 pm Julia Borges+

Monday, April 27th 6:30 am Angeline DeCastro-Ali*t* 8:15 am Salvador Uy*t*

Tuesday, April 28th 6:30 am Rudy Ajoste*t* 8:15 am Victor Devencenzi*t*

Wednesday, April 29th 6:30 am The Murphy Family 8:15 am All Our Healthcare Workers

Thursday, April 30th 6:30 am Oscar Sanchez de Tagle Jr. (*birthday*) 8:15 am Reynaldo Reyes⁺

Friday, May 1st 6:30 am Edna & Victoriano Ungson+ 8:15 am All the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 2nd 8:15 am In Thanksgiving 5:00 pm People of the Parish

Observances We Celebrate This Week

Tue: St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignion de Montfort Wed: St. Catherine of Siena Thu: St. Pius V Fri: St. Joseph the Worker Sat: St. Athanasius

April is dedicated to: The Holy Eucharist

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for April Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Intercessory Prayers

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

Alana Ramsay Alice Sulik Annie Brozosky Aurora Bertulfo Ada Watson Carmencita Ortiz Cher Juliet Daniella Alvarez-Limon Bob Taylor **Bonnie Spencer** Carman Hogan Don Hendrickson Eric Coscolluela Fr. David Shaw Frederick Nidoy Gilbert Mendivil Gordon Ferriss Gloria Mendivil Herbert Kohagura Hunt Linn **Jared Ellerson** Jason Nhan Jim Esfner Joann Pasterski Joey Durse

Judy Wilkins Karen Clouser Larry Armour Leo Galang Liam Ocampo Lorraine Mayrand Matthew Khuu Max Castro Mike Venturini Natalie S. Marhauer Pam Morin Pat Koelfgen Paulita Narcisco Rebecca Yap Romy Cypher-Strauch Sabrina Nunes Sean Roth Susan Wong Thoa Gilpin Tony Zuniga Vista Costa Vince Matranga Walter Cwynar Vickie Lustan

Prayers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families. Nicole Kuntz-Harding

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of all who have died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Andrew Kurimay Ann McLaughlin Anne Pachote Beverly Verdugo Bob Matranga Diane Pallari Doris McKeon Duke McCully Erlinda Estepa Francisco Tiffer Frank Brugger Guerrino Zanet Irma Henriquez Isabel Viloria Jesus Gaytán John Drumm Sr. John O'Malley Joseph Dickenson Julian Ocampo Karen Clouser Karen Maez Liberato Mariano Jr. Lisa Hueffed Magdalena Malixi Majida Haque Mary Brisbin Mary Grimes Mary Theis MaryJo Barrett Mary Jane McMahon Mike Diorio Nicolas Gomez Patrick Pallari Pedro Oquendo Quy Pham Rhyss Undajon-Haskell Sanh Nguyen Sr. Bridget Mary Flynn, RSM Sr. Kathleen Kinane Sr. Mercedes Braga, SHF Teresita Ochoa Theresa Gonzalez William McCain



The Adoration Chapel The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice Adoration has been moved to the Church

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located at the top of our website. Click on the box labeled "Adoration Video" and a YouTube video will pop up to play the video.

Another Adoration Video (30mins) is also posted and pinned on our Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to view.

Once on our Facebook page click on the Monstrance picture to start the video.

www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic

Live Stream Mass

scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

Please visit the Diocesan page. It list Parishes which are currently live streaming Sunday and Daily Masses.

Church Hours Monday - Friday

The church will remain open for those who would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 8am-4:30pm.

Saturday - Sunday On the weekends, the church will be open from 7am-6pm.

Please keep in mind your minimum 6ft "social distancing"

Confession Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm

Please note confessions at this time will still be offered but not in the confessional. We will be doing a face to face format in a larger setting in order to maintain the recommended minimum 6ft "social distancing."



Prayer for the Maternal Intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Shared by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away t heir tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



At St. John the Baptist Parish, we foster a commitment to lifelong spiritual growth.

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Inspiration of the Week

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.

Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

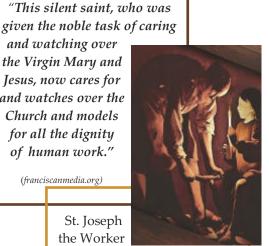
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze"

> St. Catherine of Siena Doctor of the Church



Feast Day: April 29



and watching over

the Virgin Mary and

Jesus, now cares for

and watches over the

Church and models

for all the dignity of human work."

(franciscanmedia.org)

St. Joseph

the Worker

Feast Day: May 1

Vacation Bible School

Due to the effects of COVID-19 the decision

has been made to cancel Vacation Bible

School for this year. With the uncertain

timeline of the virus, we don't want to en-

danger any of our parishioners, catechists,

helpers, or children. We apologize for the

inconvenience but we truly feel this is the best move at this time. Please continue to

pray for an end to the pandemic.



The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Corporal Works of Mercy

FEED THE HUNGRY • Check in with your parish community to see if there are parishioners who cannot (or should not) go grocery shopping themselves. • Check in with your parish to see if the food pantry is adequately stocked. • Organize a network of volunteers in each parish/ community to grocery shop for parishioners in need, especially the more vulnerable populations in our community. GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY • Do not purchase or hoard more water than you need. • While handwashing is vitally important, make an effort not to waste water—in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.

SHELTER THE HOMELESS • Consider donating toiletries and sanitary items to a local shelter since those who suffer homelessness—and the facilities that minister to them—are especially vulnerable at this time. • Financially support organizations that are working to support the homeless population in your community.

VISIT THE SICK • While in-person visits are not advisable during this time, please invest time in reaching out via phone/video call or by sending a letter or card to those who may feel particularly isolated during this time. • Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members by grocery shopping or cooking for them so they do not have to risk exposure. • Reach out to health care workers in your community who may be overworked, burdened, or in need of specific support at this time.

VISIT THE PRISONERS • Explore whether your parish or diocese has a prison ministry and, if so, check whether they are in need of supplies or support. • Given that people in prison can be especially isolated and vulnerable during this pandemic, consider how to support those who are ministering to them and bringing them the Word of God.

BURY THE DEAD • Now that funerals may be limited or restricted, reach out with cards or phone calls to those who have recently lost a loved one. • If possible, visit the cemetery to pray for those you have lost—and to ask their intercession on behalf of all those facing death today.

GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR • Reach out to those who may have been especially burdened during this pandemic, especially those whose occupations make them more vulnerable to economic instability. • Remember that the lack of public celebration of Masses may result in parishes struggling financially in the next few months; be sure to continue your support and if possible, increase offerings for those who cannot donate due recent financial hardship or inability to work. • Remember that Catholic Relief Services continues to serve the most vulnerable and consider making a donation or praying for them as you are able. The Spiritual Works of Mercy

COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL • Reassure and support those who may be especially anxious during this time. • If someone asks you for advice, orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

INSTRUCTING THE IGNORANT • With public celebration of Masses unavailable, learn and/or teach someone else how to make a Spiritual Communion. • Take this time to recommit to your own study and formation and, for those home with children, take advantage of this time to reflect on the faith as a family. ADMONISHING THE SINNER • Being confined in close quarters for long periods of time with families or housemates can test us in more ways than one, so be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. • Recognize the reality of spiritual warfare in daily interactions and strive to cultivate the corresponding virtues needed to resist your personal temptations.

COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL • Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering and let them know you are thinking of them. • Remember that a few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time.

 Consider sharing links to spiritual resources with those who may be isolated, such as livestreamed Masses, so that they can participate in community worship from home.

FORGIVING INJURIES • For families, this time may maximize opportunities to exercise forgiveness, so take this time to model the importance of forgiveness both for this life and the next. • If the sacrament of Reconciliation is not available in your parish at this time, commit to making a regular examination of conscience.

 Learn and/or teach your family members the Examen prayer and/or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY • Practice developing and strengthening the virtues of temperance, prudence, fortitude, and justice. • When frustrated with someone, step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, and pray the Our Father, asking God for patience. • Commit to praying the Stations of the Cross once a week.

PRAYING FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD • Pray the rosary with family members, via video conference or conference call if needed, for all those who are suffering from the effects of this pandemic. • Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers, and let people know that you are praying for them. • Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about.

"Lord, you will show us the path of life. " (Ps 16)

At St. John the Baptist Parish, we bring Christ's light to all through service to others.

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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Sharing the Gospel

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

$T^{igodoldsymbol{i}}$ Mission for the Week

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.



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Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.



Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed or see a Minister of Hospitality after Mass.

Welcoming Ministries

Communications Ministry Loreen McMahon, 916-933-1330 Ministers of Hospitality Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059 New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 Ushers Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer Bill Stobbe, 916-505-3800 **Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle** Pat Koelfgen, 916-989-2915 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass -Cenacle - Zoeanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359 -Cenacle-Spanish - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177 Eucharistic Adoration Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com Perpetual Adoration—1st Fri 9am - Sat 4pm Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle) -English – 1st Saturday of the month Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – 2nd Wednesday of the month Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Our Lady of Fatima Henry Altamirano, 925 - 899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065 Couples for Christ Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721 Praise & Worship Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798 Religious Education Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201

Theology on Tap Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065 WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually) Sue Collins, 916-337-6237 Youth/Young Adults Ministries Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

Parish Committees/Councils

Finance Council Elizabeth Beigh, 916-730-1291 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 Pastoral Council

Outreach/Charity Ministries Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions Nina Pucci, 916-947-6386 **Catholics for Life** Kathy Baxter, 916-337-6824 Gabriel Project Helen Boyd, 916-367-8071 Grace Quilters Ministry Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Grupo Pastoral Hispano Anna Haid, 916-956-1177 Knights of Columbus Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596 **Pastoral Care Ministry** Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor, Catholic Chaplain ,916-985-8610 x6425 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 Senior Visitation Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602 St. Vincent de Paul (Helping Hands) John Knight, 916-985-4630

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 Children's Liturgy during Mass Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 Liturgical Environment Arlette Peterson, 916-983-1389 Music - See choir director after Mass.

Additional Ministries

Children's Babysitting at Mass Georgia Oatmeyer, 916-201-3193 Family Fellowship Carol Stephenson, 916-952-6744 Gift Shop Connie Aley, 916-984-9284 Women's Game Day Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

Please send ministry updates and corrections to Loreen McMahon, mcmahon510@comcast.net.

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."



Why is the Easter season so long? Should we be doing something special for it?

The priests continue to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection a few weeks ago, the Easter season extends about fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us.

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with.

He is still risen indeed!





