

Dear Parents,

Jesus has risen....Alleluia, Alleluia!

I hope that you and your family had a happy and meaningful Easter weekend.

Let's pray together this week for:

- For the church, the sign of God's forgiveness and love
- For world leaders that they make decisions that are best for all people
- For those who are feeling doubtful and fearful
- For our parish community that we live the grace of the resurrection

The work to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Pages 253 - 254 for all levels

Counting this coming weekend, we only have 3 more weeks of duo-tangs and Be My Disciples lessons. I will be advising you of the duo-tang pick-up details in the coming weeks.

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-04-11>.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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JESUS *Risen to Reign*

Matthew 28:1-9 ♦ RHYTHM STORY

Early on Sunday morning
the women went to the tomb
where they had laid dear Jesus.
Their hearts were filled with gloom.

When they approached the garden
they had a big surprise:
A bright and glorious angel
appeared before their eyes.

The women were all frightened;
they didn't know what to do.
The angel told them gladly:
"The Lord has risen for you!

Now go and tell the others.
Spread the news both far and near.
The Lord has risen victorious.
Let your hearts be filled with cheer."

Three Messages for Us

This Week's Readings at Mass

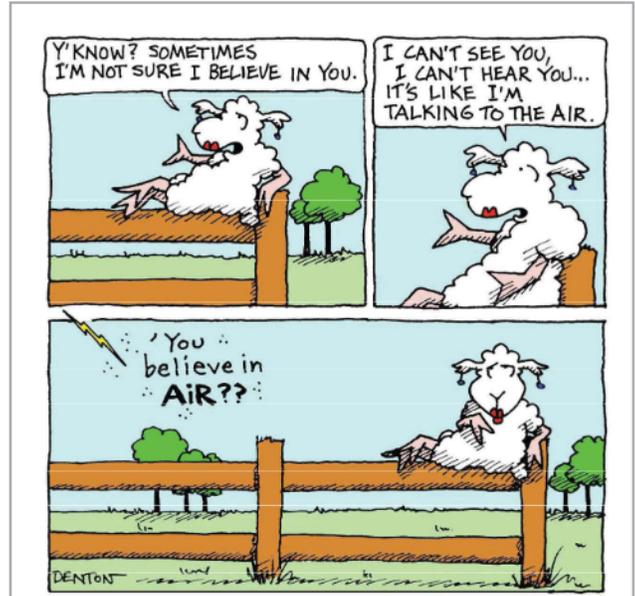
- ▶ Acts 4:32-35 - Life of the first Christians
- ▶ 1 John 5:1-6 - Belief in Jesus Christ
- ▶ John 20:19-31 - Appearance to the disciples

In all of the stories of Jesus meeting his friends and followers after his resurrection, his message can be boiled down into three short phrases: “Do not be afraid,” “Go and tell others the good news” and “Peace be with you.” We hear two of them in today’s gospel reading.

At the beginning of the Gospel, we read that the disciples are still huddled together, fearing for their lives—even though Mary Magdalene has already announced to them that Jesus is alive. They need the reassurance of Jesus’ words, “Peace be with you,” spoken in his own voice, to believe what they are seeing.

Then, as soon as they believe that he really has been raised from the dead, he sends them out to continue doing his work. They aren’t supposed to keep to themselves, and they definitely aren’t supposed to stay holed up in fear of what the authorities may do to them. They have been given the gift of his peace, and now they are to go out and share it with the world.

For those readers who may still struggle with doubts about Jesus’ resurrection, we have the story of Doubting Thomas to help us. Apparently for Thomas, hearing someone else’s testimony that Jesus had risen from the dead wasn’t enough. He needed to see for himself in order to believe. Jesus understands that and gives Thomas what he needs to bring him to belief. Jesus doesn’t crit-



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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Sheepish Question:
What helps me dispel my doubts about God?

icize Thomas for his lack of faith, he simply offers a blessing to the billions of us who have come after him and have found ourselves invited to believe without ever having the benefit of seeing him with our own eyes.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Which of Jesus’ messages after his resurrection is most helpful to you: “Do not be afraid,” “Peace be with you,” or “Go and tell others the good news”?
- 2 What helps you to continue to believe in Jesus when you are tempted to doubt?

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