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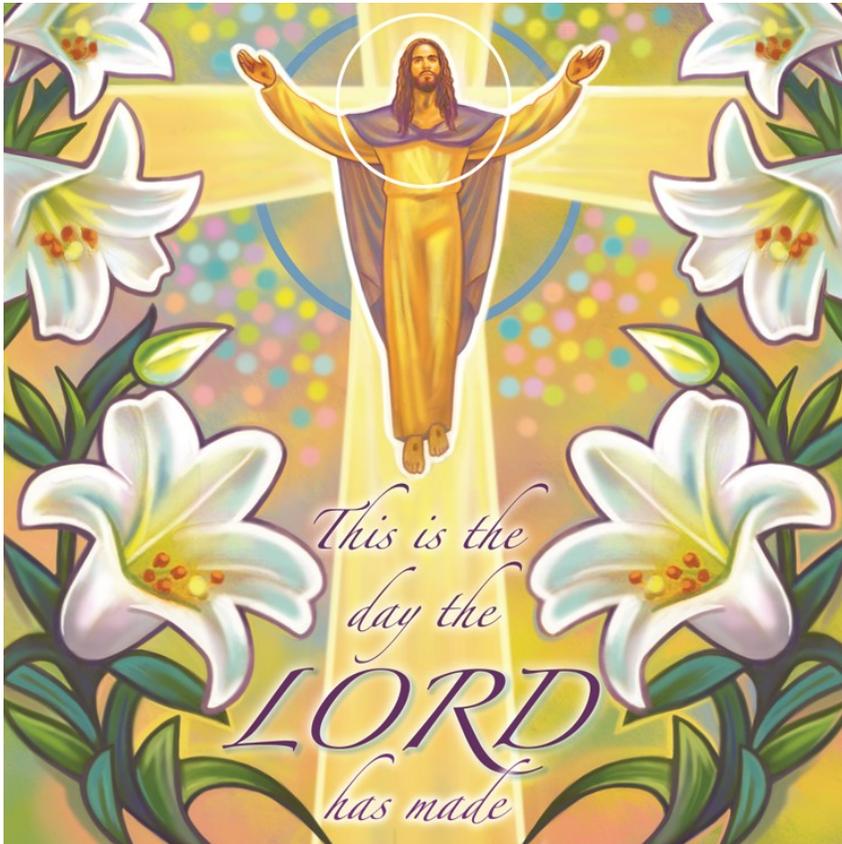
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April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Reading I – Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm – 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Reading II – Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 | Gospel – John 20:1-9



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feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's Passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: The Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a

["Rejoice and be glad!"]

Next Week's Readings

Reading I – Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 | Psalm – 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Reading II – 1 John 5:1-6 | Gospel – John 20:19-31

Life of Stewardship

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they “ran.” Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, “someone else will figure it out.” Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, “I will check on it later.” They each responded with conviction as they “ran” for Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, “Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?” The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not “feel” like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

Parish News

Mahalo

A Big Mahalo to all who helped with cutting and cleaning the palms. You are palm specialists! — *TJ Moses*

Update from the Bishop's Office

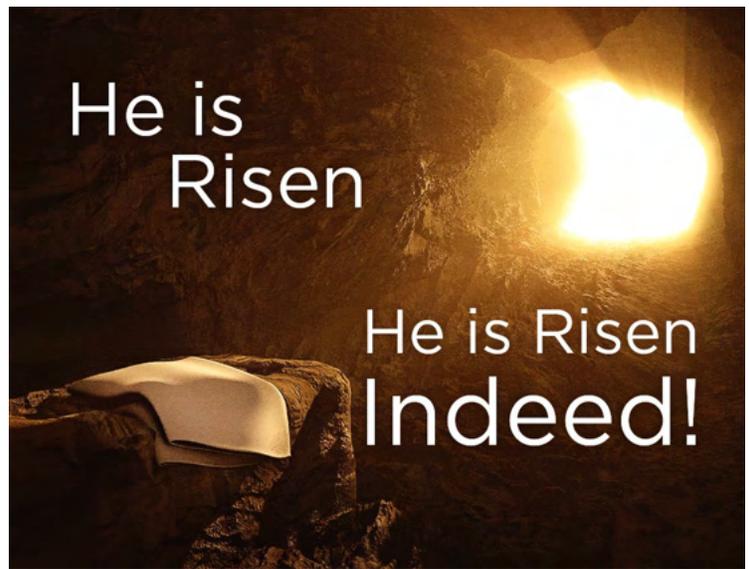
Effective Easter Sunday, April 4th (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3rd), I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 11th

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm. A video accompaniment from the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy will be shown.

Knights of Columbus need your help

The Knights of Columbus needs your financial help in order to transport food supplied by the USDA from Hilo to Kona. The cost to rent the U-Haul truck, gas and mileage is \$150.00 each pickup. If you would like to support the effort to feed our hungry, please make your check out to “Knights of Columbus” and write “Food Pantry Transportation” in the Memo on your check. Thank you for your support!



Parish Center Update: We have collected **\$962,959.71** for the Parish Center Campaign. Mahalo for your continued generosity.

Virtual Lectio Divina Presentation

On **Saturday, April 10th from 6—7pm**, Pauline Books and Media is holding a virtual presentation on *Discovering Secrets about Praying with Scripture*. Please **RSVP by Friday, April 9th**. For more information, contact Sr. Joane Caritas, fsp at jgepitulan@paulinemediacom or **808-521-2731**.

All New Parishioners

You are invited to our **New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, April 18th from 2:30—3:30pm at St. Michael's**. Come and meet our priests, ministry coordinators, and receive a welcome gift! Please **RSVP** by calling Brenda Nelson at the Parish Office to leave your name, phone number and how many will be attending.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of Ushers at the Saturday 5pm and the Sunday 7am, 9am and 1pm Masses. If you are interested please contact **Chris Guillen at 808-938-8363**.

Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Council Family of the Month

Aniceto and Rosalia Ramirez, Family of the Month for March, have been married for 34 years and blessed with three married children and six grandchildren. Both sacristans, Rosalia lectors and Aniceto manages the altar servers at Spanish-speaking Masses. Monthly they coordinate four landscaping crews at St. Michael's, do the landscaping at IC and clean Father Noé's house. The Ramirez's lead the Stewardship program for our Spanish-speaking parishioners. Their immeasurable contributions to our parish are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Aniceto and Rosalia Ramirez!

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish

We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. If you haven't registered as a member of our parish, we encourage you to register today. Please pick up a registration form in the kiosk, or complete online at stmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and for your safe travels.

Marriage & Family Life

Before Easter arrives, is there anything for which you need to ask for your spouse's forgiveness? Ask your spouse and encourage him or her to do the same.

Marriage Encounter

The Marriage Encounter Experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. The next Hawaii-based Encounter Experience via Zoom is May 4-25 (seven sessions, Tuesday and Thursday evenings). The deadline to register is April 23rd. To apply or for more info contact **Tom & Sara Heath, 864-787-6797**.

Catholic Advance Care Planning

Join us online on April 19th and 20th from 6:30—8pm for a two-part presentation on preparing a new or reviewing your existing Advance Directive that is consistent with Catholic teachings. Since we never know when we may be facing medical issues or dealing with end-of-life situations, it is recommended that adults 18 and older have this legal document. These two sessions will show participants how to discuss end-of-life decisions with loved ones, the moral aspects of end-of-life decisions, palliative care, hospice, and how to complete the Hawaii Catholic Advance Healthcare Directive (provided). Sign up at: <https://whv-advance-care-planning.eventbrite.com> or call **808-756-5989** for more information.

Marriage Convalidation Ceremony

Bishop Silva will be celebrating the Convalidation Ceremony on **June 5, 2021 at 10am at St. Michael's**.

If you were married outside of the Catholic Church by civil officials or by ministers from other religious traditions, please contact the office to discuss what is required to have your marriage sacramentally validated within the Catholic Church.

Faith Formation

Grades 1—5

Happy Easter! I hope all of you were able to attend Mass in person and are enjoying a blessed Easter. Did you make more Easter lilies for your Easter meal centerpiece, perhaps one for each member of your family? If you haven't already turned in your Rice Bowls, you may put them in the collection, or return them to the parish office during the week. The April 4th and April 11th Gospel Weeklies lessons have been combined, so you will only receive one con-

tact from your child's teacher to cover these two weeks. Please put our last pick-up party, *Sunday, May 9th*, on your calendars and reserve the date now. —*Darlene Gawlik, Catechist*

Infant Baptism Ages Birth to under 7

For information on Baptism Preparation please contact **Cheryl Appleby at 253-334-2788 or email baptism.stmichaekona@rcchawaii.org**.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children & Youth ages 7-17

Last Sunday, some of the children read about the Passion of Jesus. If you know a child or youth asking about the Catholic Faith or want information on baptism over the age of 7, contact **Sharmayne Naone at 808-938-3895** or call the Parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 18+ (Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist)

RCIA for adults continues to journey with folks who are interested in receiving the Sacraments and becoming fully initiated Catholics. For more info, contact **Sándor Hernández Morales at 305-491-1277 or shernandez@rcchawaii.org**.

Youth Ministry Faith Formation Grades 6-12

HAPPY EASTER!! What really happened on Good Friday and why was it so "good?" Know your Easter Trivia and join the meeting at 6pm and we'll begin with a Trivia Chat Challenge. You will answer in the chat so be sure to have a keyboard handy. Yes, of course there are prizes. Know your stuff, love the Lord, love others and good luck.

Next class is **Sunday, April 11th: Healthy Relationships for Teens 2.0**. Congratulations to **Giselle Minez-Cruz the high scorer in our Lent Trivia Chat Challenge**.

Anointing of the Infirm Homebound & Hospitalized

If you would like the Sacrament of anointing & Eucharist, call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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Catholic Update

FEAST OF FAITH—The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heart-broken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them, but they did not realize it. They only recognized Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet Him in each other—for by our baptism into His death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet Him in His word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet Him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of His Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: “whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

It has been said that the most convincing sign of the Risen Christ is the Risen Christian. Today, in parishes around the world, new life is drawn from the waters of baptism, and new Christians are thrilled to see the crowds pour in to join in the feast. On Easter, we do not say the Creed, but rather renew our baptismal promises with hearty responses. We are taking the first joyful steps on a fifty-day-long celebration. In the southern hemisphere, the world is slipping into winter, but for us in North America, the earth itself seems to sing hymns to Christ's victory. Look this morning for the fresh paschal candle standing near the baptismal waters. It was consecrated in the hours of the night, will burn brightly for fifty days whenever we gather for prayer, and will glow again at every baptism and every funeral in the year ahead. Even though we may be gathered around the candle someday in sadness, today's joy at Christ's victory over death will shine through.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD
EASTER VIGIL

- 5pm—Missa Pro populo

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- 7am—Anthony Silva, deceased
- 9am—John O. Torres, deceased
- 11am (Spanish)—John O. Torres, dec'd
- 1pm—Pat Stock, 18th anniversary of her death / Laura Guluzzy, for healing
- 4pm—Joseph Capello, 4th anniversary of his passing
- 6pm (Spanish)—

MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

- 7am—Punianiokalani Smith, deceased / Kara Ursua, birthday blessings!
- 5pm—The Little French Group, for well-being and Conversion

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

- 7am—Patty Wellnitz, for healing
- 5pm—Jenna Choe, special intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH

- 7am—Esther Lopez, deceased

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

- 7am—BJ Ellis, for healing
- 5pm—The Little French Group, for their well-being and conversion

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

- 7am—Brian Loric, dec, birthday anniversary remembrance
- 5pm—Michael Luke, 2nd anniversary of his death

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

- 7pm—Bienvenida Clairiza, deceased

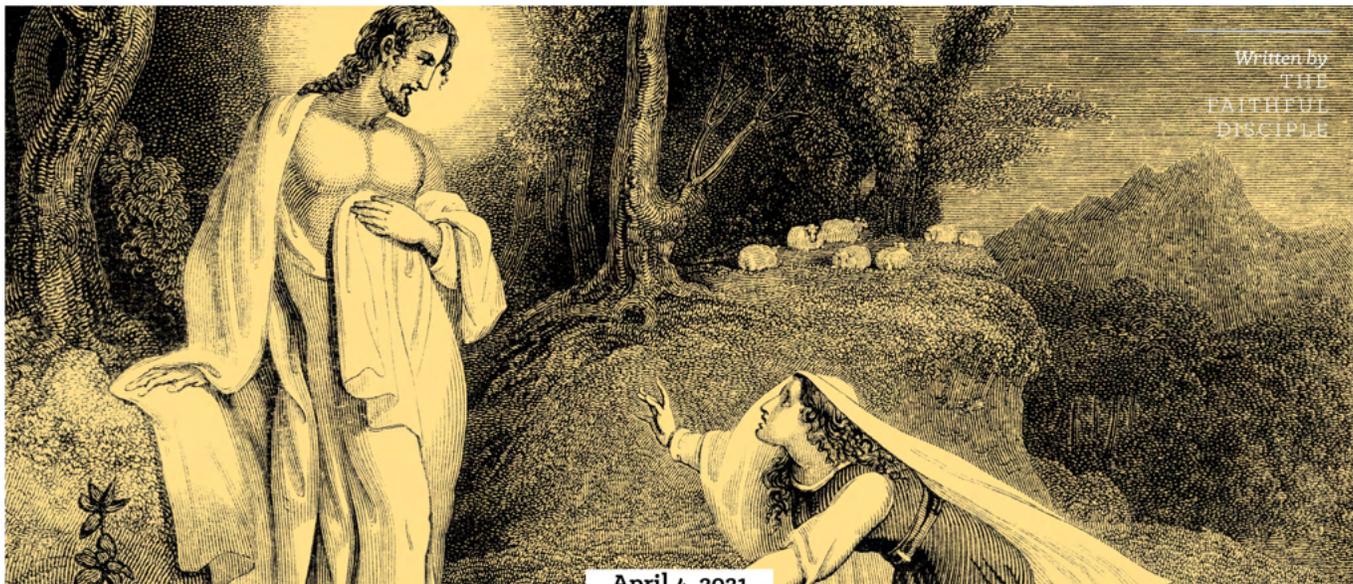
Mass Intentions

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, **call well in advance of the date to secure it. Mass cards are available.**

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April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have happy memories when I think about all the Easter celebrations I experienced as a child. Easter baskets with nicer-than-usual chocolate; indoor Easter egg hunts - check under the lampshade! - and wearing the best of our Sunday best to Mass. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything, but writing this reflection reminds me that our modern-day celebrations and traditions don't come close to truly capturing the gamut of emotions the disciples must have felt on that first day of the week. From the fear, despair and confusion they initially experienced, to the joy that would have enveloped them when they realized what the empty tomb meant: Jesus had risen! The beloved disciple entered the empty tomb of Christ in today's Gospel, "and he saw and believed." As Christians, I think we sometimes take this foundation of our faith for granted. And so I pray for a renewed sense of awe at the stunning reality: to "see and believe" that God so loved us that he gave his only Son, who died and rose so that we, too, might live forever in God's love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Some days I wake up with particular joy or anticipation: "Today we are going on vacation!" Or, "Today my son graduates from college." It is a wonderful feeling, and one that helps me jump - OK, roll a little faster - out of bed. If we take to heart the psalmist's message today, we see that this is how God intends for us to awaken every day: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." God is the author of our life, and on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the gift of *eternal* life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In today's first reading, Peter relates how the disciples were commissioned to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. His words remind us that the story of Easter cannot and should not be contained. Instead, we are called to witness that "everyone who believes in [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." That is good news worth sharing, whether on our social media feed, or with our loved ones and those we encounter each day.

WITNESS Happy Easter! Perhaps visit the graveside of a loved one, and take the opportunity to talk about life after death. Say a special prayer of thanks at your Easter meal. And remember to smile in the direction of new faces at Mass today!

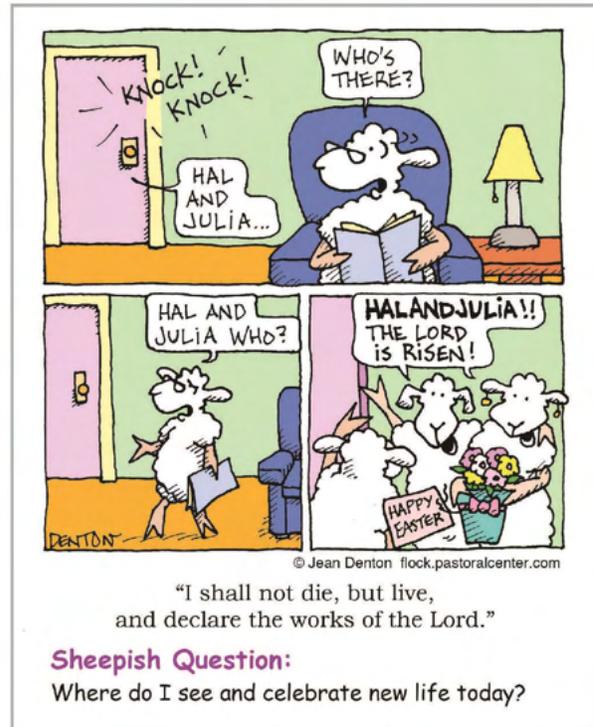
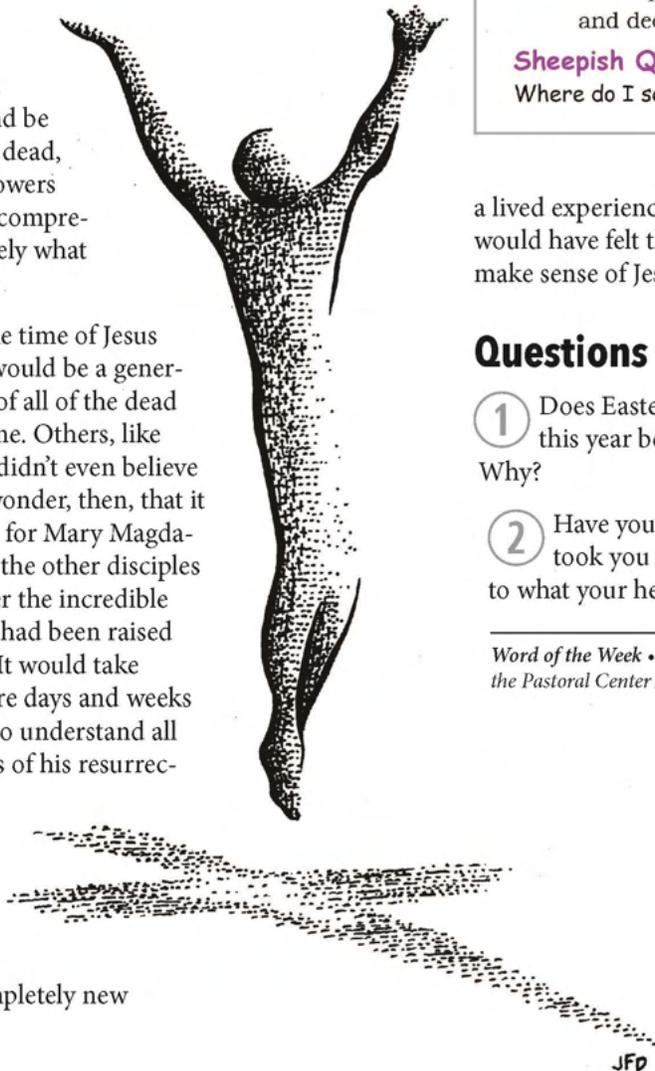
Hearts Before Minds

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 10:34a, 37-43 - Peter's discourse
- ▶ Colossians 3:1-4 - Mystical death and resurrection
- ▶ John 20:1-9 - The empty tomb

Each of the four gospels recounts slightly different details of Jesus' resurrection. Yet they all begin with a note that the stone which had sealed the tomb has been rolled away, and that the tomb where Jesus' body was laid is now empty. Those who first saw these things were confused and couldn't understand what they were seeing. Despite Jesus' predictions during his lifetime that he would die and be raised from the dead, none of his followers seemed able to comprehend immediately what had happened.

Some Jews at the time of Jesus believed there would be a general resurrection of all of the dead at the end of time. Others, like the Sadducees, didn't even believe in that. It's no wonder, then, that it took some time for Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the other disciples to piece together the incredible news that Jesus had been raised from the dead. It would take them many more days and weeks to really begin to understand all the implications of his resurrection. They had nothing in their experiences to compare this to as they lived into a completely new reality -



a lived experience of life after death. Their hearts would have felt the joy long before their minds could make sense of Jesus' resurrection.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Does Easter feel any more significant to you this year because of how you experienced Lent? Why?
- 2 Have you ever been so surprised by joy that it took you some time for your mind to catch up to what your heart was experiencing? How so?

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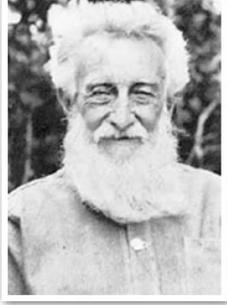
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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Join us for a Webinar Series in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) 2021.

SAAM is a reminder that sexual violence is widespread and affects all of us in some way. Its prevention requires a community response. Join us from 1:30pm-2:30pm every Wednesday afternoon in April to learn about its impact, prevention strategies, and resources available. Gain valuable information on how together we can keep our community safe. This training series is pending continuing education (CE) approval for CSAC; CHES/MCHES; CPS; RD/RDN/DTR; and with the National Association of Social Workers – Hawai'i Chapter.

A collaborative effort of the:

- Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Sex Abuse Treatment Center
- Department of Health-Maternal and Child Health Branch, Sexual Violence Prevention Program
- Department of the Attorney General, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division
- University of Hawai'i PAU Violence System
- Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu

[Preventing Sexual Grooming](#)

Gain an understanding of the grooming stages of sexual victimization, and learn what to look for. Talk with two therapists from the Sex Abuse Treatment Center on what you can do to protect against it.

April 7 @ 1:30-2:30pm

[Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault](#)

Includes a viewing of the Hawai'i Coalition Against Sexual Assault film, *Shots*, and a discussion on the intersectionality of alcohol and sexual assault. Offers important protective information for young adults and beyond.

April 14 @ 1:30-2:30pm

[The Sexual Assault Response Team \(SART\)](#)

Includes a viewing of a film on Hawai'i's Sexual Assault Response Team, followed by a live panel discussion with the O'ahu team. Learn about the statewide system of care available for survivors of sexual violence (and their families).

April 21 @ 1:30-2:30pm

["The HI Way](#)

[\[r e s p e c t \]™ Episode"](#)

Includes a viewing of the "Respect" episode (age-appropriate for keiki to kupuna) of the Honolulu Theatre for Youth's *The HI Way* series, followed by a panel discussion on the development of its online safety segment.

April 28 @ 1:30-2:30pm



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