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May 1, 2011 - Second Sunday in Easter



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "*Come Rejoice,
Our Lord Is Risen*"

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READING I - Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

READING II - 1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfad-

ing, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls..

Priest/Lector: Verse.

GOSPEL - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. This is the gospel of the Lord. R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Christ Is Risen*"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "*Come Ye Faithful*"

POST COMMUNION HYMN - "*O'er Death Victorious*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*"

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

THE EASTER CYCLE ... EASTERTIDE

Eastertide begins at Easter and ends on the Saturday after Pentecost. It is a time of uninterrupted joy and feasts, during which we celebrate the mysteries on the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and also His Holy Church. The date of Easter, from which the date of all movable feasts is determined, is fixed according to the Jewish method and may vary between March 22 and April 25. The triumph and joy of Eastertide is reflected in the decoration of the sanctuary and the priest's use of white vestments, symbolizing joy and purity. Until Ascension Day, the Paschal candle shines in the sanctuary, as a symbol of 'the visible presence' of Our Lord upon earth. Let us proclaim our faith in the risen Lord, and in His divine presence in the Holy Eucharist!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...

Henri Nouwen

SMILES BREAKING THROUGH TEARS

Dying is a gradual diminishing and final vanishing over the horizon of life. When we watch a sailboat leaving port and moving toward the horizon, it becomes smaller and smaller until we can no longer see it. But we must trust that someone is standing on a faraway shore seeing that same sailboat become larger and larger until it reaches its new harbor. Death is a painful loss. When we return to our homes after a burial, our hearts are in grief.' But when we think about the One standing at the other shore eagerly waiting to welcome our beloved friend into a new home, a smile can break through our tears.



HIS WORDS... ETERNAL LIFE

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you."

—Romans 8:11

ST. FRANCIS NOTES ...

OUR THANKFULNESS to all Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis who helped prepare, attend and add in your own special way to make for a 'special' Easter celebration this year! Thank you! God Bless!

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS

Helen Steiner Rice -

BRIGHT TOMORROWS

Every burden borne today and every present sorrow are but God's happy harbingers of a joyous, bright tomorrow.

"Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."

—Proverbs 24:14

Today cherish God's message of hope!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, May 8, 2011

Mother's Day, Crowning of Mary Statues and Devotions to Mary all Sundays in May

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Mass will be at 8 a.m. with Fr. Wes as Fr. Andrew will be out of town.

Saturday, June 11, 2011

20th Annual East Meadow Pride Day

8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please ask how you can help.