

April 4, 2021
Easter

The Forgiveness of God.

Those of you who have children and have raised them, do you remember the first time your child was old enough to understand he or she had offended you? Your son or daughter cautiously came up to you and meekly said, "I am sorry". His eyes had both the look of sadness and anticipation in them. She was sad because she understood she had breached your relationship. He displayed anticipation by a look of hope that he may see forgiveness and acceptance on your face.

Such an episode is most poignant. This "first moment" of reconciliation between child and parent is the instant when innocence is lost. Perhaps whatever frustration, anger or hurt you the parent had felt prior to this moment melts away. You stretch out your arms in love and motion to hug the child. Yes, you stretch out your arms. It is quite a vulnerable posture.

As time goes on and throughout life there will be many more times that will need reconciliation, joining back together. Will each time be as moving?

Moments of forgiveness are transformational. They restore the bond of relationship. They are not transactions or *quid pro quo*. Such times are not a purchase of a commodity. They are not made of cold hard justice requiring punishment. If each moment of forgiveness and reconciliation goes well two people may be farther ahead in a deepening relationship than before the breach. It may be a surge in the direction of healing.

From the Cross Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Jesus is healing, restoring, and advancing the relationship between the Father and his children. Jesus is not substituting himself in punishment for us to the Father. He is healing. This is something he does throughout his earthly ministry. Such actions of Jesus must be seen and understood as ongoing. The Lord will never cease reaching out to us looking for the eyes of one he loves. He does not look to punish.

Jesus like the parent who stretches out his arms in vulnerability to hug the child does so also. He stretches out his arms on the Cross to say, "I love you this much!"

Father Richard Rohr says salvation is not a one-time transactional affair between Jesus and his Father. It is an on-going transformational lesson for the soul of people and for all of history. Yes, the Lord stretches out his arms.

God is not violent. We are. God does not demand suffering of us. We do. God does not want us to suffer. Yet, we human beings seem to look for retribution against others who offend us. It is something inside us, a bias or prejudice. We project on to someone else our own sins. Then we send the person away into an exile of some sort. He is made into a scape goat. It is an easy way, we think, to rid ourselves of the hurt of sin.

This year we may gather in person to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We were not permitted to do so a year ago. How was that viewed in your own mind? How was it displayed by your emotions? What was it like? Was God punishing us for the harm we have done to this world, God's creation? Was it retribution by God for breaching human relationships by individual and even whole nations of people?

The "Lock Down" was not a punishment. It was a mechanism of safety. We as a society sought to protect one another from harm. People were called on to care about the other by merely wearing a mask and distancing. Was this not God's way of loving us through the gift of Reason that he gave us? God did not want to hurt but to heal us. "I did not come to condemn the world, but to save it." (Jn. 12:47) Jesus also says in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest...for I am gentle and humble of heart. Yes, my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Let us be transformed by God's actions. Let us move from punitive and juridical mindsets to grace-filled and transformative love and understanding. Yes, do that by the Grace of God even as it is so difficult to do so on our own. Ask God to give you the love he displayed on the Cross. Let us show the wisdom of truly faithful people who agree to carry on our part of

forgiveness and reconciliation. The forgiveness of God.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	
Tithes Collected:	\$ Information in
Online Giving:	\$ next bulletin.
Total:	\$
Thank you!	

Welcome to All!

Welcome to all of you who might have wondered into our humble church this weekend! We are still observing COVID safe protocol. However, we still wish for you to experience the warmth of God through our people and our celebration.

Fr. Bob Tywoniak

Tithes (Donations) for Easter

Please plan for making an extraordinary tithe for Easter! It is much needed to support the mission of the parish. We want to be here to welcome all who seek wholeness in the Lord.

LITURGY FOR APRIL 4, 2021 **EASTER SUNDAY**

• **SONG #1: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY** **(Davidica/Wesley)**

1. Jesus Christ is ris/n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now he reigns above as King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our god above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

• **PSALM 118: (D. Pérez-Cuan)**

**This is the day the Lord has made,
This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad
let us rejoice and be glad**

• **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Now with the strength of the Word, send us to be your disciples, to bring all the world to the joy of your kingdom!

SONG # 2: Wade in the Water (Spiritual)

WADE IN THE WATER

WADE IN THE WATER, CHILDREN NOW. WADE IN THE WATER, GOD'S GONNA TROUBLE THE WATER!

• **SONG #3: RESUCITO (Kiko Arguello)**

1. Resucito, resucito, resucito, alleluya.
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, resucito.
Aleluya!

• **SONG #4: BREAD, BLESSED AND BROKEN (M. Lynch)**

1. Jesus, you're the one I love; you're the one I know. You're the one who makes me strong, Spirit in my soul.
2. From the clouds of yesterday, through the night of pain, teach me, Lord to know your way, know it once again.
3. **Bread, blessed and broken for us all, symbol of your love from the grain so tall. Bread, blessed and broken for us all, bread of life you give to us, bread of life for all.**
4. May the bread we break today, may the cup we share lift the burdens of our hearts, lift them every where.
5. Passing on to each of us a measure of your love, love to make us whole again, as we share your Word.
6. **Bread, blessed and broken for us all, symbol of your love from the grain so tall. Bread, blessed and broken for us all, bread of life you give to us, bread of life for all.**

7. Jesus, you're the one I love; you're the one I know. You're the one who makes me strong, Spirit in my soul.

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• **SONG # 5: I Exalt Thee/He is Lord medley**

//For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth.

Thou art exalted far above all gods.//

// I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee!

I exalt Thee, Oh Lord!//

He is Lord. He is Lord.

He is risen from the dead

and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

• **SONG # 6: Alleluia! Love is Alive**

1. People of God, see the morning is new; rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and see! He is alive! A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled. God who was with us is here with us still. He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grace and defeated the night. Alleluia! Love is alive! The Son has arisen for all. Your people sing alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. People of God, let your fear fall away. Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive! Here now is mercy embracing your soul; here the fulfillment that once was foretold. It is true! It is true! He is alive!

3. People of God now rejoicing in Christ, carry your joy to the darkness of night. Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive! Hear the good news of this glorious day, every heart singing as heaven proclaims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Betsy McMahon, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 3

8:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sunday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Monday, April 5

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 a.m. † Anita Polt by Family

Wednesday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Nancy & Maria Elena by Joyce

Thursday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Fr. Bob by Dan & Dil

Friday, April 9

8:00 a.m. † Mattie Gilmartin by Steven Baggiero & John Barlow

Saturday, April 10

4:00 p.m. † Hermani Espinosa by Cecilia Espinosa

† John B. Nicotera by Carmela Dee

Sunday, April 11

9:00 a.m. † Deb Botta by Chris & Jim Jordan

10:45 a.m. † Pedro & Candida Martin by Children & Grandchildren

† Dottie Jewett by Sharkey Family

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience,
VIRTUAL WEEKEND, June 11-13, 2021**

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you...THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A WEEKEND IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME. This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. The weekend starts **Friday, June 11th** at 7:00 pm and ends **Sunday, June 13th** at about 3:00 pm. You need a good internet connection and computer/laptop/tablet with a camera and microphone. Sign up here: www.wvme.org (Used Fort Lauderdale for the location).

Contact Information: For more information contact- Frank & Fran Kulzer, 954-961-5078 or Steve & Kathy Franzone, 754-204-5996



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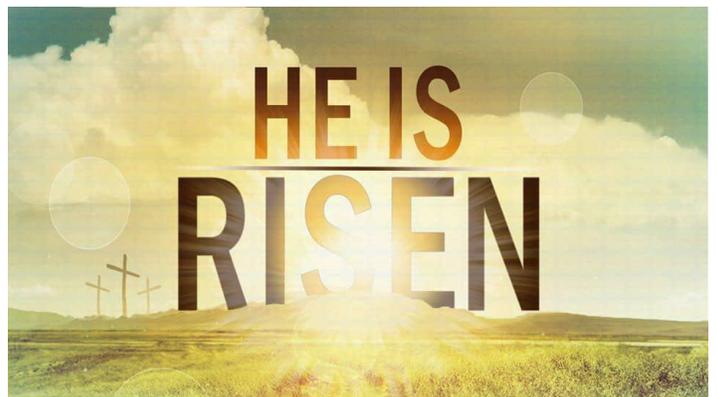
1. The future relies on the generosity of the present. Make a gift to future Catholics today by visiting www.isupportabcd.org
2. Planning for death is as natural as planning for life. Have you thought about a plan that will benefit your parish after you are gone? For more information on what and how to give, contact the rectory, visit www.adomgift.org or call the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1112.
3. *"Then Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with*

the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."

– John 20: 6-8

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can. God gives us the greatest gift of all; salvation through His Son, Jesus, as we journey to be His disciples.



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