



**Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's  
Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - Easter Sunday**

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**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - Easter Sunday Readings 2024 - The Resurrection of the Lord Mass**

1st Reading	1st Reading - Acts 10:34A, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
2nd Reading	Colossians 3:1-4 Or 1 Corinthians 5:6B-8
Alleluia	1 Corinthians 5:7B-8A
Gospel	John 20:1-9

**1st Reading - Acts 10:34A, 37-43**

34A And Peter opening his mouth, said:

37 what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,  
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and [in] Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.  
40 This man God raised [on] the third day and granted that he be visible,

41 not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

43 To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or:

R. Alleluia.

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

2 Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or:

R. Alleluia.

16 "The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or:

R. Alleluia.

22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

23 By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

or:

R. Alleluia.

**2nd Reading - Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters:

1 Therefore, if you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above; where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God:

2 Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth.

3 For you are dead; and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ shall appear, who is your life, then you also shall appear with him in glory.

**Or 1 Corinthians 5:6B-8**



Brothers and sisters:

6B Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened. For Christ, our Paschal Lamb is sacrificed.

8 Therefore let us feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

**Alleluia - CF. 1 Corinthians 5:7B-8A**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

7B Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;

8A let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel - John 20:1-9**

1 On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

3 So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

4 They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;

5 he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

6 When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,

7 and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

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

9 For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

**OR Gospel - Matthew 28:1-10**

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow.

4 The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.

5 Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.

6 He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you."

8 Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**Or Gospel - Mark 16:1-7**

1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.

2 Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

3 They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.

5 On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.

6 He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.

7 But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

**Or Gospel - Luke 24:13-35**

At an afternoon or evening Mass.

13 That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus,

14 and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.

15 And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, 16 but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast.

18 One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

19 And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.

21 But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.

22 Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning

23 and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.



24 Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."  
25 And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!  
26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"  
27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.  
28 As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther.  
29 But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.  
30 And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.  
31 With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.  
32 Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"  
  
33 So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them  
34 who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"  
35 Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

**Saints Of The Day**

**Blessed Jane of Toulouse**

**Feast day: 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Blessed Jane lived in the French town of Toulouse during the 13th century. A Carmelite monastery was founded in the same town in 1240 which exposed Jane to the Carmelite lifestyle and spirituality. In 1265 when St. Simon Stock, a 13th century reformer of the Carmelites, was passing through Toulouse, Jane met him and requested to be affiliated with the Carmelites. Simon agreed and Jane became the first Third Order Carmelite. Jane vowed herself to perpetual chastity and applied herself completely to the Carmelite Rule. In addition to many daily holy practices

and penances, she reached out to the community and worked to help the sick and poor. One of Jane's primary missions was encouraging the boys of the town to help her serve the poor and help them discern whether or not they were called to be Carmelites. Blessed Jane is considered to be a founder of the Carmelite tertiary order and is considered to be its first member. She died in 1286.

Today's 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Easter Sunday Readings Homily Theme: Jesus Christ Resurrects from the Dead, Let Us Celebrate the Risen Lord



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