

Celebrating the

# *Easter Season*

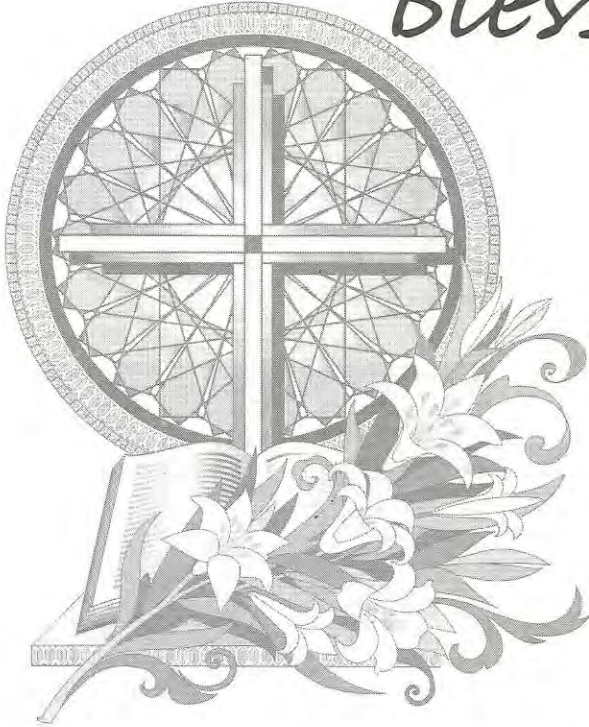
at Home



April 12 – May 31, 2020

# EASTER

## Blessings & Prayers



### Easter Daily Devotion

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*

Let the joy of the Resurrection  
fill me every day, O Lord.

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*

May the Spirit's grace and power  
bless me this day, O Lord.

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*

Help me to be a sign of your life and love  
today and every day, O Lord.

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*

### Table Prayer for the Season of Easter

*This is the day the Lord has made!*

On this Day of days  
we are filled with Easter joy  
and nourished by the fruits of earth.

On this Day of days  
may we know the presence of Christ  
in breaking bread with those we love.

On this Day of days  
let us show his presence to the poor and hungry  
as our service to them is a sign of his glory.

*This is the day the Lord has made!*

Let all the earth cry out with joy  
on this Day of days.

May this meal be blessed,  
as we will be at the feast of heaven. Amen.

### Regina Caeli, Laetare. Alleluia! (An Easter Prayer to the Mother of God)

Rejoice, Queen of heaven. Alleluia!

*Lead the rejoicing of all the saved, Holy Mary, Mother of God.*

You were chosen to be Christ's mother. Alleluia!

*Help us remain faithful children of light, Holy Mary,  
Mother of God.*

Christ has risen as he said. Alleluia!

*Let us follow your example, Holy Mary, Mother of God.*

Pray for us to God. Alleluia!

*With all the saints, Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
intercede for us at the throne of grace.*

Rejoice and be glad: the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia!

*May our joy bring us, Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*to join you and the hosts of heaven,*

*singing eternal praises in glory for all eternity. Alleluia!*

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## *What impact do my Baptismal vows have on my everyday life?*

This Easter season, spend some time each week pondering the questions below to discern how your ordinary world might better reflect the Baptismal promises you renewed on Easter Sunday.

### **Week One: Do you renounce Satan?**

Where does Satan work on your life and your heart? Where does temptation meet you? Food? Social media? Anger? What can you do to break the cycle and reject Satan's hold?

### **Week Two: And all his works?**

Satan's work is to divide. Where in your life is division rampant? What issues do you approach in an all-or-nothing way, leading to judgment and acrimony? What can you do to bridge division when you encounter it in daily life?

### **Week Three: And all his empty show?**

Which of Satan's promises are hardest for you to resist? Comfort, power, admiration, prestige, luxury, self-righteousness? When do you find yourself unwilling to sacrifice those things in order to see God's kingdom of justice made real on earth? What stands in the way of truly rejecting these empty promises?

### **Week Four: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?**

If God made all things, then we must treat the created world with reverence. List three ways you can treat God's creation with greater reverence and better stewardship.

### **Week Five: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?**

Because of Jesus' incarnation, death, and resurrection, everyone on earth is invited to the heavenly banquet. What does this mean for your interactions with those on the margins of your ordinary life: philosophical/political opponents, those of other cultures or religions? How can you better honor them as bearers of God's image?

### **Week Six: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?**

The Spirit moves every person in a unique way. Do you invite the Spirit to dwell in you, or are you afraid? Where in your life do you need the Spirit's guidance, discernment, or healing?

### **Week Seven: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?**

Belief manifests in action. What gifts can you offer to the Church? What prevents you from giving of your time? What can you do to change that?