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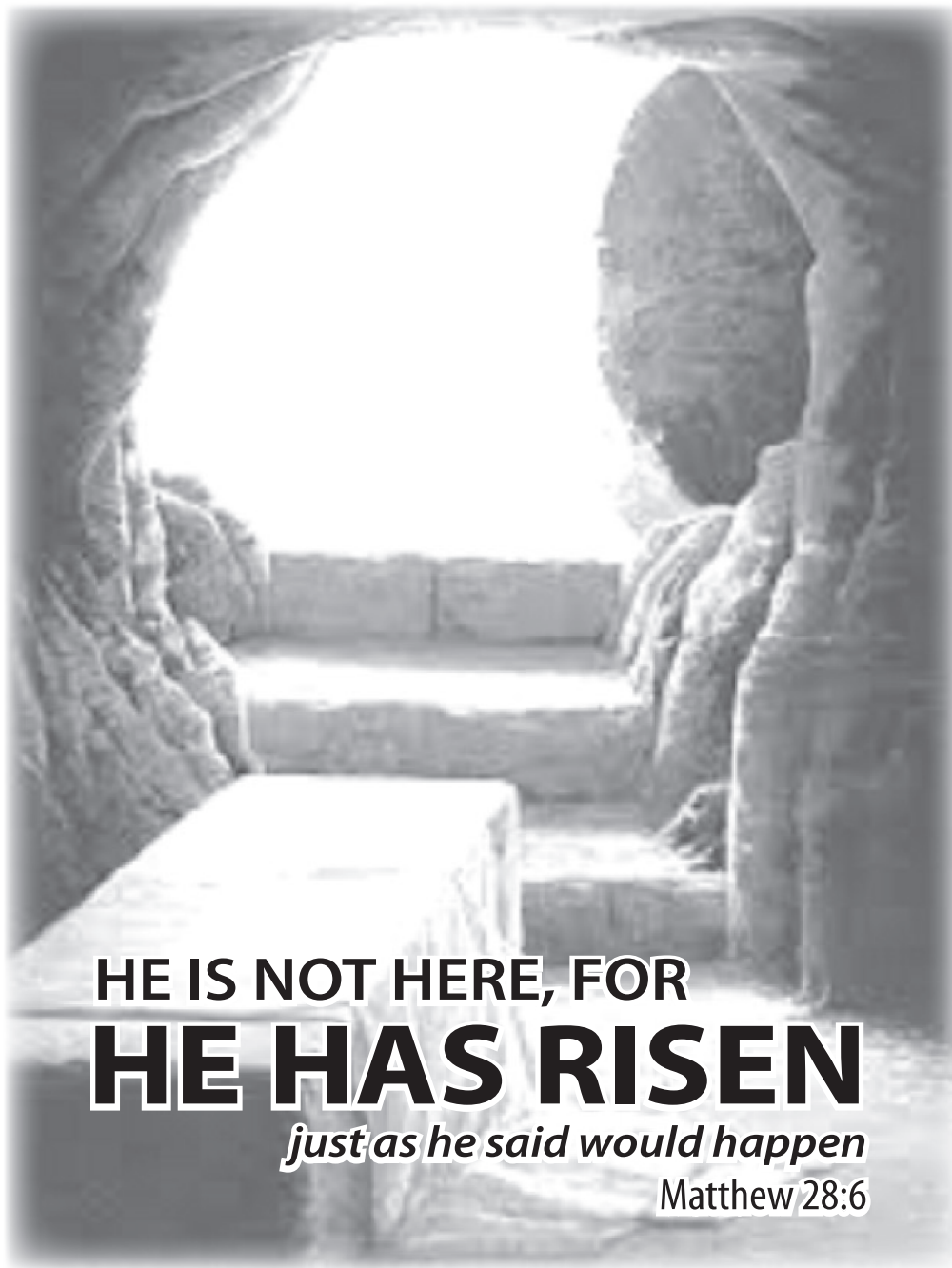
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE JOY OF EASTER

Think of what is above. (Colossians 3:2)

Today is a day of great joy and celebration. That’s because Jesus Christ, who suffered a cruel death and rose from his tomb, is now risen in glory. And now that you are “raised with Christ,” he invites you to enter into his joy (Colossians 3:1).

You may feel full of joy today. But what if you don’t? What if you feel weighed down by worries and burdens? There is still a way that you can experience Easter joy.

How? By faith.

As St. Paul writes in today’s second reading, “Think of what is above” (Colossians 3:2). By faith, you can recall that God loves you, that he is with you, and that he has won the victory over death and sin—including all of your own sins! Scripture promises that “there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). That’s you! “When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory” (Colossians 3:4). That’s you!

Recalling these truths can lead you into another experience of Easter joy: the joy of serving the Lord and his people. Peter must have been overjoyed when Jesus told him, “Feed my lambs” (John 21:15). His failures and sins—even his denial of the Lord—had been washed away! Now he could participate in the mission of the risen Christ. As you serve Jesus today—by loving others, by sharing your faith, or by joyfully preparing a family meal—believe that, just like Peter, you are also participating in Jesus’ mission. And that is a true and certain path to joy.

Easter joy is not just about gathering for Mass or enjoying a feast or wearing a special outfit—you know that! It comes about through faith and service, and it can last all year long. So set your heart on “what is above” today (Colossians 3:2). Then hear Jesus say, “Come and share in my joy!”

“Jesus, I rejoice in your resurrection!”

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10.34, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 31 March, 9:00 AM (Italian)

For all Parishioners

Sunday 31 March, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 31 March, 12:00 PM

For all Parishioners

Monday 1 April, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Tuesday 2 April, 9:00 AM

+ Jovito & Molly Lobo

Living and Deceased Members of the Lobo Family

Wednesday 3 April, 7:00 PM

+ Irene Plourde Martel

Birthday Blessings for Mena Machado

+ Nida Villanueva

Thursday 4 April, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Friday 5 April, 7:00 PM

+ Ted Asenczuk

+ Antonio D’Amata

+ Benvenuto & Luigia Cipolla

+ Nicolo Di Maria

Saturday 6 April, 9:00 AM

For all Parishioners

Saturday 6 April, 5:00 PM

For all Parishioners

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

St. Joseph the Worker invites everyone to our Holy hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday April 5.

There will be Divine Mercy Novena at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7 pm, followed by the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

Set some time in your schedule to connect with God and experience the power of his wonderful love.

Come and let us worship together!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us in learning more about the women of the Bible Join us on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 pm sharp. There will be fellowship, Bible reading, and sharing of ideas.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday this coming Sunday April 7th. Our Masses are as usual and we return at 3pm for prayers of the divine mercy. Immediately after this there would be a procession round the church followed by a potluck downstairs. Please prepare some delicacies and let us celebrate together.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (MARCH 31 – APRIL 6)

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

<p>EASTER MONDAY TO FRIDAY 1-5 APRIL 2024</p>	<p>1 April - 9:00 AM Mass + 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #4 to follow 2 April - 9:00 AM Mass + 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #5 to follow 3 April - 7:00 PM Mass + 7:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #6 to follow 4 April - 9:00 AM Mass + 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #7 to follow 5 April - 6:30 PM - Divine Mercy Novena Day #8 +7:00 PM Mass to follow First Friday Adoration of the Holy Eucharist after 7:00 PM Mass</p>
<p>EASTER SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2024</p>	<p>9:00 AM - English Mass 9:30 AM - Divine Mercy Novena DAY #9 5:00 PM – Mass</p>
<p>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024</p>	<p>9:00 AM - Italian Mass 10:30 AM - English Mass 12:00 PM - English Mass 3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet. Procession round the block and refreshments in the hall to follow</p>

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

My dear parishioners and friends, Happy Easter 2024!

Once again, we have walked the path of the passion with the Lord. And together, we come to the celebration of his resurrection! It is the story of our redemption, dear friends and parishioners. It is the story of love, ardent love of the savior who would do anything for his sheep. Indeed, he lays down his life for the sheepfold, what else will he not give?

The passion, death and resurrection of Christ is a whole school for humankind. It is a lesson that God never abandons his people, and no situation is beyond his power. Even death and the netherworld feel His command and Lordship. As Saint Paul reminds us, death has been vanquished, stripped of its power.

Sometimes we too, like Jesus, encounter the menace of those three spiritual enemies: the world, the flesh and the devil. But again, just like him and through him, we conquer them all. For we are indeed more than conquerors. (Romans 8:37)

May Jesus continually be the focus of our lives and the strength of our days. Do not be afraid of things that are passing, challenges that you encounter or changes that are constant. Our focus is on the Lord, who conquers all. He remains the Lord and he never changes, rather He is always saving.

May his love and mercy loom forth in your lives and that of your loved ones. May Jesus the Christ hold you true in the palm of his hand and keep you unfaltering in his protection.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Victor Amole



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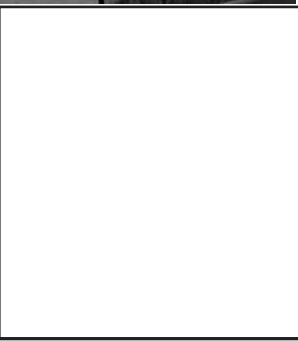
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