

# APRIL 4, 2021

## EASTER SUNDAY / THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they “ran.” Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, “someone else will figure it out.” Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, “I will check on it later.” They each responded with conviction as they “ran” for Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, “Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?” The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not “feel” like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, April 5**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Johnny Devoe †

**Tuesday, April 6**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Helen Albanese †

**Wednesday, April 7**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Sr. Marie Fougere †

**Thursday, April 8**

No Mass

**Friday, April 9**

8:30 a.m. - Livestream  
Special Intention

**Saturday, April 10**

5:00 p.m. - Livestream  
Suganth Satyanadhan † | Fred Montpetit †

**Sunday, April 11**

9:00 a.m.

Mass for the People

11:00 a.m.

Aristide Tacinelli † | Sr. Marie Fougere



### ST. JULIA PASTA NIGHT

*Mark your calendars for our next  
St. Julia Family Take-Out Pasta Night  
on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.  
More delicious details to come!*

### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL



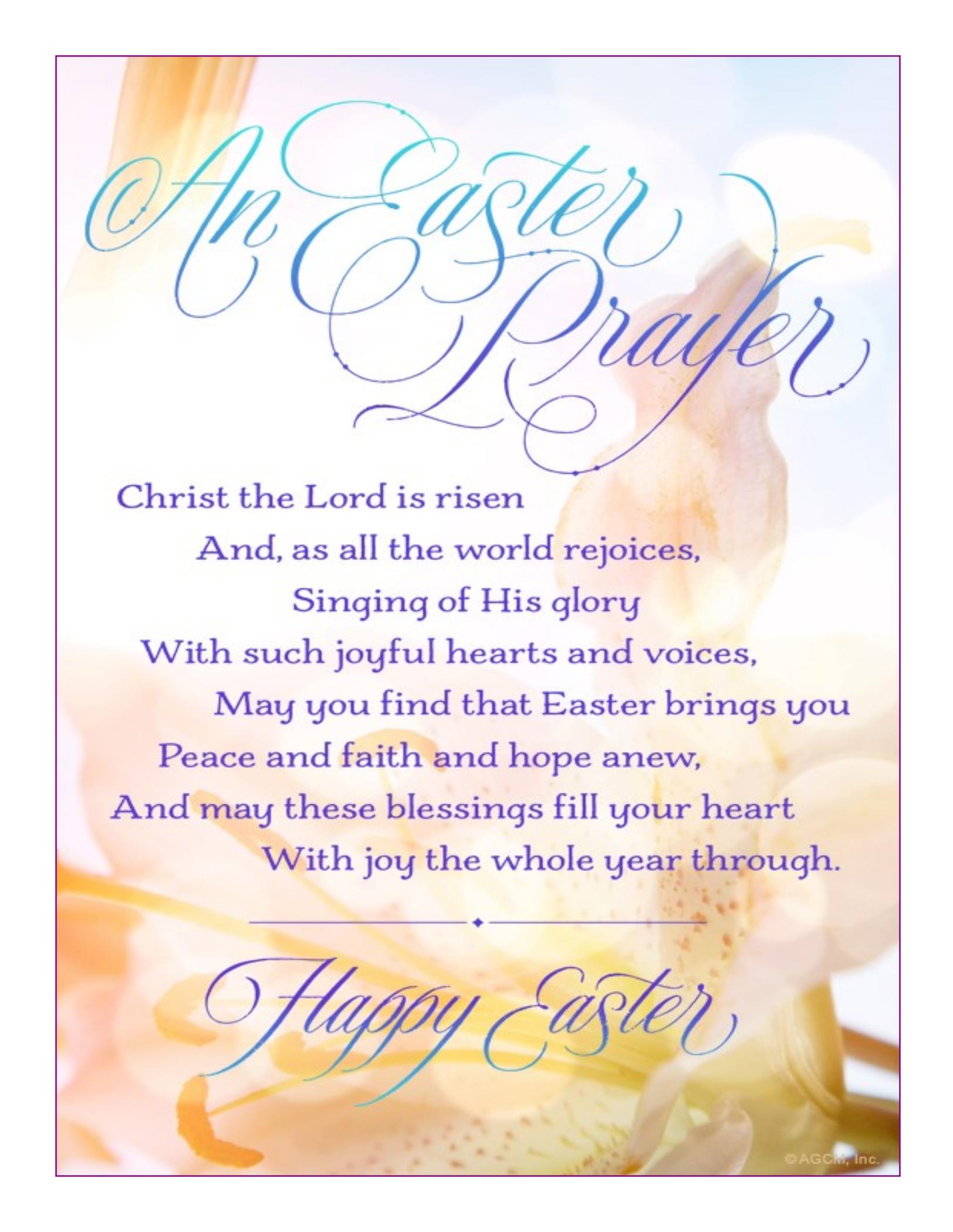
*We pray for those who risk their lives  
while fighting for fundamental rights  
under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes  
and even in democracies in crisis.  
(Apostleship of Prayer)*

### ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

*“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with  
the Holy Spirit and with power.”*

Are you being called to proclaim the life of  
the resurrected Christ to the world?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603  
or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).



# An Easter Prayer

Christ the Lord is risen

And, as all the world rejoices,

Singing of His glory

With such joyful hearts and voices,

May you find that Easter brings you

Peace and faith and hope anew,

And may these blessings fill your heart

With joy the whole year through.

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Happy Easter