

**THEME:**

We live a transformed life when we preach and testify to Christ's resurrection.

**PROMISE:**

*"When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory." (Col 3:4)*

**WORD:**

Acts 10:34, 37-43/ Ps 118:1, 2, 16, 17, 22, 23/ Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9

**ORDER:**

1. "You who fear the Lord, praise Him, glorify Him, and revere Him" (Ps 22:24)
2. "Empty and humble yourself" (Ph 2:7)

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Take up your cross and follow God's will.
2. Actively participate in all Holy Sacraments, church, and community activities.
3. Learn how to forgive, to sacrifice and to die to yourself.

**PSALM:**

corporal works of mercy but by evangelizing the poor in spirit as well. This means we need to be witnesses. But what does it mean to be a witness? A witness is one who was present when the event in question happened and who heard what was said. How can we witness an event today in which we were not physically present? To be authentic witnesses to Christ today, we must have personally undergone our own resurrection experience – our own "passion, death, and resurrection" and testify how our lives have been renewed in our transformation.

Our resurrection may not be a one-time, big conversion event. Most of us experience ups and downs, peaks, and valleys of conversion. Our conversion may be a process rather than a single event.

How do we know if Christ is winning the battle in us? If we no longer hate as much, or envy as much; if we get into fewer disagreements as we did the day before; if we dismiss lustful or unfaithful thoughts faster than we did yesterday; if we are more patient, kinder, humbler, more forgiving, more trusting; if we can honestly say that we have made continuous improvement in our behavior; if we can say that we are making progress in our spiritual life, praying more, listening more, obeying more, and studying God's word more ardently... then we are becoming more fruitful. Our resurrection experience is in progress and we are empowered to do better.

Yet, there may be things that might hinder us from experiencing our resurrection from old life to a renewed and fruitful life, especially as members of the community. For example, as long-time members, do we tend to be a know-it-all person? If we are shepherds in the LSS, do we fail to bring our bibles and shepherds using God's word, or talk about our transformation experiences? When we teach, do we teach using the Holy Scripture as the basis? When we testify or share, do we glorify ourselves and not God's victory in us? When we hold positions of authority, do we ascribe that authority to God or has power gone to our heads? Do we give more importance to being right and legalistic than being kind? Let us remember that by Christ's resurrection, Jesus has shown us that life is not just about struggles and confusion and that we can find answers to troubling questions and act accordingly because Jesus has conquered sin and death. Human suffering offered in faith and love becomes how we receive a new and glorified life. For this reason, we can stand firm on this week's promise:

*"When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory," (Col 3:4).*

**Prayer:**

Almighty Father, without the resurrection of your Son, our faith would be empty and hopeless. But Jesus is alive and we rejoice in knowing that in Him anything that separates, injures, and destroys has been overcome by that which unites and heals. We rejoice in you, our Risen Christ. Amen.

# Community News



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*"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is LOVE" 1 Corinthians 13:13*

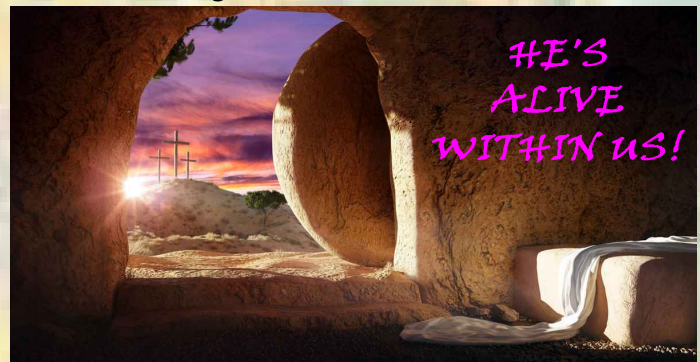


## HALLELUJAH! THE LORD IS RISEN!

The First Reading, Acts of the Apostles, is crucial to our reflection on Easter Sunday. It is an account of events after Jesus' ascension to heaven and the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles. Peter relates how he and the other apostles were witnesses to the many miraculous events and how they were commissioned to preach to the people and testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God.

As disciples, that commissioning has been extended to us. We too are to testify to Christ's work, death, and resurrection. We too need to help reconcile the world to God. Pope Francis reminds us that the Church's mission is to the poor, not only by ministering temporally to them through

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



**HE'S  
ALIVE  
WITHIN US!**

## The Lord's Provision

April 11, 2025

TITHES: \$780  
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your generosity

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## God's Blessings

### Annivesary

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
Therefore what God has joined together, let no  
one separate." Matthew 19:6

Vincent & Agnes Palecki Apr 22  
Ernest & Neri Roldan Apr 23

### Birthday

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you"  
Jeremiah 1:5

Malen Juarez Apr 18  
Eric Mecnas Apr 18  
Cathy Talag Apr 21  
Marie Guanzon Apr 21  
Tony Manuel Apr 23  
Ren Raymundo Apr 23  
Jojo Legaspi Apr 23



### Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's Visit  
For Prayer Service

Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407  
Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

### Send Prayer Request To:

[www.bldtrenton.com/intercessory](http://www.bldtrenton.com/intercessory)

**In Christ Jesus,  
we welcome you all to join us every Friday**

### Healing Mass

1st Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

### Praise and Worship

2nd, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

### Did you know?



"We need to 'go out', then, in order to  
experience our own anointing, its power and its  
redemptive efficacy: to the 'outskirts' where  
there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that  
longs for sight, and prisoners in thrall to many  
evil masters."

"The Cross is the word through which God  
has responded to evil in the world.  
Sometimes it may seem as though God  
does not react to evil, as if he is silent.  
And yet, God has spoken, he has replied,  
and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a  
word which is love, mercy, forgiveness."

Pope Francis

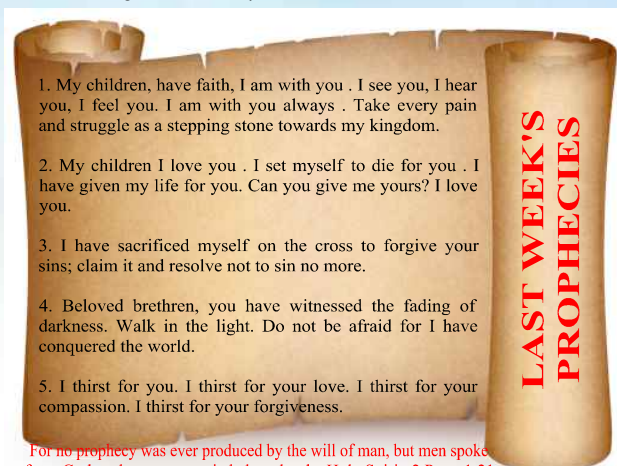
### HIS WORD. YOUR JOURNEY. TOGETHER.

"The Lord remembers His covenant forever". We  
repeated this in the Responsorial Psalm (see  
Psalm 105:8). The Lord does not forget. He  
never forgets. Yes, there is only one case in  
which He forgets: when He forgives sins. After  
forgiving He loses His memory. He does not  
remember the sins. In other cases God does not  
forget. His fidelity is memory."

### LENT SCHEDULE

Please be guided by the following change in venue for the first six  
Fridays of Lent. On April 25th, we will be back in St Veronica.

- April 18, 2025, Good Friday - NO BLD  
We encourage everyone to participate in the services of your  
parish church.
- April 25, 2025, Friday after Easter - Back in St Veronica Church



1. My children, have faith, I am with you . I see you, I hear  
you, I feel you. I am with you always . Take every pain  
and struggle as a stepping stone towards my kingdom.

2. My children I love you . I set myself to die for you . I  
have given my life for you. Can you give me yours? I love  
you.

3. I have sacrificed myself on the cross to forgive your  
sins; claim it and resolve not to sin no more.

4. Beloved brethren, you have witnessed the fading of  
darkness. Walk in the light. Do not be afraid for I have  
conquered the world.

5. I thirst for you. I thirst for your love. I thirst for your  
compassion. I thirst for your forgiveness.

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke  
from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21

## Father Mark Nillo Easter Message

In the Philippines, many of us are familiar with the beautiful custom that takes  
place in the wee hours of Easter Sunday morning. Filipinos call it "Salubong" or,  
in English, "meeting," which recalls the moment when Jesus meets his sorrowful  
and yet faithful mother immediately following his resurrection. The Salubong or  
Meeting takes place outdoors in the dark. The ritual starts with two separate  
processions that begin simultaneously from two different locations within the  
parish territory. A group of male parishioners follow an image of the Risen  
Christ. A group of female parishioners follow an image of the Sorrowful Mother  
whose face is covered with a grieving veil. The two groups process through the  
streets and, at the end of the procession, converge just outside the church's front  
doors. A young girl dressed up as an angel of God comes up to the image of the  
Sorrowful Mother and lifts her grieving veil to reveal her face. The Sorrowful  
Mother and the Risen Christ finally see and meet each other again, face-to-face,  
for the first time, after his death on the cross. It is the reunion of Mother and Son,  
Son and Mother...The Reunion of all reunions. Following this beautiful and  
powerful ritual, the parishioners are greeted by the light of the dawn as they  
make their way into the church for the Easter Sunday morning Mass.

The Risen Lord is alive and is here with us throughout the entire season of Easter.  
Let us encounter the Risen Lord in everything and in every person that gives us  
life, joy, and hope during this season. Let us encounter him in the places where  
he is most truly present: at Mass and at Adoration, as we hear his beautiful and  
inspiring words and as we contemplate and receive his life-giving self in the  
Eucharist.

Let us allow the Risen Lord to remind us that he has defeated death. For those  
who believe in the Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting, there is no  
such thing as a permanent death. Death does not (and will not) have the final  
word for the followers of Jesus, who died and rose from the dead. Our Christian  
journey is not supposed to end with death. Rather, after we die, it must continue  
with great hope in Jesus' promise of the Resurrection of the Body and Life  
Everlasting.

For the faithful departed who had been dead for over two thousand years, and  
whose remains are still buried in the ground, their death seems like eternity. But  
remember that Christ will come back from Heaven at the appointed time to raise  
them up from the dead. By his power, the Lord will miraculously gather their  
bodily and cremated remains, just like what our Almighty God did at the  
beginning of Creation when he formed man out of dust and breathed life into the  
dirt. God will fuse together the bodies and souls of the faithful departed. He will  
give them their physical bodies, similar to (but not exactly the same as) the  
glorified physical body of the Risen Christ. And then they will live with God in  
everlasting happiness, peace, and light. Beginning today, let us already live our  
lives here on earth, looking beyond our present sufferings, and seeing the victory  
that awaits us at the end.

Happy Easter to us all! Remember that Easter Sunday is just 'Day 1' of the  
Easter Season in the Church's calendar. We did not spend forty days of Lent just  
to celebrate in one day. Rather, we are meant to celebrate for fifty days during  
this Easter season! Thank you, Jesus, for rising from your own grave! Thanks  
be to God. Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!!