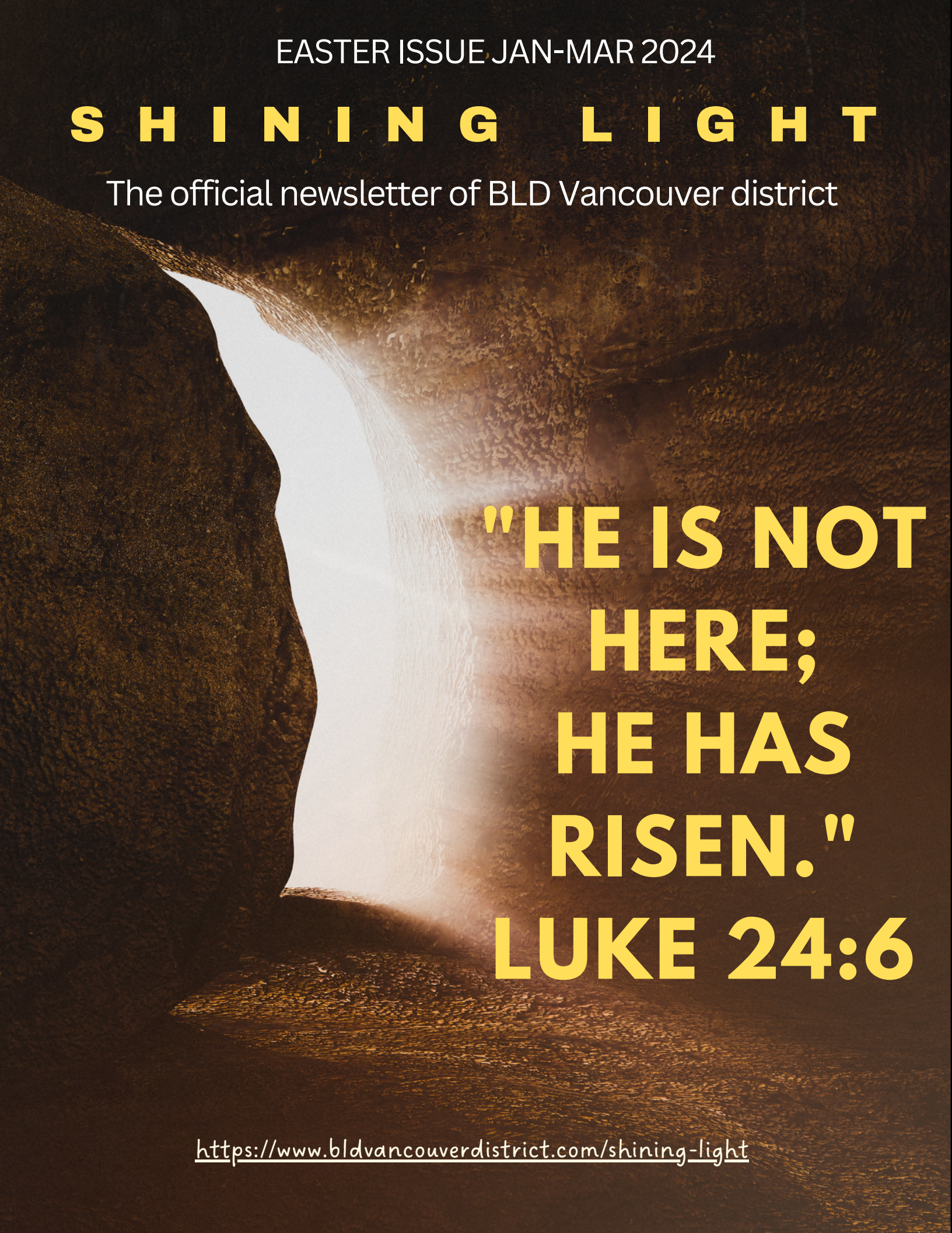


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SHINING LIGHT

The official newsletter of BLD Vancouver district



**"HE IS NOT
HERE;
HE HAS
RISEN."
LUKE 24:6**

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Cover Verse: “Jesus is not here. He has risen.” Luke 24:6

“Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee.”

Luke 24:6 holds immense significance in the Christian faith. In the context of the resurrection of Jesus, this verse captures the essence of the angel’s message to the women who visited the tomb.

- **“He is not here; he has risen!”**: These words resonate with hope and victory. The tomb was empty because Jesus had conquered death. His resurrection validated His identity as the Son of God and fulfilled the prophecies about the Messiah.
- **“Remember how he told you...”**: The angel prompts the women to recall Jesus’ teachings. During His ministry, Jesus had repeatedly foretold His death and resurrection (see [Matthew 16:21](#), [Mark 9:31](#), and [Luke 9:22](#)). His words were not forgotten; they were now coming to fruition.
- **“...while he was still with you in Galilee.”**: The reference to Galilee reminds the women of their encounters with Jesus during His earthly ministry. It emphasizes continuity—Jesus’ promise of resurrection was made long before His crucifixion.

Inside the Easter Issue

Welcome to our first issue of 2024, centered around the EASTER theme. As we celebrate this season, it brings hope, rebirth, and transformation – foundational elements of our faith journey. Our cover page features an EMPTY TOMB, a powerful symbol proclaiming the truth: Jesus has risen! This saving truth is meant to be shared with the world by Christians like us.

In this issue, we explore what we can do beyond Easter to fulfill our Christian mission to spread the Word of Christ’s resurrection. Through messages and reflections, we delve into the significance of Easter and its transformative power. Personal practices during Lent in the 40 days leading to Easter Sunday, are shared. The sharers of Jesus’ seven last words are enumerated with a short reflection for each word. We feature the *Cenaculo*, a Filipino tradition that reenacts Jesus’ final hours, emphasizing His sacrifice and love for humanity. To keep the Catholic Church vibrant, we highlight the youth on how their passion, energy, and commitment can contribute to the Church’s renewal and growth. Our young members, guided by mentor Grace Francisco, share their unique experiences and reflections on Lent through a captivating photo collage. We introduce St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Joan of Arc, whose lives inspire us to live out our faith courageously and selflessly at these difficult times. Enjoy visual glimpses from various BLD events captured in vibrant photo collages. Thank you for your continued support, especially to our loyal sponsors and contributors to this issue.

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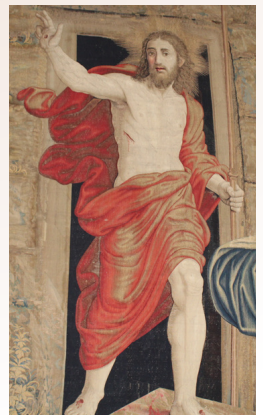


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Easter Reflections: A New Day Has Dawned



“THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.” (PSALM 118)

Our Easter celebration has begun! As spring unfolds in many parts of the world, nature itself mirrors the glory of Christ’s Resurrection. As the sun radiates warmth each morning, creation itself reflects the splendor of new life.

Consider the cycle of nature: winter’s death gives way to spring’s resurrection. Just as the warmth returns after the freeze, so does new life emerge from the tomb. If God cares for the natural creation, how much more does He care for our re-creation through Christ’s Resurrection? We, too, are called to rise with Him, becoming new creations.

Reflect on this “new day” bestowed upon your soul. It’s a glorious, transformed, resurrected day. Allow the beauty of creation to remind you of a reality infinitely greater—the newness of life in Christ. Alleluia! He is alive, conquering sin, death, and evil.

Easter isn’t just a day; it’s a transformative reality. As we decrease, Christ increases. Our happiness comes from God, the source of lasting joy.

Reflect on the “little resurrections” in your life—answered prayers, blessings, and miracles. These remind us of God’s ongoing work in our lives.

After Lent and Easter, explore the practice of eucharistic adoration. Some embrace it enthusiastically, while others associate it with pre-Vatican II piety.

Discover how true happiness lies in turning away from worldly goals and making God our ultimate pursuit. Let Easter affect every aspect of our lives.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come: The old
has gone, the new is here! 2
CORINTHIANS 5:17*

Archbishop Miller's 2024 Easter message



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From time immemorial, people have asked whether there is life after death and, if so, what kind of life it would be. Some have suggested that life simply ends in nothingness. For them, the world is just a war-torn and violent waiting room where death has the last word.

We, Christians, on the other hand, today shout “Alleluia” because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. His Resurrection is neither a myth nor a dream. It wasn’t a vision. Nor is it a fairy tale. It is a singular and unrepeatable event in the history of the cosmos.

At Easter, we celebrate that He conquered sin and death, opening us to a future of hope. Thanks to Him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to eternal life.

This Easter, the Church invites us to relive the thrilling experience of the disciples who encountered Jesus as a living Person. Today, we too can encounter Him.

He might be right there before us: in a troubled son or daughter; a difficult spouse or family situation; a neglected person clamoring for our attention. He is waiting to be encountered as the Risen Lord, but He wears many disguises. He is found in the poor, the sick, the trafficked, the addicted, the imprisoned, the abandoned, the homeless, and the marginalized in our midst.

As Bishop Robert Barron has written: “It all comes down finally to this: if Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a joke. But if he did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God’s revelation, and Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives. There is no third option.”

If you sincerely seek the Lord, rest assured that you will find Him. Indeed, He will come to find you, to meet you. Calling you by name, He will take you into the intimacy of His love and ask you, in return, to share your experience with others.

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

Archbishop's Miller's Easter Messages

In his past Easter messages, Archbishop J. Michael Miller of the Archdiocese of Vancouver urged the faithful to be “heralds of hope” in their families, among friends, and within the community. Let us delve into the profound significance of Easter and the Resurrection:

- **The Resurrection:** This pivotal event has transformed history, tipping the scales toward life, goodness, and forgiveness. St. Paul emphatically states that faith without belief in the Resurrection is futile. Christianity derives its meaning not merely from doctrine, but from a living encounter with Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. His presence continues to renew and liberate us, breaking the chains that hinder our love for Him.
- **The Power of the Resurrection:** The Lord infuses new life into the Church through the Resurrection. However, this renewal won't emerge from complacent parishes. Instead, it requires a radical commitment to the Church's evangelizing mission. As bearers of the Easter message, we must proclaim God's triumph over evil and death.
- **Our Mission:** Every parishioner is called to awaken hope in hearts burdened by sadness. We are heralds of hope, sharing the promise that Jesus is with us even until the end of the world. Our mission is to help people discover the true meaning of life in Jesus Christ, offering a hope that sustains them.
- **Christ, My Hope, Is Risen:** Just as the women encountered the risen Jesus on that first Easter morning, we too are sent forth as witnesses of hope. Let us echo the ancient Easter Sequence: “Christ, my hope, is risen!” Fearlessly, we lead others to the joy of the Gospel, knowing that Jesus conquered hatred and death.

May this Easter season fill our hearts with hope, and we, like the Apostles, return to Galilee where we first encountered Christ—to continue our faith journey.

Reference: BC Catholic

Let us awaken hope in hearts burdened by sadness: Archbishop Miller

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The Resurrection is real, just ask the disciples

Reflecting on the Lenten Season

By Suzeth Sanares, BLD Vancouver Youth Ministry Coordinator



This year in 2024, Lent began on Valentine's Day when lovers expressed their affection with greetings, gifts & celebrations. But lovers were in a bind as this day happened to be Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics who had to give way to their faith.

Lent is a solemn 40-day period that starts on Ash Wednesday leading up to Easter Sunday over six weeks. It is a season of reflection, repentance & prayer. It is also a time of self-discipline to abstain from specific indulgences, express faith & charity, achieve a deeper intimacy with the Lord, and reflect on Jesus' passion, death & resurrection.

How do we live out the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? What do we want to learn about ourselves, our faith, and God through our Lenten practices? THE CHOICE IS A PERSONAL ONE. The goal is to strengthen the faith & to build a closer relationship with God.

As part of my almsgiving practice during Lent, I made it a tradition to provide any form of support & assistance to those in need in my hometown. God has been so good to me that I wanted to emulate His love & compassion for others in my simple ways.

Another practice I follow is to read devotional books & watch the lives of the great saints & people in the Bible. How amazing to know their stories and be moved by their examples as I turn to them in prayer!

Most especially, I like watching a series about the life & ministry of Jesus, the most powerful & beautiful story of all time.

Faithfully, I take time in the morning to reflect on God's words through the mass readings of the day. While some would sign off completely from Facebook during Lent, I used this social media platform to offer & share my messages with others through my daily reflections on the Gospel starting on Ash Wednesday & ending on Easter Sunday. I hope & pray that my reflections will touch the hearts of those who read them as much as these have touched mine.

2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God & profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, & training in righteousness." While it is true that these words were written 2,000 years ago, the word of God remains active & alive.

I am highlighting below a few of the daily Gospel reflections that have made a great impact on me which I wanted to share with you. For the full daily reflection from Day 1 to 46, please refer to my [Facebook page](#) 😊.

Luke 5:32—Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick do; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." Lent is the time for repentance, a time for coming back to God and taking his loving & forgiving heart. He is inviting us to receive His healing grace.

Trivia: For the first time since 2018, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fell on the same day in 2024. It has happened three times in the last century – 1923, 1934, and 1945 – and will happen again in 2029.

The actual number of days from Ash Wednesday to Easter is 46 days. The 40-day count does not include the six Sundays before Easter Sunday.



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Matthew 6:7-8—Jesus said to His disciples "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them." The "Our Father" is our model of a prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ taught us. We sometimes say this prayer without putting our hearts into it as we become too familiar with it. I am guilty too of this Lord.

Mark 9:2-10—The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus. What a remarkable sight! This gives us faith & hope to continue with our spiritual journey. This gives us a foretaste of the promised kingdom. Our Lord proved that even if He suffered on the cross, He would rise again in glory.

Luke 6:36-37—Jesus said to His disciples "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Stop judging & you will not be judged. Stop condemning & you will not be condemned. Forgive & you will be forgiven. We are prone to judging, condemning & unforgiveness. With all humility, we need God's mercy to be free from these sins.

Matthew 23:11-12—"The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself must be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus tells us that the key to greatness is servanthood.

John 7: 43-44 —"So there was a division in the crowd because of Jesus. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him." It is disheartening to know that even today the same division is happening not only in the church but in some sectors, groups & communities. This division is a tactic caused by the evil one at times done subtly. This unseen work of the enemy is so intense & captivating that at times we become prisoners of it.

John 12:27 —Jesus said, "Now, my soul is troubled." Jesus in His humanity suffered what we have suffered too. He experienced all kinds of human sufferings & completely understood them.

John 8: 31-32 —Jesus said, "If you remain in my words, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." A powerful source to help us direct our words & actions is the word of God through the Holy Scriptures.

John 12:1-11— The Story of Mary, the sister of Lazarus who took a pound of costly perfume, made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet & wiped them with her hair, preparing for His burial. Why did she make this very extravagant gesture? Simply because Jesus' extravagant love for us also deserves the extravagant gesture. Jesus will be giving away His self, lavishly & unconditionally on the cross.

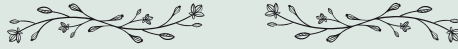
John 18:1-19.42—The Seven last words of Jesus on the cross are a powerful reminder of His love & the ultimate sacrifice He made for us to redeem us from our sins.

John 20:1-9—The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus confirmed that He is the Son of God & the Savior of the world. He conquered death and sin and offered eternal life to all those who believe in Him.

In closing, we all have our Lenten practices & memories from traditional to creative ways to make this season a meaningful time of prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Whether we decide to do something new this Lent or continue our traditions, we hope those practices will transform us into the best version of ourselves. Even if we feel like we have done nothing this Lent, the Catholic church is giving us the chance to participate in the observance of Lent. Finally, the opportunity for spiritual growth is a daily privilege & endeavor. Our loving & forgiving Lord is always waiting for our return. Let us open our hearts to receive Him & allow Him to use us for good & for His glory. Amen.

Rejoice!
HE IS RISEN.

Jesus' Seven Last Words



"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
Jesus, even in His agony, extends forgiveness to His enemies—the soldiers, mockers, and those who crucified Him. His boundless compassion teaches us to forgive, even when others don't recognize our worth.



"Amen I say to thee, this day you shall be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
To the penitent thief crucified beside Him, Jesus promises immediate entry into paradise. His mercy is ever-ready, even at life's final moments.



"Woman, behold your son. Behold thy mother." (John 19:26-27)
Jesus ensures His Mother's care by entrusting her to John. In this act, He also entrusts Mother Mary to all of us, emphasizing the importance of caring for one another.



"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)
These poignant words express Jesus' deep anguish. He willingly surrenders His soul to the Father, fulfilling His mission. Here, the Lamb of God is slain for our sins, inviting us to appreciate His sacrifice on the cross.



"I thirst." (John 19:28)
Jesus, physically parched, also expresses a spiritual thirst—for souls. His longing for our salvation reminds us of our need for Him.



"It is finished." (John 19:30)
Jesus declares the completion of His redemptive work. The veil in the temple is torn, granting us direct access to God.



"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)
In His final breath, Jesus entrusts Himself to the Father. His surrender exemplifies humility and points us to God's loving embrace.



Seven Last Words Sharers List



Word Sequence	JESUS SAID	Sharer
1	Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23: 34	Jenet Duran SPE#8
2	"Amen I say to you, this day you shall be with me in paradise." Luke 23: 43	Nikki Lomotan Youth Ministry Coordinator
3	"Woman, behold, your son. (Son) Behold your mother." John 19: 26-27	Jocelyn dela Cruz SPE#8
4	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matt 27:46	Ehren Javier YE
5	I thirst." John 19:28	Clemence Red YE & Instrumentalist
6	"It is finished." John 19:30	Chris & Rachelle Akol ME & Youth Shepherds
7	"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46	Bot & Cha Santera ME

St. Ignatius of Loyola: Saint to invoke in challenging times

In times of wars and calamities, turning to the intercession of saints can provide comfort and strength. One such saint is St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Ignatius was a soldier who sought glory in battle. However, after being wounded, he underwent a profound conversion. He founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became a soldier for the Catholic Faith. His dedication to God's service inspires us to remain steadfast in adversity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola is indeed a remarkable figure in Catholic history. His journey from a worldly knight to a devout mystic and theologian serves as an inspiring example for many. Let's delve deeper into his life and legacy:

Early Life and Transformation: Ignatius was born into a noble family in Loyola, Spain, around 1491. Courtly pursuits, dreams of chivalry, and a desire for fame marked his early life. In 1521, during the Battle of Pamplona, he was seriously injured by a cannonball. This event led to a spiritual awakening while recovering, Ignatius read religious texts and experienced a profound conversion. He vowed to dedicate his life to God.

The Spiritual Exercises: Ignatius developed a structured spiritual growth program called "The Spiritual Exercises." These exercises guide individuals through prayer, self-examination, and discernment. They emphasize personal experience and encounters with God. Ignatius believed that one could find God in all things and sought to help others deepen their relationship with the Divine.



Ignatius of Loyola. (2024, March 11). In Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius_of_Loyola

Founding the Jesuits: In 1534, Ignatius and a small group of companions—including St. Francis Xavier—founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The Jesuits were committed to education, missionary work, and spiritual discipline. Ignatius served as the first Superior General of the Order, shaping its mission and impact.

Ignatian Spirituality: Ignatian spirituality encourages a reflective and contemplative approach to faith. It emphasizes discernment, finding God's will, and seeking the greater good. The Examen, a daily practice of self-reflection, is a hallmark of Ignatian spirituality.

Legacy and Canonization: Ignatius's legacy extends beyond the Jesuits. His teachings influenced countless individuals seeking a deeper connection with God. He was canonized as a saint by Pope Gregory XV in 1622. His feast day is celebrated on July 31.

— Copilot 🙏🌸

St. Joan of Arc: Why do we pray to her?

Praying to Joan of Arc is a practice rooted in devotion to this remarkable historical figure. As a saint in the Roman Catholic Church, Joan of Arc is considered a powerful intercessor. Here are some reasons why people pray to her:

1. Courage and Strength:

- Joan of Arc demonstrated unwavering faith and courage throughout her life, especially during the Hundred Years' War.
- People pray to her for strength in facing their battles and challenges.

2. Intercession:

- Joan's close connection to God, as evidenced by her visions and divine guidance, makes her an ideal intercessor.
- People seek her intercession for various needs, including protection, healing, and guidance.

3. National Heroine:

- Joan of Arc is a symbol of national pride for France. Her dedication to her country and her role in its liberation inspires devotion.
- People pray to her for the well-being of their nation and its people.

4. Model of Faithfulness:

- Joan's faithfulness to God's call, even in the face of persecution and martyrdom, serves as an example for believers.
- People pray to her for perseverance in their faith journeys.

5. Special Patronage:

- Joan is the patron saint of France, and her intercession is sought for the nation's welfare.
- She is also invoked for specific intentions, such as courage, purity, and guidance.

In essence, praying to Joan of Arc is an expression of trust in her heavenly intercession and a desire to emulate her virtues. — copilot 🙏🌟

Novena Prayer: Saint Joan of Arc, filled with compassion, for those who invoke you, take my present need under your special protection. Grant to recommend it to the Blessed Virgin Mary and lay it before the throne of Jesus. Intercede for me until my request is granted. Obtain for me the grace to one day meet God face to face. Amen.

CENACULO: a Filipino tradition of the life, passion & death of Jesus Christ

The Cenaculo, also known as Senakulo, is a traditional Filipino dramatization that re-enacts the life, passion, and death of Jesus Christ. This poignant performance takes place during the Lenten season and holds deep cultural significance in the Philippines. Here are some key points about the Senakulo:

Origin and Meaning: The term “cenaculo” is derived from Spanish and refers to the place where Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Last Supper. The Senakulo is also known as *pasyon y muerte* (passion and death) in various regions of the Philippines.

Performance Format: The Senakulo is presented through singing (*pasyon*) and recitation. It is typically performed in public squares, houses, and streets. The dramatization unfolds during the 40-day Lenten period, leading up to Easter Sunday.

Traditional Elements: *Pabasa* - Participants chant the lines from an early 16th-century epic poem called *Pasyon*. This poem narrates the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Senakulo is often performed on a proscenium-type stage with painted cloth or paper backdrops known as *telon*. Traditional portrayals depict Christ as meek and humble, submitting to his fate in obedience to authority.

Modern Adaptations: In the urban areas, modernized versions of the Senakulo run for shorter durations, often just one or two hours. These adaptations may incorporate elements of comedy, romance, and special effects. Unlike the traditional focus on Christ’s submissiveness, modern Senakulos emphasize his reason and resolve in standing up for the oppressed against their oppressors.

In summary, the Senakulo is a powerful cultural expression that brings the story of Christ’s sacrifice to life, fostering reflection, devotion, and community during the Lenten season in the Philippines. – copilot 🙏🌿

Filipino Catholic Ministry
@ Michael J Fox Theatre, Burnaby

Cenaculo: The Passion of Christ



Credit: Pictures courtesy of Grace T Francisco

“Let Easter Affect Our Whole Life”

Father Vincent Hawksell emphasizes the profound impact of Easter.

1. Easter’s True Significance:

- For many, Easter is associated with bunny rabbits and chocolate eggs, but Father Hawksell reminds us that it holds a far deeper meaning.
- Easter is the solemnity above all others, marking the central event of human history.
- It serves as a powerful reminder that this world cannot fully satisfy us; instead, it prepares us for a life that will last forever.

2. The Resurrection:

- St. Peter’s words resonate: “They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day.”
- Just as Christ rose from the dead, we too will experience resurrection. When we die, our souls leave our bodies, but we continue to exist.
- At the end of the world, God will reunite our souls and bodies, granting us a glorious new life akin to Christ’s resurrection.

3. Our Belief and Actions:

- While we claim this faith, our actions often lag. Like Peter, Mary Magdalene, or the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we struggle to fully believe and understand.
- Do we seek the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God? Or do we prioritize temporal concerns over eternal ones?
- Let us recognize that our real life—the life hidden with Christ in God—is the only one that matters in the grand scheme of eternity.

4. The Message of Easter:

- We must turn away from seeking happiness solely in this world. Instead, we should make God our ultimate goal.
- Our lasting happiness comes as a by-product of our search for Him, the true source of fulfillment.
- If we fail to hear and accept this message, we risk losing everything.
- In summary, Easter calls us to shift our focus from the transient to the eternal—to embrace the hope of resurrection and live a life that transcends earthly limitations.

APPEALING TO THE YOUTH: KEEPING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH VIBRANT

In the ever-evolving landscape of faith, the role of youth as evangelizers remains pivotal. However, alongside their fervor and commitment, they encounter significant challenges in drawing their peers to the Church. Let's explore these hurdles and consider ways to address them:

1. Recognize the Church of Now:

- Young Catholics are not merely the “church of tomorrow.” They are the church of the present. Pope Francis emphasizes that young people are the “now of God.” Their agency and responsibility matter.
- Acknowledge their voices, social commitments, and desire for a more just and fraternal society.
- They enrich what the Church is and contribute to its vibrancy.

2. Authenticity and Transparency:

- Young people long for an authentic Church. Transparency, honesty, and openness are essential.
- Be a welcoming, communicative, and accessible community.
- Invite them into dialogue and active participation.

3. Engage with Modern Language:

- Communicate in the language of the modern young person.
- Create content that resonates with their challenges.
- Address real-life problems they face, offering relevant solutions rooted in faith.

4. Empower Young Leaders:

- Invest in young staff and volunteers. Their energy and fresh ideas invigorate the Church.
- Mentor them, encourage their social commitment, and amplify their voices.
- They are vital for keeping the Church young and responsive.

5. Embrace Technology:

- Leverage digital platforms.
- Use social media, podcasts, and online resources to reach young audiences.
- Livestream services, share testimonies and create content that speaks their language.

6. Community and Relationships:

- Create spaces for social interaction. Host events, gatherings, and activities.
- Strong relationships within the Church foster a sense of belonging and keep young hearts engaged.

7. Worship Experiences:

- Craft worship services that resonate with young hearts.
- Blend tradition with contemporary elements.
- Engage them through music, relevant messages, and participatory worship.

8. Mentorship and Guidance:

- Pair young adults with seasoned mentors. Spiritual guidance is invaluable.
- Mentorship nurtures growth, discipleship, and a sense of purpose within the Church.

In this sacred endeavor, let us listen, adapt, and walk alongside the youth. Their evangelization journey is both a challenge and a privilege—a mosaic of hope, doubt, and transformation. —Copilot 🌟🙏



"Jesus is my Valentine" Youth Concert February 10, 2024



Dear God, I'm so very thankful for having friends and family within my life I want to make more friends in life so that I can be more happier.

Lord you are the King of Kings and Lord of lords you are the best and you're always there for me. I want you to guide cara like how you always do in her life, I want her to be happy just like how you are right now. She's the best friend I've ever witnessed in my life. She has always been there for me and I want to be there for her. Please Lord send your garden angel to protect her always. I ask you Lord to help her through all of the troubles she has been through. I ask you to help the people that are struggling in life. I wish them the best. And to make them live a good life.

Sincerely / Elise Monday

Arch 25: Be wise & honest	Acts Praise	Confess
Arch 26: Be respectful	Don't ignore God.	Pray for hurt
Arch 27: Be patient.	Thanksgiving	Supplicat
Arch 28: Make your ally & others safe.	Thank you for the people who take care of me.	Kiera's he to reco
Arch 29: Be reverent		
Arch 30: Make peace		
Arch 31: Be happy in decisions. Don't + anything.		



Dear God, we adore you and we praise you and we love you so much. Lord we are so sorry for all the sins we committed to you and I know it's hurts you so much and we will try to stop doing this but it's still hurts you very much. Yet you still forgive us and in so thankful and blessed what you doing and your creation is amazing and so beautiful and in so great that I'm filled with joy and happiness!

Lord please heal the people that are in pain and especially can cause she might have a councaison and please heal her and for all the people who are in pain like the homeless people and people who are in ill and really sick that they almost die. So please try and heal them Lord - Naia

Mark 10: Unique perspectives of Lent



*Pre-Valentine
Dinner - Dance!*





*Pre-Valentine
Dinner - Dance!*



Community Word for April 2024

(Word, Themes, Promises)



COMMUNITY WORD

As Easter people, belief in the resurrection of Christ is the core of our faith.

ORDER:

"I am the vine and you are the branches... remain in me, as I remain in you...bear much fruit." (Jn 15: 5a, 4a, 5b)

PROPHECIES

"I am the Risen Lord who gives you eternal life. Have faith in Me; My peace I give to you."

DIRECTIONS:

1. Be a witness of the Lord and testify to His truth.
2. Commune with our Lord in silence and experience His presence.

THEMES AND PROMISES:

Week#1 (2nd Sunday of Easter –

Divine Mercy Sunday)

Theme: Our faith in the resurrection of Christ allows us to recognize His loving presence and His enduring mercy.

Promise: "...through this belief you may have life in his name." (Jn 20:31b)

Week#3 (4th Sunday of Easter –

Good Shepherd Sunday)

Theme: Our faith in the resurrection of Christ brings us to shepherd His people with self-giving sacrifice.

Promise: "...they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."
(Jn 10:16b)

Week#2 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Theme: Our faith in the resurrection of Christ opens our heart and mind to receive God's word.

Promise: "Whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him." (1 Jn 2:5a)

Week#4 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Theme: Our faith in the resurrection of Christ empowers us to bear much fruit for God's kingdom.

Promise: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you."
(Jn 15:7)

Direction for April 2024

Let us trust and believe that true peace is from our Lord Jesus Christ.

ENCOUNTERS, ETC.



Marriage

April 12-14, 2024

Little Flower Monastery Formation House
North Deroche Road, Deroche, BC

1 Corinthians 13:4-5
Love is patient.



Solo Parents

May 31-June 2, 2024

Little Flower Monastery Formation House
North Deroche Road, Deroche, BC

Isaiah 61
The Good News of Deliverance



Singles

June 21-23, 2024

Little Flower Monastery Formation House
North Deroche Road, Deroche, BC

Ephesians 3:14-19
Prayer for the Singles




Youth

August 2-4, 2024

Little Flower Monastery Formation House
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1 Peter 4:10
Good Stewards of God's Grace



LSS / YLSS

October 19-20, 2024

Venue to be determined

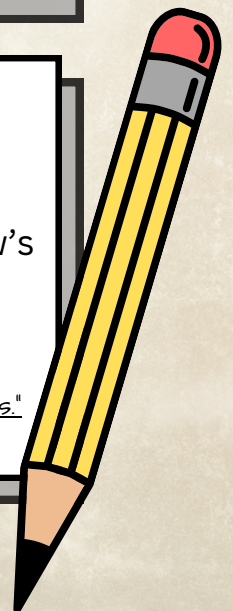
John 15:16
"I chose you."



Teachings

via Zoom or at St. Matthew's
Church

John 15:5
"I am the Vine, you are the branches."





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SUNDAY



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I have been involved in Real Estate as a homeowner and in Real Estate Investments since the early 80's. That was the time when interest rates were as high as 22%. That was the time when people were panicking that they could not anymore afford to buy Real Estate due to high interest rates. That was the time when you could still buy a Vancouver Special house for less than \$80,000.00. Those were the days my friends.

After several years of buying, selling and holding investment properties in Greater Vancouver, I would summarize the following lessons in Real Estate:

1. That Real Estate will almost double in value every 8 to 10 years (3 major Real Estate booms happened for the 30 year period with minor booms in between.)
2. That home ownership is still the best option to fight inflation;
3. That Real Estate is the best way to leverage your money (imagine you can control Real Estate with only a down payment of 5% or no down for creative investors).
4. That most of the millionaires made their fortunes in Real Estate and or included Real Estate as part of their investments.
5. That Real Estate is not a quick money investment but follows the principle of buy and hold.

If you are thinking of selling, buying, downsizing or any other Real Estate matters; I am always ready to help you in all your Real Estate needs. It's not too late. I can speak Tagalog and Visayan(Cebuano).



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