

HE IS RISEN! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

The message of resurrection is the cause of our Joy in the world. Jesus broke the barriers of nature and proved to the world that in God nothing is impossible. This assurance of Joy is what the world needs at his time. Forty days of lent lead us to die and to rise with Christ. Gone are the days of oppression and grief, for here comes a spring time of Resurrection, which reminds us that sin and guilt, death and grief is not the end for Resurrection in Christ renews our spirits.

Renewed by the experience of Risen Christ, the early Christian church received an opportunity to put off the experience of loneliness and despair. Our world witnesses abuse of power in a classic demonstration of injustice in different walks of life. But the profound message of Easter proves that God is in control and he brings to fulfilment his plans for his people. Easter demands a constant reminder and awareness of God. It invites us to have a change of heart, a turning to God, a shift in ways of thinking and behavior toward each other.

Easter is also a visible reminder that when we allow the Spirit the opportunity to breathe through the cracks of our broken lives, how much more we are able to enjoy healing, restoration, reconciliation and new reasons to live again, and prosper as individuals and a community of faith. Let us spread the light of Easter at every corner where darkness is found!

Dear brethren in Risen Lord, I invite each one, to rise with Christ this Easter, and as we do, pray the Spirit to release any stone that may be rolled in front the tomb of our heart in order to create space for Christ to fully occupy. Jesus' resurrection is too good to be true, but we rejoice in faith, knowing that he is alive, and we are alive with him, and that's what makes the difference. In the words of St. Augustin, "*WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA! IS OUR SONG!!*" May the blessings of God be with you all!

*Fr. Michael*



O Death, where is your sting?  
 O Hell, where is your victory?  
 Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down.  
 Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.  
 Christ is risen, and life is set free.  
 Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead.  
 For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep.  
 To Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

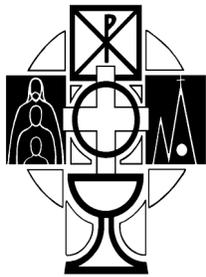
*St. John Chrysostom — Easter (Paschal) Sermon*

## AREA NEWS

**CARMELITE AUXILIARY** — The Auxiliary will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am**, at the Carmel of Maria Regina (87609 Green Hill Rd. Eugene), in the library. Questions? Call Luellen at 541-915-5342.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** BROTHER CYRIL (from Mt. Angel Abbey) will give presentation and facilitate discussion on “Young Adult Saints” on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the K of C Hall, 6:45pm. Join Eugene Catholic Young Adult group for this monthly Theology on Tap! Questions? For info contact: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com or 541-270-9329 or [facebook.com/EugeneCYA](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneCYA)..

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## FAITH SERIES: CATECHISM THROUGH THE YEAR

### WHAT, EXACTLY, IS THE SECOND COMING???

Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah tells of a suffering Servant who was “pierced for our sins / crushed for our iniquity” (Is 53:5; 53:1-12). Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when he died on the cross for us (1 Pt 2:24-25). But there are other prophecies of Christ, still unfulfilled, that point to a different scenario: a glorious King, a powerful judge, who comes to rule the earth (Rv 19:11-16).

The prophet Daniel, for example, foresaw one like a son of man “coming with the clouds of heaven”, who receives “dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His comin-ion is an everlasting dominion” (Dn 7:13-14).

At Jesus' ascension into heaven, angels confirmed what he had earlier promised, that is, his return one day to earth (Acts 1:10-11). Why is it necessary for him to return? Because his mission on earth is not yet complete — he came the first time as our suffering Redeemer, but he must also return as our holy Judge.

Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension, form only part of the gospel, the “good news” of our redemption. The rest of the gospel is the good news that God is not only merciful, but also just. One day Christ will come back to set the world aright, and the evil one will at last be rendered utterly powerless to harm those who love God (Rv 20:10,14).

Even now, Jesus reigns as Lord of all at the Father's right hand in heaven (Eph 1:20). But when Christ returns, God's kingdom will finally come to us in all its fullness, and God's will at last will “be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Mt 6:10). Yet, another aspect of divine justice will be fulfilled when Christ returns — he will be vindicated and honored in the eyes of all the world, even by those who have “spurned and avoided [him]” (Is 53:3). **All** will be compelled “so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:10-11)!

### RECOMMENDED READING: Excerpt taken from The NEW Catholic Answer Bible

Mt 3:12; 24:30-31,36 · Mk 13:24-27 · Lk 3:17; 18:22-25 · 1 Cor 15:23-28 · Eph 1:8-10 ·  
Col 3:1-4 · 1 Thes 5:1-5 · 2 Thes 2:1-8 · 1 Pt 1:13; 4:13 · 2 Pt 3:1-16 ·

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