

*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

F aith can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

Reflect

*Have you ever experienced life flowing
from what appeared to be a death?*

**St. Mary's & St. John's
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

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Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
Stoneham: Sun. - 8:00 AM

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Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
or by appointment
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Adoration & Benediction: 1st Friday of the
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Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 30 Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m. Parishioners (living/deceased)
Sun Mar. 31 Mass/Easter Sunday
8:00 am St. John's Parishioners
10:00 am St. Mary's Parishioners

Thurs Apr. 4 Mass
5:30 p.m. Graces/Teodosia Perez - FIR
Fri. Apr. 5 Mass
8:00 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory

Sat. Apr. 6 Vigil
5:00 p.m. Graces for Christy Chapman
Sun Apr. 7 Mass/Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory
10:00 a.m. †Daniel Aguilar Rios - ML

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Chuck Blackwelder, Tina Trujillo

For the Soul: Tom Flores, Judith Esser, Sherri Picciano, Neil Wahlert

**Mass time change for St. John's to 8 AM
beginning Easter Sunday, March 31st**

Divine Mercy Novena Schedule

March 30- Holy Saturday - Privately
March 31- Easter Sunday - before Mass
April 1- Monday - Privately
April 2- Tuesday - Privately
April 3- Wednesday - Privately
April 4- Thursday - After 5:30 p.m. Mass
April 5- Friday - After 8:00 a.m. Mass
April 6- Saturday - before Mass
Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7th
Chaplet together before Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
/Exposition / Adoration / Benediction/
St. Mary's: April 6th / 7th

First weekend of the month

Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.



Thank You

to all who prepared our Church with decorations for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you

to everyone involved in the ministry of the Word.

God Bless You!

From Fr. Marek and Fr. Maurice

Easter Blessings!

Happy Resurrection Day!!!

Please share the joy and love of the Risen Christ in word and action. We live in world where hard times may lead to hopelessness, loneliness, and despair. The United for Life Walk proclaims the Sanctity of Life and connects community members to the resources they need to bring hope to those who are struggling. As the Body of Christ, we strive together so that no one feels alone or forgotten. Please join us this year to see how you can help the "least of these".

Northeast Colorado Annual

United for Life Walk

April 6th 1-3 p.m.

Fort Morgan Fieldhouse Auxiliary Gym
Solidarity Walk, Speakers, Refreshments,
Music, Children's Activities

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship
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Up to 3 scholarships from \$250-\$500

If you are a graduating high school senior (male or female) who is planning to attend college in the fall, you are eligible to apply for a Knights of Columbus scholarship.

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Food Drive - Help feed families

Consider canned goods & items for the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

Drop off at St. Mary's

Thank you for your support!

Dear Padre,

**Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from?
What about the Easter egg?**



SUT/LANA MARTINOWA / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, “All life comes from an egg.” A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg “that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord.”

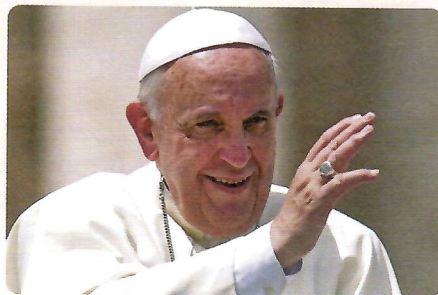
In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	<i>(Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i>
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	Acts 4:32-35
						1 Jn 5:1-6
						Jn 20:19-31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

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