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RESURRECTION POWER
By Ron Rolheiser, OMI

The Resurrection is not just something that happened to Jesus 2,000 years ago and will happen to each of us some time in the future after we die when our own bodies will be raised to new life. It is that, but it is much more.

The Resurrection is something that buoys up every moment of life and every aspect of reality. God is always making new life and undergirding it with a goodness, graciousness, mercy, and love that, in the end, heals all wounds, forgives all sins and brings deadness of all kinds to new life.

We feel this resurrecting power in the most ordinary moments of our lives. A sense of the Resurrection, understood in its deepest sense, manifests itself unconsciously in our vitality, in what we call health; in the feeling, however dimly it is sensed, that it is good to be alive. The very atomic structure of the cosmos feels and knows that resurrecting power. That is why it (like us, when we are healthy) pushes forward blindly, buoyed up by a hope that it cannot understand.

A friend of mine once sent me an Easter card that ended with the challenge: “May you leave behind a string of empty tombs!” That is both my Easter wish and my Easter challenge for all of us. Let our wounded, muted voices begin to sing again: Christ is risen! Life is very, very good! Happy Easter!

This piece was originally published in "Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter Week"
Easter has dawned! In our society today with so much uncertainty, there’s kind of an underlying noise of fear. And so the temptation is to be afraid. Yes, social distancing is the news of the day, as it should be; however, if we end up distanced from one another, we will miss the message of Easter Joy. Even though we have to keep some distance, we can still work collectively together, we can still band together and feed one another with our Love.

The Easter message doesn’t end with Disciples hiding in fear. But instead, the Gospel tells us, “Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’” This greeting probably calmed the disciples down a bit and offered them a sense of calm where the disciples could be overjoyed in the Lord’s presence. Jesus’ entire ministry was spent debunking everything that was “always true.” The Resurrection is the final example…the ultimate shunning of the patterns of this world. Jesus took death, the most certain thing for every single human being, and showed that it is no longer true for us. We see Jesus’ Resurrection as a preview of what will happen to all of us someday. But remember that Jesus’ message is not just about someday. It is about the revelation of God’s Kingdom…right here and right now. Perhaps we get a taste of a new kingdom if we start to live like Jesus at this moment. If we live like Jesus, love wins over hate, service wins over power, submission wins over authority, and life wins over fear and death.

This year, I want to let the reality of Easter reach beyond just one Sunday. I desperately need the truth of Jesus’ sacrifice to settle into the deepest places of my heart. The hard realities of what we have all been facing lately, demand that we take Easter seriously. The Resurrection changes our present from fear into certainty that God stands with us. For the past 16 years, my Easter tradition has been to open the doors of our Church for our members with my husband as they celebrate our liturgies. Easter is not only a ritual for us; this year Easter is a revelation! Easter is a day we have been given the time to ask Jesus to reveal what needs to be resurrected within our hearts. This year is a chance for us to find in our hearts, in our thoughts, in our conversations, in our emotions, to find room for the Lord.

I have been reading a lot these past few weeks to keep my mind fresh and active. A childlike joy hits me whenever I come across a marvelous new word. Brain candy, of a sort. Last week I came across the word “camber”, which is the angled pitch of a road surface, to facilitate a vehicle’s safe turning. We encounter camber at every banked curve in the road, or whenever the train lists gently to one side on a bend in the tracks. Camber, in its many forms, makes the bends on life’s journeys smoother and safer.

Easter reminds us that God does not send us down dead ends. Jesus has trodden this paschal path for us. He is the one who runs ahead and leads us in our discerning. Jesus, does not, cannot, run the race of life for us, but He does remind us of the way. Jesus reminds us, “Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you; and I will come back to take you with me, that where I am, you may also be. Where I am going, you know the way.” To follow the way means we are not afraid to walk the full course of our own life. For us, every turn that life takes can have meaning, cambered not by our own labors, but by the grace of God. To proclaim “We are an Easter people!” does not mean that life is all sugar and sunshine. It means that no matter where we are in life, we are always somewhere on the Easter path.

With Easter eyes, we can be a source of solidarity and encouragement for everyone we encounter in these days. Perhaps there is grace, and joy, to be found in savoring the blessings we find, bittersweet though they may be at this moment. Knowing where we are on the path to Easter - and where those around us are - constitutes spiritual maturity and solidarity with those in greatest need. But whatever the specifics, God’s love through us will be beautifully displayed when we, the church, seek to be generous and prayerful, with purpose and planning about how we can love the world which so desperately is longing for a better, more solid hope. May Joy and peace find you and your loved ones today! Happy Easter!

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ONLINE RESOURCES DURING THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please visit oldstpats.org/onlineresources for ways to stay connected to the OSP community during this time of social distancing, as well as other resources for faith sharing during this time. We are updating this page daily.

This page also includes information on getting set up in Zoom, a free, easy video conferencing tool which we recommend for staying connected to family and friends.

OLD ST. PAT’S livestream

Through the gift of technology, experience our Masses live as they happen, or watch them any time by visiting oldstpats.org/livestream

We look forward to coming together again virtually this Sunday, April 12 at 10 am. Our liturgy will celebrate Easter Sunday with Fr. Tom Hurley and the Old St. Pat’s Music Ministry.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are joining us on Livestream, whether it’s during the live broadcast or any time after via the archives, please share a photo or video on social media using the hashtags #WeAreOSP and #StillTogether

Every week it’s incredible to see how many people are with us and watching Mass all across the country. If you would like to join in the Livestream chat, create a free account at Livestream.com

OSP COVID-19 CRISIS ASSISTANCE/RESPONSE

Please visit bit.ly/ospcovid19form if you are in need of assistance, would like to offer assistance during this time, or to make a donation that will go directly to the OSP COVID-19 relief fund.

THIS WEEK IN THE OSP COMMUNITY...

To stay in the loop on all things OSP, please sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter at bit.ly/ospenewsletter

Receive upcoming Livestream links, presider reflections, new OSP podcast episodes, prayers and articles, community updates, and more right to your inbox!

VIRTUAL MUSICAL COLLABORATIONS

Faced with uncertainty and separation, Nick Cosgrove and Mark Scozzafave teamed up virtually to offer a musical gift to the Old St. Pat’s Community. From the lyrics, “a voice keeps saying this is where I’m meant to be...I’ll be right where I belong...I will search the world...face its harms...till I find welcome waiting in your arms”.

Listen to "Go the Distance" on YouTube by visiting bit.ly/gothedistance-osp

In the absence of our schola group leading 8 pm mass, Mark is also excited to share this arrangement and virtual collaborative effort to record Be Still. Despite being asked to stay home, the days still bring a frenetic pace of conference calls, just-in-time planning for projects, meals, liturgies, etc., and ever-changing expectations from colleagues. We can also ask ourselves to Be Still, and know...

Listen to "Be Still" on YouTube by visiting bit.ly/bestill-osp
CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY

Looking for ways to enhance your prayer life? During this time of social distancing, participating in a small faith community online is a helpful resource. You can learn all about it at www.contemplativecommunity.org.

Chapels are hosted by trained leaders Monday – Thursday and Saturday of each week. There is no fee and you can participate when you are able. We connect together in our online chapel through the video conferencing platform, Zoom. In order to participate in any of the online chapels, you will need to register by going to contemplativecommunity.org and completing a simple registration form. Once you have registered, an email will be sent to you with the URL and all the info you will need for participating in any of the chapels throughout the week.

The chapel experience is less than one hour long and takes place in two parts. The first half of our time is spent together in silent prayer/meditation. To see, hear and join with others throughout our community can be a profoundly connecting, expansive and intimate experience. The second half of the chapel time is reserved for reflecting on a short reading chosen specifically for Lent and then some simple faith sharing.

Chapel Schedule:

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If you have questions, please contact Al Gustafson at alg@oldstpats.org

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is looking for volunteers aged 18 - 60 to help with the huge need for food that this pandemic has brought on. You can sign up as an individual and credit the Old St. Pat’s programs with your hours when you are onsite. Register at the website: chicagosfoodbank.org

Our next regularly scheduled Old St. Pat’s Date will be May 2 (hopefully) due to an event there on our usual day.

Thanks for sharing and caring, Mary Beth, Jim and Beth
EASTER GIVING
The Good News Always Finds its Way!

Over the past month, as we've sheltered in place and worshiped and prayed together virtually, we also adjusted our ways of being Church to one another and our broader community. Throughout, we've been uplifted by the promise of Easter and our belief that The Good News Always Finds its Way. Indeed, it is finding its way, through:

• Our Presiders who have given Holy Week podcasts, clips and videos,
• Our liturgical ministers who have offered Holy Week services,
• Our music ministry members who enhance our masses and services with their gifts, and the Broken for All Lenten Meditations,
• Our ministers of care who are providing 710 meals to those in need between now and the end of April, have arranged for medication delivery to 38 households when home delivery wasn't available, provided grocery gift cards, prepared 72 Easter Baskets for delivery to long-term care facilities, prepared 125 prayer envelopes with notes of encouragement, and sent 500 Easter Cards to members in need, and our many additional ministries continuing to "meet," pray and serve others.

Your generosity makes all of this good work possible. While we won't be able to pass the collection basket at our many usual Easter Sunday masses, we hope you will support our Easter Collection by making an online gift via the livestream donate button, by texting GIVE to (312) 535-0118, visiting osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving, or by mailing your contribution to Old St. Pat's, Attn: Development, 711 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60661.

Thank you for your support and Happy Easter!

FIND A POT O’ GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW!

Thank you to all who have supported the Pot O’Gold raffle to date. We look forward to drawing the grand prize winner of $25,000, 2nd place of $5,000, and 3rd place of $1,000 when we gather again, at the end of this storm, to kick off our 175th anniversary of the community of Old St. Patrick’s Church. Date and time to be announced.

Congratulations to all our weekly winners to date…with future Earlier Bird drawings starting up again soon.

February 27 - Pat Anderson
March 8 - Tim Liston
March 14 - Jack George - two tickets to Ireland on Aer Lingus
March 19 - Ann Joyce Crement
March 26 - Peter McCarty
April 2 - Maureen Hellwig

Tickets are still available at bit.ly/potofgoldosp

Total prize money awarded is based on 1,000 tickets sold. It will be reduced proportionately if less than 1,000 are sold. 32% of all monies collected shall be awarded to the contestants in the three final prizes. Prizes over $500 are subject to applicable federal, state and local taxes.
WIN A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO SPOTIFY!
Crossroads Runners Invites You to Join Us In Staying Active During the Quarantine!

WORK-OUT FROM HOME CHALLENGE (WOFH)

We have started a Work-Out From Home Challenge (WOFH) and thought a little incentive would help. This is for everyone whether you plan to run the marathon or would just like some motivation to stay active.

Help fill our social media feeds with positivity. If you don’t already follow Crossroads Runners on Social Media, please do so on our new accounts below.

Post a photo of staying active (running, walking, biking, etc) while social distancing. Please include an inspirational message with your post, tag us and include #ospworkoutfromhomechallenge.

Post your photo by Thursday, April 30 for a chance to win a one year subscription to Spotify! That’s a lot of playlists for your long runs or walks! Don’t forget to tag us and include #ospworkoutfromhomechallenge

WE STILL HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR MARATHON TEAM!

Did you have plans to run another marathon this spring that has been postponed? Have you been putting off running a marathon until ‘next year’? With social distancing, why not use the time to start training and check off that “I always wanted to run a marathon” bucket list item. This is your year to run the Chicago Marathon and help the OSP North Lawndale Initiative and other social outreach programs that the Crossroads Team supports.

WIN AN APPLE WATCH!

All runners who register to run the 2020 marathon with Crossroads runners before Friday, May 15 will be entered to win an Apple Watch! Participants who have already registered will be automatically entered.

The benefits of being part of our team include a professional training coach, team camaraderie, pre-marathon gathering with gear check and post party near the start/finish line and much more!

In the fall runners will flock to the streets of Chicago to take part in a journey of endurance, dedication and heart. We’d love to have you join our team and we will be there to help cheer you every step of the way.

For more information please contact crossroadsrunners@oldstpats.org.
Old St. Patrick’s Church Gay+ invites you to an evening of consultation and dialogue led by Fr. Ed Foley.

Preaching in the Presence of the LGBTQ Community: A Consultation

Award winning author and celebrated preacher Fr. Ed Foley is in the process of writing a book [his 29th] on preaching. An underlying theme of the book, directed largely at Roman Catholic Clergy, is “paying attention.” One chapter, currently in draft form, focuses on paying attention in preaching to the wide array of folk who may be present for such preaching. Along with a discussion of paying attention to the intergenerational nature of our assemblies, cross-cultural and inter-racial preaching, and male clergy preaching to women, there is a specific section on preaching to the LGBTQ community.

This gathering, hosted on Zoom and designed as a consultation, will begin with Fr. Ed’s presentation of this section of the chapter followed by an open discussion on its content. Commendations and recommendations are both welcomed and encouraged in this dialogue.

Thursday, April 16th.
7 – 8:15 pm
This program is presented free of charge. Please register online at: bit.ly/gayplusconsult
We will then send you the Zoom link on Wednesday April 15th

Edward Foley, Capuchin is the Duns Scotus Professor of Spirituality, Professor of Liturgy and Music and founding director of the Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union. He holds graduate degrees in ministry, music and theology including the Ph.D. from Notre Dame. He has released collections of CDs and DVDs, authored or edited 28 books, produced 57 book chapters, 44 peer review articles, and almost 200 encyclopedia, dictionary and pastoral articles translated into 9 languages. He has lectured around the world from the catechetical institute in Mumbai to the Mayo Clinic, for 6000 teens in the Houston Astrodome to graduate students in Brisbane, from St. Scholastica College in Manila to Wescott College in Cambridge. A Lilly sabbatical Fellow and recipient of the Berakah lifetime achievement award from the North American Academy of Liturgy, he presides and preaches at Old St. Patrick’s Church in Chicago and St. Mary’s Church in Riverside.
When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8

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**Women and Men of Faith**

**Saint Teresa of Los Andes**

_Saint of the Day for April 12_

One needn’t live a long life to leave a deep imprint. Teresa of Los Andes is proof of that. As a young girl growing up in the early 1900’s in Santiago, Chile, Juana Fernandez read an autobiography of a French-born saint—Thérèse, popularly known as the Little Flower. The experience deepened her desire to serve God and clarified the path she would follow. At age 19 Juana became a Carmelitine nun, taking the name of Teresa.

The convent offered the simple lifestyle Teresa desired and the joy of living in a community of women completely devoted to God. She focused her days on prayer and sacrifice. “I am God’s,” she wrote in her diary. “He created me and is my beginning and my end.”

Toward the end of her short life, Teresa began an apostolate of letter-writing, sharing her thoughts on the spiritual life with many people. At age 20 she contracted typhus and quickly took her final vows. She died a short time later, during Holy Week.

Known as the “Flower of the Andes,” Teresa remains popular with the estimated 100,000 pilgrims who visit her shrine in Los Andes each year. Canonized in 1993 by Pope John Paul II, she is Chile’s first saint.

**Reflection**

The special graces given Saint Teresa reflect the mysterious wisdom of God at work in individuals whether young or old. It appears God has his own logic when it comes to who gets what in the realm of grace. All we can say is; “Praised be the Lord.”

**For Those Who Are Sick**

Sr. Marlene Schmimmel, CSJ, Rita Dombrowski, Michael Clayton McCarthy, Thomas Norris, Jose Jiminez, Peg Hennessy

**For Those Who Have Recently Died**

David Kolb, Nancy Henry, Officer Marco DiFranco, Wes Cline

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