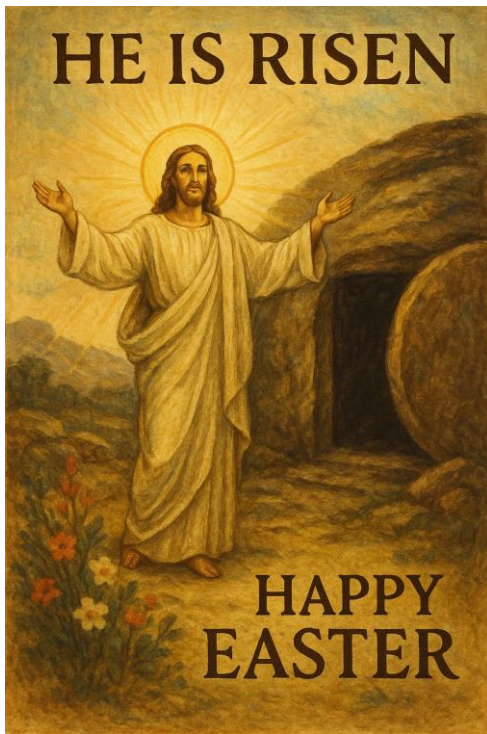


Sisters and Brothers, Happy Easter! He has Risen!

04/20/2025

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is a week from today on Sunday April 27th at 3pm. Children ministry will meet but the Youth ministry will not be due to the Ablaze retreat.
- Thank you for your prayers for our special Community intention, the Lord is answering our prayers!
- It is not too late to join the Community in praying the Divine Mercy Novena. We are on day 3 today. A copy of the Novena is attached.
- *Please note that we will change the pattern in May and meet on the 1st (5/4) and 3rd (5/18) Sundays to allow everyone to spend more time with their families on Mother's Day.*
- GodsDelight.org has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
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Reflection

I pray that our Lenten journey bears much fruit as we rejoice today in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! For a simple reflection today, I offer the greeting of the angels in Math 28: 5b-7a *"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead'."*

These simple words offer much for us to consider. While there are many aspects of our lives that might cause us fear, we know that fear is not of God. We read the words *"Do not be afraid"* many, many times in God's word (it is said that if we count variations of these words that it can be found 365 times...one for each day of the year). The key point is that once we give our lives over to God, there is no reason to fear.

The angel then stated that he knows the women are seeking Jesus. This is a continual exhortation for us all. After we triumph over our worries, fears, and concerns, our sole attention should always be seeking our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as these women did. Take some time to reflect on how we can more consistently seek our Lord. Can we seek Him more directly by spending more quality time in prayer, in silence, in one another...rather than worrying about what troubles or ails us. We can take our crosses to Jesus and ask Him for His plan for our day.

Considering the words of the angel that Jesus was not in the tomb for He has been raised just as He said. Here we can reflect on our own participation in the resurrection from the crosses in our lives. As human beings we face ongoing daily opportunities to take our burdens, wants, desire, hopes, dreams, jobs, family members...all to the cross of Jesus and ask Him to resurrect our perspective on

them. Allow Jesus to transform our understanding and give a new birth, a new resurrected perspective to each dilemma... (see Rom 8:28).

Finally, the angel states, *"Come and see the place where He lay and then go quickly tell His disciples 'He has been raised from the dead'."* This is the story of today. We celebrate Jesus' conquering sin and death and winning for us new life! Our excitement should bubble over. We should not be able to hold this in...and must be propelled to go out and share this Good News. Maybe we have become comfortable in our relationship with Jesus and are not as excited about, as we once were, telling others how we were transformed by His love. We must never let go of Jesus exhortation to spread the Gospel. The angel was clear with the women at the tomb and the message for us is the same.

Let us each do our part to rise above our fears, go to Jesus, surrender whatever crosses we are carrying, and let Him bring about resurrection in our lives to the extent that we cannot help but tell everyone how we have been transformed by His love!

Let us pray, "Jesus, I rejoice in Your resurrection. Words cannot express my joy! I claim Your victory! I claim all Your promises. I renounce all fear! Today and every day I choose to live in the freedom You won for me today! As the women sought You out, I pledge to seek You out and spend quality time with You every day. I surrender all the burdens and worries I carry and lay them down at the foot of Your cross. I claim a resurrection from these trials. Give me again the zeal to go forth and proclaim You, to proclaim Your resurrection and tell everyone I meet how I have been changed by Your love. I truly do love You with all my heart! Amen."

God Bless,
David