

Pope Francis Regina Coeli 7 April 2024

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, dedicated by Saint John Paul II to Divine Mercy, the Gospel (cf. Jn 20:19-30) tells us that, by believing in Jesus, Son of God, we can *have eternal life* in His name (v. 31). "To have life": what does it mean?

We all want to *have life*, but there are various ways of having it. For example, there are those who reduce existence to a frenetic race to enjoy and possess many things: to eat and drink, to enjoy themselves, to accumulate money and objects, to feel strong and new emotions, and so on. It is a road that at first sight seems pleasurable, but which does not satiate the heart. It is not in this way that one "has life", because by following the path of pleasure and power one does not find happiness. Indeed, many aspects of existence remain unanswered, such as love, the inevitable experiences of pain, of limitations and of death. And then the dream we all have in common remains unfulfilled: the hope of living forever, of being loved without limit. Today the Gospel says that this fullness of life, to which every one of us is called, is realized in Jesus: it is He who gives us this fullness of life. But how can one gain access to it, how can one experience it?

Let us look at what happened to the disciples in the Gospel. They are going through the most tragic moment in life: after the days of the passion they shut themselves away in the Upper Room, afraid and discouraged. The Risen One comes to them and shows them His wounds (cf. v. 20): they were the signs of suffering and pain, they could stir feelings of guilt, yet with Jesus they become channels of mercy and forgiveness. In this way, the disciples see and touch with their hands the fact that with Jesus, life always wins, death and sin are defeated, with Jesus. And they receive the gift of His Spirit, which gives them a new life, as beloved sons – life as beloved sons – imbued with joy, love and hope. I will ask one thing: do you have hope? Each one of you, ask yourselves: "How is my hope?"

This is how to "have life" every day: it is enough to fix one's eyes on the crucified and risen Jesus, encountering Him in the Sacraments and in prayer, recognizing that He is present, believing in Him, letting oneself be touched by His grace and guided by His example, experiencing the joy of loving like Him. Every encounter with Jesus, a living encounter with Jesus enables us to have more life. Looking for Jesus, letting ourselves be found – because He looks for us – opening our heart to the encounter with Jesus.

Let us ask ourselves, though: do I believe in the power of the resurrection of Jesus, do I believe that Jesus is risen? Do I believe in His victory over sin, fear and death? Do I let myself be drawn into a relationship with the Lord, with Jesus? And do I let myself be prompted by Him to love my brothers and sisters, and to hope every day? Each one of you, think about this.

May Mary help us to have ever greater faith in Jesus, in the risen Jesus, to "have life" and to spread the joy of Easter.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room
St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: 24 May, 2024.
1st Communions: 02 June, 2024.

Confirmations: TBC(20 October, 2024).

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Jesus is asking you the same question he puts to the Apostles in today's Gospel. 'Why are you so agitated, why these doubts?' There are so many things we worry about and this means to forget that Christ has Risen from the dead. Seeing His wounds and thinking about them can really help. "If the Lord went through all this just for me and came out the other side resurrected, surely He will not abandon me". There will always be problems and difficulties in life and yet Jesus Christ passing from death to life should reassure you. One He won't abandon you and secondly, the difficulties can resurrect. The Lord can turn anything to the good. He has drawn life out of death and so certainly He can resurrect any situation, even the most hopeless. "Yes", you may say, "that's true but in this case there really is no hope." There are some situations in which the Lord does not change the external circumstances but instead He gives you the grace to still be happy in the midst of the problem or difficulty. He can also let you see the good that comes from such sufferings. Suffering in life is unavoidable but they can be used for the good or the bad. In other words, they can be occasions to grow or to give up. A priest, not me, said to one parishioner after her husband died, "What am I going to do now that Larry is gone.?" The wise old priest said to her, "You are going to grow, my dear." and this word really helped her to stop looking down at herself and to lift her eyes to the Lord. Already, this is part of seeing the Lord's resurrection in a literally 'dead' situation.

Let us pray that the Lord help us not to worry about our lives, ourselves but to lift our eyes to Him resurrected showing us His wounds that speak of His never abandoning us, especially in times of trouble.

.Fr. Paul

CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Easter season is a time to rejoice. We have just had 40 days of fasting and now we can enjoy 50 days of feasting! From Easter Sunday until Pentecost is 50 days of celebrating. The Church and Jesus Christ are much more merciful than you think. In the early Church it was forbidden to fast in the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost. May the Lord give us the grace to celebrate this time with Joy.

Sunday, Apr. 28, 2024.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski from Miami will celebrate 10:30 am Mass in Creole for the Haitian community.

Everybody is welcome!

HOLY DOOR EXTENDS

THE HOLY DOOR WILL NOT CLOSE. THE HOLY SEE HAS EXTENDED IT UNTIL THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 24 NOVEMBER

In order to get a Plenary Indulgence, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed.

- 1) Sacramental confession within a few days before ;
- 2) Passing through the Holy Door
- 3) Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions,
- 4) Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the above conditions are not met.

Parish Events April 14—21

DIVINE MERCY Sunday

04:00pm
05:00pm
05:00pm
05:30pm
06:00pm

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am and 12:30pm

Coeur de Marie Children's group. Fraternite, Red Room.
Creole Youth Choir practice.
Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday

05:00pm
05:30pm

Confession near Holy Door
Daily Mass, SMG

Tuesday

5:00pm
05:30 pm
07:00pm
07:00pm
07:00pm

Confession near Holy Door
Daily Mass, SMG
First English, Parish Hall
Second English, SMG
Spanish, Red Room
Creole, Blue Chapel

Wednesday

05:00pm
05:30 pm
07:00pm
07:00pm
07:00pm

Confession near Holy Door
Mass in SMG
Third English, SMG
Fourth English, Red Room
Fifth English, Blue Chapel

Thursday

05:00pm
05:30pm

Confessions near Holy Door
Daily Mass SMG

Friday

04:00pm
05:30pm

,Adoration, SMG
Daily Mass , SMG

Saturday

05:30pm
07:00pm

Mass in Church
Eucharist NCW



School Notes

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Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Asthma Inhalers & AED
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Click on our [Wish List](#) or scan the code to see more!

SPLASH DAY!

Be part of our fun water day by contributing with any of the items in our list!

- Water ballons
- Pop corn machine
- Pop Corn cups

Scan the code to see more!

