

ASCENSION

A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

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Llámalo “La Gira de la Resurrección”. En los próximos 50 días, Jesús aparecerá en Jerusalén, Galilea y Emaús. Sus lugares preferidos son el Huerto, el Monte y el Cenáculo. De hecho, visitará el Cenáculo dos veces, la segunda por su encuentro con Tomás. Como tantos otros, Tomás, su discípulo y querido amigo, no reconoció a Cristo resucitado. Estaba claro que el Jesús resucitado no era simplemente una versión resucitada de lo que había sido. Tenía una presencia totalmente nueva, pero por una cosa, una característica definitoria: sus heridas. Así supo Tomás que era él. Su Señor y su Dios estaba herido: sus manos y sus pies, sí, pero también su corazón, traspasado no sólo por una lanza, sino por la traición, la humillación y el abandono.

Tengo una reproducción de un cuadro de la escena del Cenáculo en la que Jesús y Tomás se abrazan. Lo singular de esta representación es que Jesús y Tomás se parecen mucho, no se distinguen el uno del otro. Así que, aunque se supone que Tomás está metiendo la mano en la herida de Jesús, podría ser Jesús palpando una herida de Tomás. Cuando rezo con esa imagen y comprensión, experimento a Jesús tocando, atendiendo, cuidando mis heridas. “Todo irá bien”, suele decir, “Todo mejorará”. O, a veces, “Espabila”. Cuando me atrevo a desnudar mis heridas más profundas y tiernas, él me dice profunda y tiernamente: “Lo sé. Yo también”. Que mi Señor y mi Dios también haya sido herido, que conozca de primera mano la experiencia de la traición, la humillación y el abandono, lo cambia todo. Me asegura que nada de eso acabará en la muerte. Muy al contrario, esas heridas que, de otro modo, desatendidas, podrían acabar conmigo, se convierten en lugares y fuentes de fortaleza.

La gira de la resurrección de Jesús continúa hasta hoy. Pero ahora su lugar preferido y apreciado eres tú, su amada. Déjale vivir, morir y resucitar en ti. Eso lo cambia todo.



Call it “The Resurrection Tour.” In the next 50 days, Jesus will be appearing in Jerusalem, Galilee, and Emmaus. His preferred venues are the Garden, the Mount, and the Upper Room. In fact, he’ll do the Upper Room twice, the second time notable for his encounter there with Thomas. Like so many others, Thomas, his disciple and dear friend, didn’t recognize the risen Christ. Clearly Jesus’ resurrected self wasn’t merely a resuscitated version of who he had been. He had an altogether new presence—

but for one thing, one defining characteristic: his wounds. That’s how Thomas knew it was he. His Lord and his God was wounded—his hands and feet, yes, but a pierced heart as well: pierced not only with a spear, but broken by betrayal, humiliation, and abandonment.

I have a reproduction of a painting of the scene in the Upper Room with Jesus and Thomas embracing each other. What’s unique about this depiction is that Jesus and Thomas look very much alike, indistinguishable from one another. So while it’s presumed that Thomas is putting his hand into Jesus’ wound, it might be Jesus probing a wound of Thomas’. When I pray with that image and understanding, I experience Jesus touching, attending to, caring for my wounds. “It’ll be okay,” he typically says, “It’ll get better.” Or, at times, “Snap out of it.” When I dare to bare my deepest and tenderest wounds, he deeply and tenderly says, “I know. Me too.” That my Lord and my God has also been wounded, that he knows firsthand the experience of betrayal, humiliation, and abandonment, changes everything. He assures me that none of it will end in death. Quite to the contrary, those wounds which unattended might otherwise take me down become sites and sources of strength.

Jesus’ Resurrection Tour continues to this day. But now his preferred and cherished venue is you, his beloved. Let him live and die and rise in you. It changes everything.

Congratulations and blessings! We celebrate you!

¡Felicidades y bendiciones! ¡Te celebramos!

Those celebrating Baptism at Easter Vigil | *Bautizados en la vigilia*

Dannapaola Carpio Cuji
Mayla Cedillo Camacho
Sharon M. Cuchiye Chiguano
Isrrael (Junior) Cuevas Jr
Priscilla B. Cuevas
Damaris M. Cuji Gualán
Dennis P. Cuji Gualán
Hermione I. Elizalde Lopez
Oscar Y. (Junior) Elizalde Lopez
Roberto Morales Tapia
Kalel Jair Pilatasig Yumbulema
D. Sebastian Yumbulema Atacuchi
Itzela Santana

Fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion | *Comunión plena*

Tiana Record

Those celebrating Confirmation | *Adultos confirmados*

Zayra Quintero Hernandez
Sonia Sosa
Vanesa Sosa Arce



Those celebrating Confirmation and First Eucharist | *Adultos confirmados y celebrando su Primera Eucaristía*

Andy Arce Campos
Carolyn Clarke
Briana Flores Ortega
Verssy Flores Ortega
Maria Guachichulca
Guadalupe Montano
Bill Rainey
Ronaldo Robles
Ulises Tlaseca Tlaseca

Those celebrating First Eucharist at Easter Vigil | *Adultos y jóvenes celebrando su Primera Eucaristía en la vigilia*

Francisca Arce
Hilda Arce Velazquez
Christian Flores Ortega
José Flores
Yovany Gonzalez Campos
Leonicia Ortega
Adriana Sosa
Ricardo Sosa
Edwin Tlaseca
Ilce Tlaseca

Youths celebrating First Eucharist on Easter | *Jóvenes celebrando su Primera Eucaristía el domingo de Pascua*

Yeismarie Chaparro Ruiz
Anthony B Chileno Patin
Alexandra Flores Bahena
Leslie Giles
Angel Gutierrez Bahena
Juan D. Pallchizaca Tenezaca
Anthony Pizano G.
Hayley L. Pliego Aguilar
Alexa Quintero
Karla Quintero
Adrian Rodriguez

Gathering for Ecuadoran newcomers

Lower level of church

Sunday, April 7, after 11:30 a.m. mass

Bienvenida y recursos para los recién llegados de Ecuador

Dom, 7 de abril, después de la misa de 11:30 a.m.

Parte inferior de la iglesia

Mission appeal will be April 13-14

Liz Mach, a native of Pine City, Minn., has served for 44 years as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner, primarily in Tanzania. She has worked as a nurse in women's health and for the rights of women in Tanzania and at an international level. Her life vocation has been meeting the needs of women and girls in her community, supporting an end to gender-based violence, and working with those impacted by HIV.

Liz will share her experiences at all Ascension masses on April 13-14. A second collection will be taken to support Maryknoll Lay Missioners, one of the largest U.S. Catholic organizations sending laypeople into global mission. Thank you for your generosity.

Your gifts will allow Maryknoll Lay Missioners to help build a more just, compassionate and sustainable world. This once-a-year opportunity is a wonderful way for all of us to participate in the on-going global mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth! To learn more please visit www.mklm.org.

22nd Annual Jewish Community Action Freedom Seder

For the past 21 years, Jewish Community Action's Annual Freedom Seder has brought together hundreds of people and has connected the tradition of Passover to current movements for social justice in Minnesota. If you have joined us in the past to eat, pray, sing, and tell stories, you know what an inspiring event this is. This seder, we will focus in on themes of liberation, and in our current moment, this is all the more important to do in community, with action, and together.

This year, our beloved community event will return to in person for the first time since 2019! We will also offer livestream participation to increase accessibility. 2 - 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul. We are excited to offer a hybrid participation option, ASL, child care and sliding scale tickets. More information and tickets at jewishcommunityaction.org/events/seder.