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A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

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Happy Easter

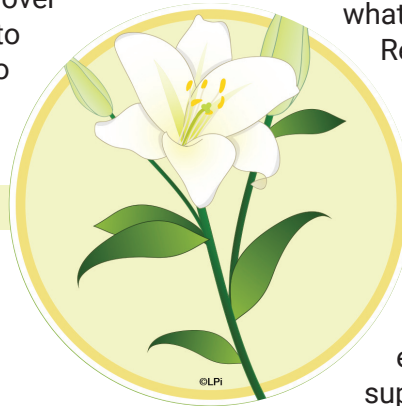
Explain Resurrection." Google that, and you'll get about 40 million attempts to describe the deepest mystery in the history of the world. That's a lot of hits given we don't have much to go on: an empty tomb and a handful of awestruck witnesses. To know what Resurrection is, you have to experience it. But there's a catch. In order to experience it, you first have to die.

In her introduction to some writings of St. John of the Cross, Mirabai Starr writes, "Sometimes in the spiritual life, if you are very lucky, the Holy One slams the door shut and plunges you into darkness." Maybe it's addiction that takes you down, or depression, or cancer. Or you find yourself powerless over the brutalities of the world, powerless to save your child or spouse, powerless to hang on to your health, your livelihood,

your true love. When you are spent, when your only hope is rescue by a power beyond your own, when someone or something somewhere inside you utters, "Save me," you encounter the Risen Christ.

The Resurrection "is not a doctrine we try to prove or a problem we argue about," writes Thomas Merton, but "an encounter with the Risen Christ...that liberates something in us, a power we did not know we had, a hope, a capacity for life, a resilience, an ability to bounce back when we thought we were completely defeated."

You, so many of you, embody the true and Risen Christ, daring to hope against all odds, defying whatever threatens to take you down. Explain Resurrection? I can't, really. But I know it when I see it.



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¡Felices Pascuas!

Explicar la Resurrección." Búsquelo en Google y obtendrá unos 40 millones de intentos de describir el misterio más profundo de la historia del mundo. Son muchas respuestas, dado que no tenemos mucho en que basarnos: una tumba vacía y un puñado de testigos desconcertados. Para saber qué es la Resurrección, hay que experimentarla. Pero hay una trampa. Para experimentarla, primero morir.

En su introducción a algunos escritos de San Juan de la Cruz, Mirabai Starr escribe: "A veces, en la vida espiritual, si tienes mucha suerte, el Santo cierra la puerta de golpe y te sume en la oscuridad". Tal vez sea la adicción a alguna droga lo que te hunde, o la depresión, o el cáncer o cualquier otra enfermedad, te encuentras impotente ante las brutalidades del mundo, impotente para salvar a tu hijo o a tu cónyuge, impotente para aferrarte a tu salud, a tu

medio de vida, a tu verdadero amor. Cuando estás agotado, cuando tu única esperanza es ser rescatado por un poder superior al tuyo, cuando alguien o algo en algún lugar de tu interior dice: "Sálvame", te encuentras con Cristo resucitado.

La Resurrección "no es una doctrina que intentamos probar o un problema sobre el que discutimos", escribe Thomas Merton, sino "un encuentro con Cristo resucitado... que libera algo en nosotros, un poder que no sabíamos que teníamos, una esperanza, una forma de vida, una resistencia, una habilidad para recuperarnos cuando nos creíamos completamente derrotados".

Ustedes, muchos de ustedes, encarnan a Cristo verdadero y resucitado, atrevanse a esperar contra viento y marea, desafiando todo lo que amenaza con derribarlos. ¿Explicar la Resurrección? No puedo, de verdad. Pero lo reconozco cuando lo veo.

Congratulations to all who received sacraments at the Easter Vigil! ¡Felicidades a todos los que recibieron los sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual!

Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Ivan Cortes Miguel

Alex Yang

Desiree Vasquez

Baptism

Jordan Leonardo Sanmartin

Edgar Leonel Jara Paucar

Christopher Mateo Jara Pallchizaca

First Communion

Mia Mendoza

Mitzy Genis Linares

Isabella Hernandez Limas

First Communion and Confirmation

Karla Cortes Miguel

Derek Pettis

Kevin Farid Puente Bueno

Kevin Pliego Aguilar

Alfredo Mendoza

Joe Christian Zaruma-Chimborazo

Confirmation

Axel Jurado Suarez

Rudy Humberto



We are grateful to all who made a gift for Easter flowers Agradecemos a todos los que hicieron un regalo para las flores de Pascua

Amy and Mark Kohout in memory of Don Montgomery and Mike Montgomery

Gerald Irvin and Janet Grove-Irvin in memory of Grace and Warren Grove, Valerie "Rae" Jensen, and Richard "Dick" Irvin

Mary and Donnillo Ballariel in memory of Yvonne Lash, Ellsworth Lash, Patricia Connor, Bob and Dorothy Whiteford

Richard and Janine Steffens in memory of Judd Tellock

Janey Nelson in memory of the Dargan Family and Keith Nelson

James and Mary Cavanaugh in memory of John Cavanaugh

Bernardo Dominguez in memory of David Dominguez Sr. and Manuel Dominguez Jr.

Teresa Cerisier Eidem in memory of Greg Eidem, the Cerisier Family, Sandy and Tim Miezwa

Henry and Karen Ottinger in memory of Hank and Mary Ottinger, Jim and Betty Naughton, Joann Berge, Eugene Klein, and Cheryl Cornelius

Maureen Cassidy-Nyberg in memory of Jim and Chic Cassidy, and Brian Thomas Cassidy

Michael Connor in memory of Robert and Dorothy Whiteford, Patricia Connor, and Harold and Louise Connor

Gloria and Phillip Smith in memory of their beloved parents

Patricia Bednarczyk and William Luckow in memory of Robert and Delores Bednarczyk, Tom Bednarczyk, and Walter and Mary Ellen Luckow

Mary Ann Hampton in memory of David and Manuel Dominguez

Judy Romanowich Smith and Jamie Smith in memory of Jim Romanowich

Ann and Enrique Rivera in memory of Clarence Shallbetter

Margaret Anderson Kelliher and David Kelliher in memory of Althea and Joe Kelliher, and Elaine and Carl Anderson

Peggy Flanagan and Thomas Weber

Anonymous Donor



Join us! ¡Únase a nosotros!

After Masses on **Sunday, April 27**, in the cafeteria
Después de las misas del domingo 27 de abril,
en la cafetería .

Please purchase dairy and produce for food shelf distribution

Ascension's food shelf ministry is expanding to meet increased need. We are asking those who are able to supplement our nonperishable items with fresh milk, eggs and produce. On April 27, please consider bringing milk and eggs. Thank you for your generosity!

Compra de productos lácteos y agrícolas para el estante de alimentos

El ministerio de alimentos de Ascensión se está expandiendo para satisfacer la creciente necesidad. Estamos pidiendo a aquellos que son capaces de complementar nuestros artículos no perecederos con leche fresca, huevos y productos agrícolas. El 27 de abril, por favor considere traer leche y huevos. ¡Gracias!

Ascension School hiring preschool teacher

We are seeking an Assistant Preschool Teacher to join our preschool team at Ascension Catholic School. The Assistant Preschool Teacher will assist with day-to-day tasks such as preparing lessons, supporting students during activities, and maintaining a safe and organized classroom environment. The ideal candidate will be pursuing a degree in early childhood education or a related field and have a passion for working with young children. Go to tinyurl.com/bnrr5pz7 for more information.

Homily podcast

Fr. Dale's homilies are available to listen to every week in English and Spanish at ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/

Homilías en la página web

Las homilías del P. Dale se pueden escuchar cada semana en ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/

Be Pilgrims of Hope In Our Synodal Church

Join Discerning Deacons for an afternoon of dynamic speakers, prayer and discussion. Learn about the new magisterial teaching regarding the expanding roles for women in the Catholic Church, including the ongoing discernment of restoring women to the permanent diaconate. Learn concrete actions steps outlined in the Global Synod's final document and how you can take action to help our Church recognize and engage the leadership gifts of women.

2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1079 Summit Ave, Saint Paul.

Register at bit.ly/3FKQ0lp

ACCOMPANYING MIGRANTS & IMMIGRANTS IN OUR TIMES



"We want to remind the world that God's narrative is not one of exclusion, not one of hatred, not one of fear. We recognize the dignity of migrants, human beings, our sisters and brothers, made to the likeness of God. That is God's narrative."

- Dermis de Jesús -

Women and Forced Migration: Addressing Challenges and Promoting Rights

Join us, with keynote speaker Bishop Kevin Kenney, as we gather in solidarity, united in our call to encounter one another in dignity and compassion.

Saturday, May 3rd

8:30AM-1:00PM

Breakfast Served

Bilingual Mass at Noon

University of St Thomas

Schulze Hall Atrium

46 S 11th St.

Minneapolis MN 55403



Event is Free; Register at ccf-mn.org/crjc

Questions? crjctwincities@gmail.com

Job openings

at Ss. Cyril & Methodius

Part-time accountant

Ss. Cyril & Methodius is looking for a part-time Accountant (10-12 hours per week). Excellent skill level in both written and verbal English necessary for success. For a detailed job description and job application, please call 612.379.9736.

Part-time bilingual secretary

Provide services to members and clients in person, phone or via email. Excellent skill level in both written and verbal Spanish and English necessary for success. This position is 20 hours per week Tuesday to Saturday. Call 612.379.9736.

Oportunidad de empleo

Contable a tiempo parcial

La iglesia de Ss. Cirilo y Metodio está buscando un Contador/a de tiempo parcial (10-12 horas por semana). Excelentes habilidades para hablar y escribir el Ingles necesarias para el existo del trabajo. Para obtener una descripción detallada del empleo y la solicitud de trabajo, por favor llámenos 612.379.9736.

Secretaria bilingüe

San Cirilo está buscando a una persona bilingüe para unirse a nuestro dedicado equipo de trabajo como secretario/a parroquial, dentro de la oficina parroquial brindara servicios a los clientes y miembros de la parroquia a través de llamadas telefónicas, en persona y en correos electrónicos. Excelentes habilidades para hablar y escribir el español e inglés necesarias para el existo del trabajo. Este empleo es de aproximadamente 20-24 horas por semana de martes a sábado de 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Llamar al 612-379-9736.



Parish office will be closed Monday and reopen Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. La oficina parroquial permanecerá cerrada el lunes y reabrirá el martes a las 8:30 a.m.