

My dear brethren, there is no doubt that the Son of God took our human nature into so close a union with himself that one and the same Christ is present, not only in the firstborn of all creation, but in all his saints as well. The head cannot be separated from the members, nor the members from the head. Not in this life, it is true, but only in eternity will God be all in all, yet even now he dwells, whole and undivided, in his temple the Church. Such was his promise to us when he said: *See, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.*

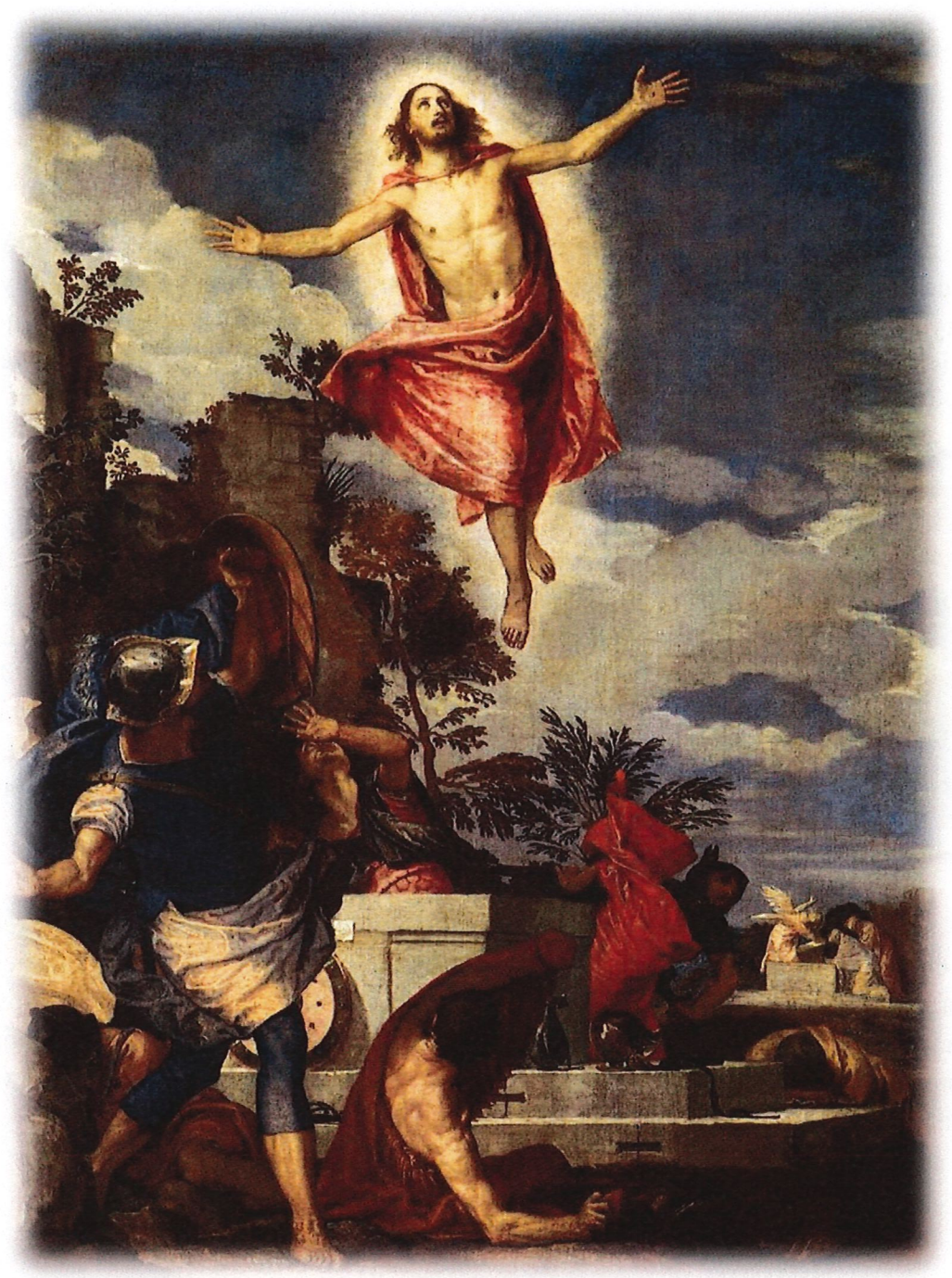
And so all that the Son of God did and taught for the world's reconciliation is not for us simply a matter of past history. Here and now we experience his power at work among us. Born of a virgin mother by the action of the Holy Spirit, Christ keeps his Church spotless and makes her fruitful by the inspiration of the same Spirit. In baptismal regeneration she brings forth children for God beyond all numbering. These are the sons of whom it is written: *They are born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

In Christ Abraham's posterity is blessed, because in him the whole world receives the adoption of sons, and in him the patriarch becomes the father of all nations through the birth, not from human stock but by faith, of the descendants that were promised to him. From every nation on earth, without exception, Christ forms a single flock of those he has sanctified, daily fulfilling the promise he once made: *I have other sheep, not of this fold, whom it is also ordained that I shall lead; and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.*

Although it was primarily to Peter that he said: *Feed my sheep*, yet the one Lord guides all pastors in the discharge of their office and leads to rich and fertile pastures all those who come to the rock. There is no counting the sheep who are nourished with his abundant love, and who are prepared to lay down their lives for the sake of the good shepherd who died for them.

But it is not only the martyrs who share in his passion by their glorious courage; the same is true, by faith, of all who are born again in baptism. That is why we are to celebrate the Lord's paschal sacrifice with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The leaven of our former malice is thrown out, and a new creature is filled and inebriated with the Lord himself. For the effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do.

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope

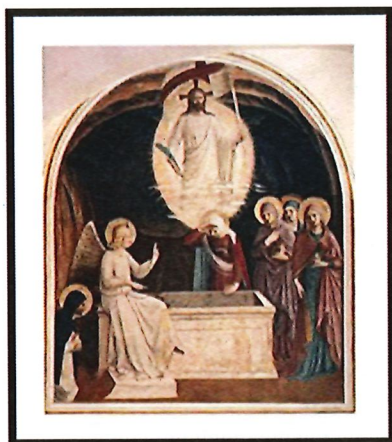


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MARCH 31, 2024

The resurrection of Jesus enlightens our lives and reaffirms our hope of future life. "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" Every earthly joy, every earthly pain takes on new meaning in the Resurrection. "If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above." Our lives are transformed; our actions reflect new values.



With joy we welcome into our community of faith Olga Derevinska, who was received into Full Communion with the Holy Catholic Church on Holy Thursday, and those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil: Ivy Cen, Liam Chou, Alicia Chou, Diana Chow, Christopher Chun, Raina Chun, Olivia Lawson, Max Lawson, Jace Lawson, Rita Lee, Isaac Li, Iris Li, Anson Liu, Chloe Liu, Jasper Liu, Jeffrey McBride, Norita Nath, Jolly Ng, Tara Wong, Isabelle Zhang, and Thalia Zhu.

We are grateful to everyone who helped make our celebration of Easter so beautiful: the choir, the organists, the lectors and ushers, the altar servers, those who cleaned the church, prepared the linens and sacred vessels, and those who arranged the flowers. In a special way we thank Father Tomson Egirious for his assistance in celebrating the Easter Triduum with us. We keep in our prayers the sick and those from whom we are separated by distance or death and commend them to the Risen Lord.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 1 Easter Monday

9:00 a.m. Mass

April 2 Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

7:10 p.m. Rosary for the Sick

7:30 p.m. Mass

April 3 Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Lauds

7:15 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. CCD

7:00 p.m. Priest/Parent/Teacher Meeting

Re: First Holy Communion

April 4 Thursday

7:00 a.m. Lauds

7:15 a.m. Mass

April 5 First Friday

9:00 a.m. School Mass

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Confessions

7:30 p.m. Mass

April 6 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Rosary for Vocations

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next weekend for our parish building fund. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY

April 5th is First Friday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Adoration will commence following morning Mass and conclude at 7:00 p.m. when confessions will be heard. A sign-up sheet for Adoration is posted in the vestibule.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, April 7th, the Knights of Columbus will be serving pancake breakfast in the school gymnasium after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses, and everyone is welcome.

BOTTLE DROP-OFF

Your empty refundable bottles and cans may be left outside the school gymnasium doors next Sunday, April 7th, with all proceeds in support of our parish food bank.

GOING FOR GOLD!

Ticket sales begin next weekend for our annual auction, our biggest fundraiser of the year! Admission ticket for \$20 (adults only) includes dinner. Donations of sports event tickets, timeshare accommodation, small appliances, electronics, bottles of wine or spirits, gift cards valued at \$25, \$50, and \$100 are still being accepted. Join the quest for gold by purchasing a ticket, bidding on items, and spreading the word about the auction on social media, #smeauction2024.