

Easter Sunday ***April 5, 2015***

La Historia y Usted: La Resurrección del Señor Lo hicimos. Llegamos a Pascua, sano y salvo. Contrariamente a lo que sentíamos, por ejemplo, alrededor del segundo domingo de Cuaresma, nuestra oración, el ayuno y la limosna no, de hecho, nos matamos. Y sí, muchos de nosotros no tuvo éxito para toda la temporada, pero estamos aquí de todos modos, se pusieron sombreros de Pascua y el Jamón de Pascua en el horno.

Oh, se siente bien. Vivíamos con santuarios vacíos y cortinajes púrpura durante cuarenta días largos. Afuera, el comienzo de la primavera nos mantuvo tentado a comportarse como si la Cuaresma había cedido a principios de este año, como si ya no se mantenían a su línea de tiempo exigente. Pero luego volvió a entrar en la iglesia y nos recordó que somos parte de un rápido universal que no termina sólo porque hace calor.

¿Soy yo, o se ha convertido en mucho más doloroso para mantenerse Cuaresma en estos días? Mi teoría es que hay tanto Pascua en mi diario de belleza-vida mucho, tan divertido, tanta comida, tantos libros, tantos amigos, tanta prosperidad, que el mantenimiento de un ayuno de nada de eso parece mucho más restrictiva que lo hizo en mi juventud. Pero rápido que yo, en mi manera débil y enclenque. Desde luego, no merezco Pascua, pero, gracias a Dios, nadie lo hace. Sin embargo, a pesar de todos nuestros fracasos, Pascua ha llegado por fin, con sus flores fragantes y santuarios lirio pregonado. Qué festín para los sentidos! Trae en la Pascua sacramentos- las aguas de bautismo, los cálices de Primera Comunión, los aceites de confirmación.

Porque he aquí ha pasado el invierno, y las flores aparecen en la tierra (Cantar de los Cantares 2:11). Por lo tanto, vamos a mantener la fiesta.

¿Cómo planea para celebrar la fiesta Pascua de cincuenta días?

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The Story and You: The Resurrection of the Lord We did it. We made it to Easter, safe and sound. Contrary to how we felt, say, around the Second Sunday in Lent, our prayer, fasting and almsgiving did not in fact kill us. And yes, many of us did not

succeed for the entire season, but we're here anyway, Easter bonnets donned and the Easter ham in the oven.

Oh, it feels good. We lived with empty sanctuaries and purple drapings for forty long days. Outside, the early spring kept tempting us to behave as if Lent had yielded early this year, as if we were no longer held to its demanding timeline. But then we stepped back into church and were reminded that we are part of a universal fast that does not end just because it's warm outside.

Is it just me, or has it become much more painful to keep Lent these days? My theory is that there is so much Easter in my daily life—so much beauty, so much fun, so much food, so many books, so many friends, so much prosperity, that keeping a fast from any of it seems much more restrictive than it did in my youth.

But fast I did, in my weak and puny way. I certainly don't deserve Easter, but, thank God, no one ever does. Yet, despite all of our failures, Easter has finally arrived, with its fragrant flowers and lily-trumpeted sanctuaries. What a feast for the senses! Bring on the Easter sacraments—the Baptism waters, the First Communion chalices, the Confirmation oils.

For lo, the winter is past, and the flowers appear on the earth (Song of Songs 2:11). Therefore, let us keep the feast.

How are you planning to keep the fifty-day Easter feast?

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Ann Mott, Nathaniel Contreas, Sharon Kissell, Marty Sanchez, Kathleen Maes, Michael Black, Earl Dickerson, Timothy Gomez, Mary Maes, Hazel Becker, Patricio Sáenz, Clarita Rubio, Rosi Cervantes, Blanca Estela Velez, Andrea Borunda, Lucia Pimental

SAVE THE DATE !! The 20th Annual Heart & Soul, Song & Dance Event—a benefit for the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers. Of course, the night will once again feature our former pastor, Father Pat Dolan. The event is on the night of June 18, and begins at 7pm. CVV is a community of young men and women who have donated time and talent to service to the poor of Denver. Call CVV at 303.691.2778.

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

BUTTER BRAIDS

Butter Braid orders will be delivered this weekend! If you placed an order, please see Debby Gomez after the Masses this weekend to pick up your order. Thank you so much for supporting our Youth!

PARISH EVALUATION

For the last couple of weeks we have been asking you to complete our Parish Participation Survey.

Obviously, this is something completely different for our parish, and we understand you probably have a lot of questions. In order to better assist you with this process, we will be hosting a parish meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm in the church.

Everyone is invited to attend. In the meantime, if you have not yet completed the Parish Participation survey, please visit the website at www.srldenver.org and click on Links on the Homepage right under the parish photos. The survey is very brief, so please take a few moments to complete the form so that we will have accurate data to report and evaluate. Thank you so much for taking the time to participate in the survey! If you have no computer access, we do have a printed form. You can get one from Fr Jerry or at the office. We would love to have this survey completed by March 31.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday April 4

4pm No Intentions

Sunday April 5

7am People of the Parish

8:30am +Norma Harbert by family

11am +Cuco Gomez by family

Monday April 6

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday April 7

8:30am +Maria Luong by family

Wednesday April 8

8:15am +Anne Huynh by family

Thursday April 9

8:30am +Audrey Janiczek by family

Friday April 10

8:30am +Joseph Nguyen by family

Saturday April 11

4pm +Lillian Kress

Sunday April 12

7am People of the Parish
8:30am deceased members
of the Holy Name Society
11am +Joseph Nguyen by family

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Readings for the week of April 5, 2015

Sunday: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43//Col 3: 1-4//Jn 20: 1-9

Monday: Acts 2: 14,22-33//Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2: 36-41//Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3: 1-10//Lk 24: 13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26//Lk 24: 35-48

Friday: Acts 4: 1-12//Jn 21: 1-14

Saturday: Acts 4: 13-21//Mk 16: 9-16

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Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **CEREALS** for the month of April. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

Archbishop Aquila joins Father Jerry and the parish staff in wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and hope-filled Easter. Together, let's spread the Easter message of hope to others—especially those most in need—through a gift to the 2015 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal.

El Arzobispo Samuel Aquila se une al Padre Jerry y al personal de la parroquia para desearles una feliz y santa Pascua de Resurrección. Juntos, difundamos el mensaje pascual de esperanza a otros hermanos—especialmente a los más necesitados—a través de nuestra generosa donación a la Colecta Anual del Arzobispo 2015.