



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Confession 4:30pm – Mass 5:30pm

Courtyard by Marriott Austin Dripping Springs – Meeting Room #2

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

Blessed Easter to you all. Obviously, with all of the ceremonies of Holy Week, I write this note to you early in the week...in fact, I do so while simultaneously watching Tenebrae from the live stream at St. Gertrude the Great on Wednesday evening, marking the start to the Sacred Triduum. By the time you read it, all will be completed, but hopefully you were able to walk along with Our Lord in the working of Redemption through the Church's liturgy...if not in person, perhaps at least via the webcast or by reading some of the prayers from the liturgy.

With the arrival of Easter, the Church goes from its greatest sorrow on Good Friday to its greatest joy with the triumphant return of the Alleluia, the joyful decorum and music of the liturgy, and the end of the Lenten fast. It is the fast which makes the feasting of Easter all that much more enjoyable. It is the following along each day with the Lenten liturgy and spiritually ascending Calvary with Our Lord which makes the joy of the Easter Alleluias, music and flowers that much more triumphant. And it will be our perseverance in striving after a virtuous life which will be the means by which we the immeasurable joys of paradise.

May your Eastertide be filled with many blessings and graces!

In Christ, *Fr. Stephen McKenna*

Set Your Missal

Easter, Sequence, preface of Easter with special Communicantes & Hanc Igitur.

Regina Caeli

(Replaces the Angelus during Eastertide)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
For He Whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia.
Hath risen as He said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Eastertide

If you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Alleluia.

V. This is the day which the Lord hath made.

R. Let us be glad and rejoice therein. Alleluia.

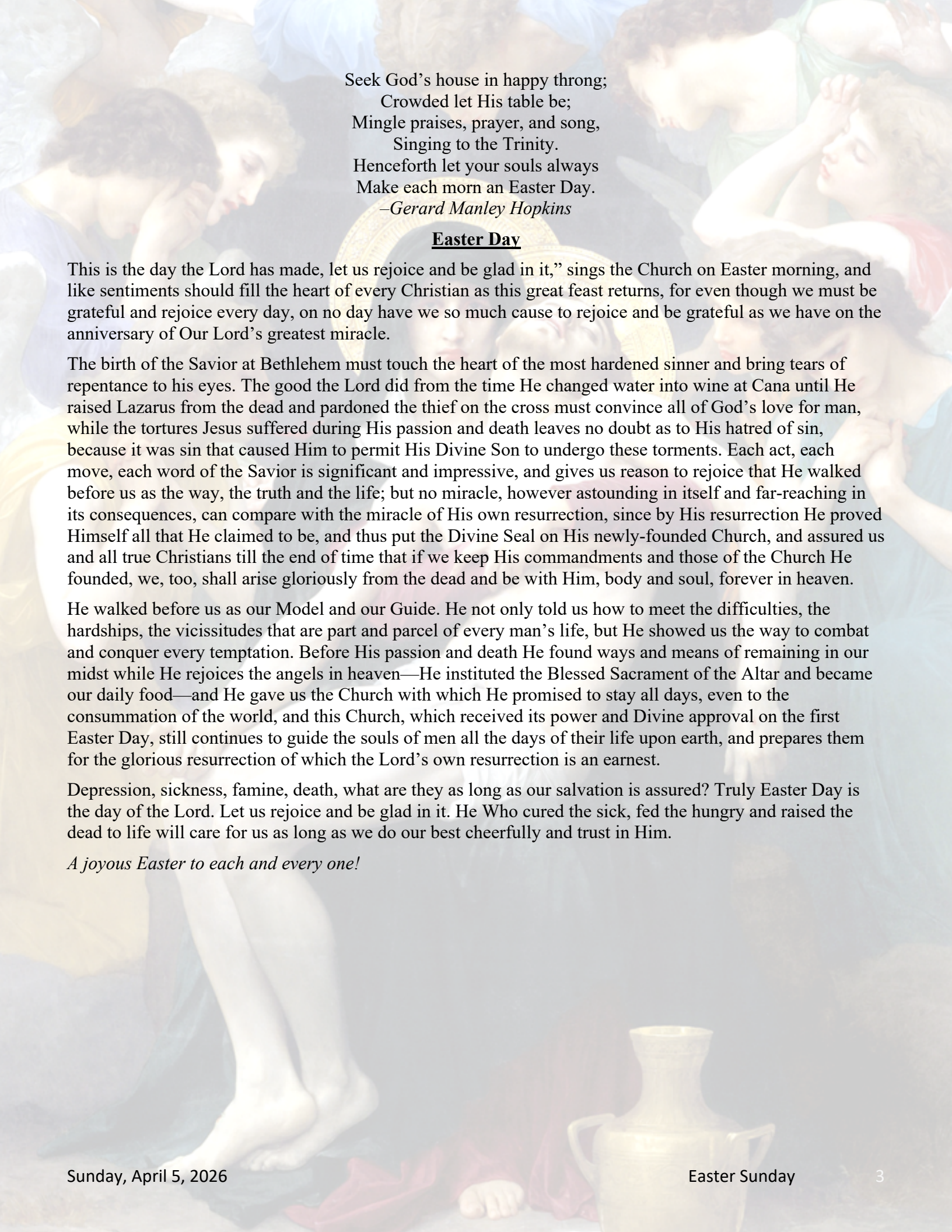
Let us Pray

O God, Who dost gladden us with the yearly celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, grant, in Thy mercy, that through the feast which we solemnize in time, we may be worthy to attain to eternal joys. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Poetry Corner

Easter

Break the box and shed the nard;
Stop not now to count the cost;
Hither bring pearl, opal, sard;
Reck not what the poor have lost;
Upon Christ throw all away:
Know ye, this is Easter Day.
Build His church and deck His shrine,
Empty though it be on earth;
Ye have kept your choicest wine—
Let it flow for heavenly mirth;
Pluck the harp and breathe the horn:
Know ye not 'tis Easter morn?
Gather gladness from the skies;
Take a lesson from the ground;
Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes
And a Spring-time joy have found;
Earth throws Winter's robes away,
Decks herself for Easter Day.
Beauty now for ashes wear,
Perfumes for the garb of woe,
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,
Dances for sad footsteps slow;
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day.



Seek God's house in happy throng;
Crowded let His table be;
Mingle praises, prayer, and song,
Singing to the Trinity.
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.
—Gerard Manley Hopkins

Easter Day

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it," sings the Church on Easter morning, and like sentiments should fill the heart of every Christian as this great feast returns, for even though we must be grateful and rejoice every day, on no day have we so much cause to rejoice and be grateful as we have on the anniversary of Our Lord's greatest miracle.

The birth of the Savior at Bethlehem must touch the heart of the most hardened sinner and bring tears of repentance to his eyes. The good the Lord did from the time He changed water into wine at Cana until He raised Lazarus from the dead and pardoned the thief on the cross must convince all of God's love for man, while the tortures Jesus suffered during His passion and death leaves no doubt as to His hatred of sin, because it was sin that caused Him to permit His Divine Son to undergo these torments. Each act, each move, each word of the Savior is significant and impressive, and gives us reason to rejoice that He walked before us as the way, the truth and the life; but no miracle, however astounding in itself and far-reaching in its consequences, can compare with the miracle of His own resurrection, since by His resurrection He proved Himself all that He claimed to be, and thus put the Divine Seal on His newly-founded Church, and assured us and all true Christians till the end of time that if we keep His commandments and those of the Church He founded, we, too, shall arise gloriously from the dead and be with Him, body and soul, forever in heaven.

He walked before us as our Model and our Guide. He not only told us how to meet the difficulties, the hardships, the vicissitudes that are part and parcel of every man's life, but He showed us the way to combat and conquer every temptation. Before His passion and death He found ways and means of remaining in our midst while He rejoices the angels in heaven—He instituted the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and became our daily food—and He gave us the Church with which He promised to stay all days, even to the consummation of the world, and this Church, which received its power and Divine approval on the first Easter Day, still continues to guide the souls of men all the days of their life upon earth, and prepares them for the glorious resurrection of which the Lord's own resurrection is an earnest.

Depression, sickness, famine, death, what are they as long as our salvation is assured? Truly Easter Day is the day of the Lord. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. He Who cured the sick, fed the hungry and raised the dead to life will care for us as long as we do our best cheerfully and trust in Him.

A joyous Easter to each and every one!