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The Hope of the Resurrection

by Fr. Patrick Kennedy

My friends,

Let's face it. Losing somebody we love is a catastrophic moment in our lives. It throws us off our game. Our emotions run wild. We are overwhelmed, distraught, and often-times inconsolable. Not even a covered dish, filled with our favorite comfort food, makes any difference in the moment. Soothing words, softly spoken, go in one ear and out the other. Kind people come and go, and we barely take notice. The shroud of darkness created by our grief covers our hearts, and we are numb. If you ever felt these things, you know what Mary of Magdala and the other disciples were feeling after the death of Jesus. They were lost and could not find their way.

What moved Mary and some other women to go to the tomb in the darkness before the dawn is what moves some of us to go back to the cemetery shortly after we bury our dead. We want to be close to our dead. We hope being near to them will bring us comfort. In the loneliness of the moment, we want to say the things we wished we would have said when our loved one was alive. To sum it up, we want to tell them we loved them.

When Mary arrived at the tomb, she all of sudden was filled with fear. Her eyes tried to focus in the pre-dawn hour. Strangely, her grief was put aside. Her mind started to move quickly. Something was terribly wrong. The huge, heavy stone in front of the tomb where Jesus laid was moved. The tomb had been opened. "How?" she

thought. "Why?" she wondered. "Who?" she shouted into the darkness. Then, she turned, hiked up the hem of her garments and ran faster than she ever did in her entire life. She arrived at the door leading to the upper room where the other disciples were hiding, wallowing in their grief. She pounded on the door, screaming for them to open the door. "Hurry! Hurry!" she cried.

The door was unlocked, and as it opened, Peter and John stood there, incredulous, wondering what all the commotion was about. Mary didn't wait for them to ask. She just cried out, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him!" At this moment, a new chapter in the lives of the disciples was about to be written. It would not be by Jesus but by them.

The drama created by finding the tomb of Jesus empty confounded Mary, the other women, and the apostles, but it also brought them back to life. When Jesus died, their souls were depleted. The spirit they had when he was alive, died with him. But now, the sparks of new life, fanned by the flame of their faith, slowly renewed their hope. Although it took some time to digest the events of the last few days, out of emptiness and grief came opportunity. Out of darkness came light. Out of sadness came joy.

The Passion, Death and Resurrection, celebrated each year, points not only to the mystery of suffering and death. It reveals the



enormous promise God has for all whom he created. Our celebration of Easter reaffirms to the believer, that death, while often-times catastrophic, is not the end. Like Mary, the other women and the disciples discovered, it was a new chapter for those who die and for those who remain. As dawn appeared long ago on the first Easter morning, it ushered in a more serene and deeper understanding that suffering and death are moments we all must experience. Jesus' resurrection promises eternal life. It is a reality Mary and the other disciples embraced and therein found hope. This reality is ours to embrace once again. It is in this feast we find the same hope, as we celebrate Easter this weekend and in the days to come.



*Have a
Joyous Easter!*

From
Frs. Kennedy, Krenik,
and Wehmann and
the St Olaf Staff
Members



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org/events

PARKING

We have permission to park in the Minneapolis Club ramp (directly across 8th Street from us) for services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We have an agreement with them for parking on Saturdays and Sundays every weekend. They have 400 parking spaces.

For weekend Masses: We continue our agreement with the ramp on the SW corner of 8th Street and 2nd Avenue. You must have a voucher to exit without paying. We also have permission to park in the surface lot on 10th Street and 2nd Avenue with a parking permit on your dashboard. Vouchers and permits are at the reception desk in Forliti Foyer.

CONCERT MAY 4

From Age To Age, Choir in Residence; "Made in Minnesota"
Saturday, May 4, at 7:30pm; Peter J. Durow, artistic director

Come hear this talented group of young professionals present a program that explores acapella music by Minnesota poets and composers. \$10.00 suggested donation.

REMEMBERING OUR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY:

This Mother's Day, May 12, remember mothers, living and deceased, with a donation toward church flowers and environment. Suggested offering is \$5.00. Use forms available in the pamphlet racks. Make checks out to St. Olaf Church with "Mother's Day Flowers" in the memo line. Please submit by May 3. Thank you!

ST OLAF AT THE TWINS: JUNE 12

Save the date: St. Olaf's annual group outing to a Twins game, with the choir singing the national anthem, will be Wednesday night, June 12, Twins vs. Seattle. Same price as always — \$25, in the Family Section, with a hot dog and pop included in the price of the ticket. Details about purchasing tickets coming next week.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

6:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS
9:00 AM NURSERY OPENS
10:00 AM MASS
12:00 PM MASS
4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 22

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS
12:00 PM AA

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
7:00 AM AA
12:00 PM MASS
12:00 PM AA
6:00 PM ALANON

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
7:30 AM SAMARITAN MINISTRY HOSPITALITY
12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS
7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS
2:00 PM AFRICAN CHOIR REHEARSAL
4:00 PM MASS

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #40

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
April 1-7	\$19,099	\$35,000	-\$15,901
YTD through Week #40	\$1,020,946	\$1,121,976	-\$101,030