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## Come Fly with me



My dear youth and friends in Christ, As we enter the beautiful month of April, we are reminded of the hope and new life that comes with the Resurrection of our

Lord. Easter is a celebration of victory not just Christ's victory over death, but the victory of light over darkness, hope over despair, and grace over sin.

April brings blossoms, brighter days, and the fresh scent of spring in the air. Just as the earth awakens, we too are called to rise to renew our commitment to Christ and allow His light to shine through us. This is a season not only to rejoice but to live the joy of the Resurrection in our words, actions, and hearts.

Let us take this time to be more intentional in our faith:

- To seek God in prayer and praise
- To serve others with kindness and humility
- To walk each day knowing that we are loved deeply by a Risen Savior

My prayer for you is that this season fills your soul with joy, your heart with peace, and your mind with clarity. Never forget, dear youth, that you are not alone — we are soaring together with Christ as our guide I look forward to seeing you at our next Youth Night and retreat events.

~ Fr Samy, Spiritual Director ~

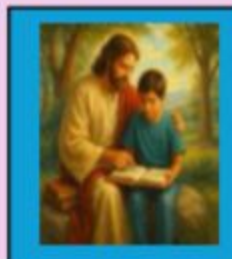
## Founder's Message



John 1:1 states, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Here, by referring to the Word, John

actually refers to our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. But how can this be? Didn't we learn that Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit to a virgin called Mary (Mark 1:18 Luke 2:1), which was only over 2 millennia ago? So, how then can Jesus be present 'in the beginning'? Jesus wasn't even mentioned in the book of Genesis, was he?

Let us look at the gospel of John carefully. Well, when the apostle, John, said that the Word was God, he quite simply meant that God and Jesus are indeed one. In fact, along with the Holy Spirit, they form one body, one unit, one Holy Trinity. Therefore, in Gen 1:2-3, when God spoke into existence 'light', Jesus being that very light as in John 8:12, 9:5, 12:35, 12:45, was ever present as that spoken word through the Triune then, as he is now and will ever be (Hebrews 13:8). Thus, Revelation 1:8 aptly captures our understanding as Christians: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was, and who is to come.



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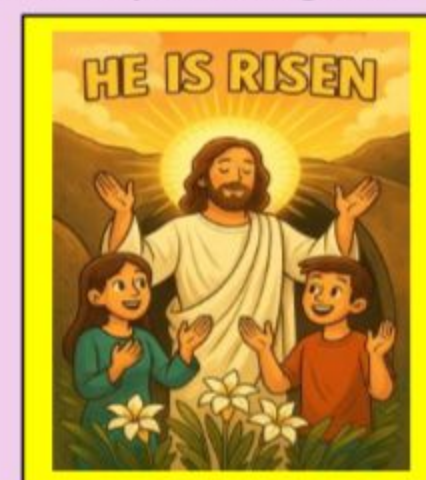
## IN FOCUS

Living in the Light of the Resurrection Easter is not just one Sunday — it's a season! As we journey through the month of April, we remain in the joyful glow of the Resurrection. Jesus is risen, and with that comes a call for each of us to rise as well — from fear, from doubt, from anything that keeps us from fully living in God's love.

Resurrection reminds us that:

- Hope is stronger than despair
- Light always overcomes darkness
- God's love has the final word

This month let's live as Resurrection people — with hearts full of joy, peace, and purpose. Look for ways to bring new life to those around you, whether it's by offering encouragement, practicing forgiveness, or simply sharing your smile.



Let's focus on:

- Joy — Living with gratitude for the gift of new life in Christ
- Faith — Trusting that God is always working, even when we don't see it
- New Life — Letting go of the old and stepping boldly into who God is calling us to be

He is risen now it's our turn to rise too.

**Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry**





This month we honor Saint Bernadette Soubirous, a humble young girl from Lourdes, France, is a powerful example of faith and

perseverance. Born in 1844 to a poor family, she experienced eighteen Marian apparitions at the grotto of Massabielle in 1858, now Lourdes.

Despite skepticism and opposition and ridicule she remained steadfast in her testimony, sharing the Blessed Mother's message of prayer, penance, and trust in God. Her obedience and courage continue to inspire Catholics worldwide, especially the youth seeking to deepen their faith.

After the apparitions, Bernadette entered religious life as a Sister of Charity in Nevers, where she embraced a hidden life of suffering and service. Battling illness, she offered her pain as a sacrifice, living out the Blessed Mother's call to holiness. She never sought recognition, focusing instead on humility and love for Christ.

Her life reminds young people throughout the word that sainthood is not about status but about a heart fully given to God, even in suffering.

Today, Saint Bernadette's legacy lives on through the miraculous waters of Lourdes and the countless conversions inspired by her witness. Her incorrupt body remains a sign of God's grace, and her simple yet profound faith serves as a model for all who strive to follow Christ. As young adults, we are called to the same trust and devotion, knowing that, like Bernadette, God can work wonders through our faithfulness.

Our Ambassadors have been to Lourdes and Nevers, where her incorrupt body remains. Here is a picture of this quiet and humble saint.

~Andrea, Chairperson~



### ***The founder's message continued.***

This concept is further immortalized in Revelation 1:17, 2:8, 21:6 and 22:13, and had been emphasized into conceptualization about 700 or so years prior to the 'birth' of Jesus in Isaiah 41:4, 44:6 and 48:12.

Therefore, in everything we do, let us have a Christ-centered life. From our very waking in the day to the time we lay our head on the pillow, remember and reflect on Jesus Christ's presence yesterday, today and tomorrow. Indeed, he is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

~Founder, Dr Vic Joseph~

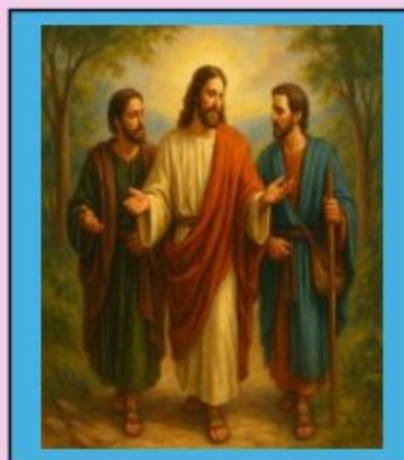
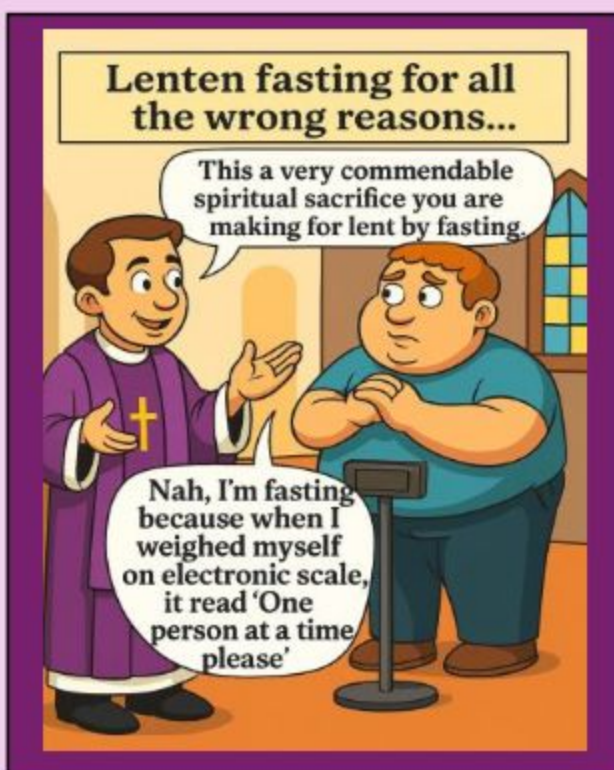
*Isaiah 44:6: "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last besides me there is no god."*

*Ephesians 5:8: "...for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord walk as children of light..."*

### ***OUR PRAYER***

*Lord, guide us to be of service to you and others. Inspire us to care for all your creation, especially the youth. Fill us with truth, hope and love in all that we do. Unite us to faithfully journey together with you, as we work to build Your Kingdom within our community.*

~Serviam~



## ***Youth Corner***

March Recap: Prayer, Persistence and Mother of God

Our March Youth Night was a beautiful evening of reflection, learning, and faith-filled discussion. A highlight of the night was exploring the verse Matthew 7:7 — "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." What it means to pray persistently and trust that God hears every word, even those whispered in silence.

We discussed Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and how her life reflects obedience, trust, and devotion to God. Specifically, how she is in Scripture and that she intercedes for each of us. It was a night filled with prayer, laughter, and the reminder that God opens doors when we seek Him with a sincere heart.

**Please Join us for our next monthly event on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**



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