



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
Domingo de Pascua

Alleluia!
¡Aleluya!



CHRIST IS RISEN!

*The universe sings a new song of praise.
Rivers clap their hands. Hills ring out for joy.
Christ is risen indeed! We sing: Alleluia!*



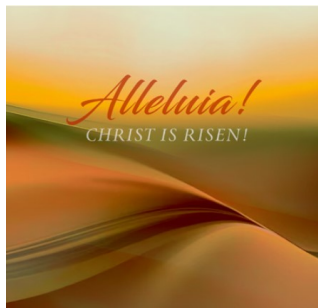
¡CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!

*El universo canta un nuevo cántico de alabanza.
Los ríos aplaude. Las colinas resuenan de alegría.
¡Cristo ha resucitado en verdad! Cantamos: ¡Aleluya!*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that we have finally arrived at the Easter feast, we rejoice in the Lord's Resurrection. We allow ourselves to be renewed by the very mysteries we celebrate these days and, indeed, every time we gather around the Table of the Lord: His Life, Death and Resurrection. Of this, Cardinal Basil Hume once remarked: "The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

Walking with the Lord and with one another, sharing the joy of those who are newly baptized in our parish, our cities, throughout our Diocese and around the world, we deepen our commitment to the life that Baptism has opened to each of us.

If you are visiting us for the first time, we hope you will come back soon. To those who have wandered away for some time – perhaps due to the pandemic or other personal reasons – we have missed you and we are so happy that you are with us today. What a wonderful gift you have given to all by choosing to be at Saint Clare. We can never be complete until you join us again! We thank you for the privilege of allowing us to serve you.

May God continue to bless you, your families and your loved ones this Easter and always!

Sincerely,

Monsignor Fran, Father Victor, Ryan Bao, Linda O. Brisuela, Roxana Cruz, Catherine Kogura, Esteban Lugardo, Sandra Quintanilla, and Anai Torres

Fifth Sunday Collection

The regular "Fifth Sunday Collection" for the work of Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be taken up next weekend.

Holidays This Week

The parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, for Easter Monday (Pasquetta) and Cesar Chavez Day. Masses those morning will be at 9:00 am. The office will re-open on Wednesday morning.

Holy Land Olivewood Art

On the weekend of April 20/21, we will welcome Bethlehem Artworks with offerings of religious works carved from olivewood. You can read about the works that these sales support here: <https://bethlehemartworks.com>. Please take advantage of this yearly visit.

Youth Ministry

Happy Easter from Saint Clare Youth Ministry and Confirmation to you!

Don't forget that our **DYR Registrations are OPEN** with a deadline to register on **May 5th**. This retreat takes place from June 10-14, 2024, in Lake Tahoe. Some activities include adoration, confession, messy games, swimming in the lake, and breakouts! This is always the event of the summer so don't forget to register before it is too late. To register go to www.dsj.org/evangelization/yya/youth/dyr/ or use the QR code in the poster. For more information, to sponsor a youth, or to inquire about scholarships, please contact ryan.bao@dsj.org.

Our upcoming Youth Ministry session which is open to all young people from 8th-12th grade is on **April 14th, at 1:30pm** in the parish hall. Bring a friend, hope to see you there!

Our Youth Center will not be open this week, but it will next week. Find our new Bible Study times in the image.



Tuesdays at 7:30pm

- April 9
- April 16
- April 23
- April 30
- May 14
- May 21
- May 28

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

- For all youth 8th-12th grade
- In Youth Center (Church Basement)



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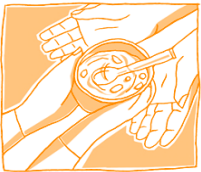
DYR
DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

JUNE 10-14, 2024
ZEPHYR POINT CONFERENCE CENTER
LAKE TAHOE

REGISTER NOW!



Weekly Justice Challenges



The Good News of the Resurrection is proclaimed this week in our Scripture readings. And this good news is meant for everyone. Jesus was and is a universal savior. One of the insights we receive on Easter Sunday comes from Acts 10. Peter, struggling to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus, announces that he has learned that “God shows no partiality”. This helped to shape many decisions made by the early Church leaders—and it should form our decisions as well. Your challenge this week is examine how well you live by God's example. Do you personally and/or as a household show partiality to particular groups of people based on their race, religion, economic level, occupation? Do you exclude any groups on the same basis? If your reflection reveals partiality to some and exclusion of others, make a commitment to change. Identify three steps you can take so that in the future you can in all sincerity say that you, like God, show no partiality.

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening Vigil
5:00 p.m. (English)
Livestreamed

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word
for Children during
10:30 a.m. Mass (English)*

*Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños
durante Misa de
12:00 p.m. (Español)*

Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:00 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)

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then press 9

Saint Clare School

The Saint Clare School community wishes you all a very blessed Easter, along with an equally blessed Easter season.

Teachers have been focusing their instruction on the meaning of the Lenten season in their classes, shifting to the meaning and importance of the Triduum, the most sacred of days. Students have also been learning about or revisiting the significance of the Stations of the Cross, spending time in the church, engaging with each station. They are now anxiously awaiting the joy and wonder of the Risen Lord, the foundation of our Catholic faith.

On Holy Thursday, the 8th grade presented the Passion of Christ to the entire school community. They have been planning and rehearsing for the last few weeks with Mr. Sullivan and Fr. Victor in the directors' chairs. As always, the Passion of Christ will be a particularly meaningful way to end school before Easter break.

NOW ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE FOR 2023-2024



Saint Clare School prepares students to become ethical and moral servant leaders. Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more.

ENROLLING TK-8TH GRADE: Schedule a tour: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>. You may also call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manager at: 408-246-6797 or email cherell.rizzo@dsj.org

Support our robust tuition assistance program by making a donation: <https://www.stclare.school/supportus>



Parish Mission Statement

Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.

Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
March 23rd & 24th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$9,051.50**

Thank you

Daily Readings



Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Matthew 28:8-1

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41
John 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10
Luke 24:13-3

Thursday

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

Friday

Acts 4:1-12
John 21:1-1

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21
Mark 16:9-15

Next Sunday

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-3

Mass Intentions

March 30th - April 6th, 2024

Sat	Easter Vigil	Saint Clare Parishioners
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	10:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	12:00 pm	Saint Clare Parishioners
Mon	9:00 am	Jameson Rumohr †
Tues	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves †
Wed	8:00 am	Miriam Lacambra - Birthday
Thu	8:00 am	Special Intention
Fri	8:00 am	Ricki Rosa Monteiro †
Sat	8:00 am	Sant Clara Carmelite Nuns

Creation Care Tips

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!! From death to new life. In the northern hemisphere, this time of Easter coincides perfectly with spring with its hints of growth, color, and new life. Pay attention to the new life around you this week: the new flowers, new green shoots on the trees, etc. Spend time in nature, searching for and recognizing the signs of the Risen Lord in the natural world around you.



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Beacon of Light

Lord God,
you who conquered the darkness of evil,
also vanquish the fear in our hearts.
We rejoice that your resurrection,
frees us from the slavery of sin
and leads us to eternal life.
Grant that we may follow the path. that
your light shines for us
and share with others
the love that you have given us.
You live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, March 31, 2024
He Has Risen!



Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–9. The Lord has risen! Alleluia! Our rejoicing at Easter Time acknowledges that Christ's light has conquered darkness. Jesus came to do God's will; he paid the ultimate price, and now we proclaim with joy his resurrection. Our Lord prepared his disciples for his death and resurrection, telling them, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me" (John 16:16). Jesus' rising from the dead should have come as no surprise to the disciples, yet they were surprised. As today's Gospel proclaims, "They did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even though we understand, we still need to be open, to seeing with the eyes of our he-

arts so that we can embrace the resurrected Christ.

After the forty days of penitence of Lent, we celebrate the light defeating the darkness for fifty days. During Easter Time, we are invited to meditate on how our actions allow us to be light for others. How do you aid others to dispel the darkness surrounding them? Do you carry the message that Jesus is alive? Are you willing to shout it? When we share the light of Christ that permeates our lives, we show appreciation for the faith that we have been given. Through Jesus Christ, God has fulfilled his promise and given us eternal life. Let us not be afraid to rejoice in the new life we have been given



This Week at Home

Monday, April 1

Trust

This week the Gospel shows Jesus encountering his disciples in varied settings. As we pray with these readings, we might see ourselves reflected in the encounters. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were fearful yet overjoyed upon seeing the empty tomb. How many of us have been stopped by our fears? These women trusted what the angel told them about our Lord. When we allow fear to overcome and paralyze us, problems are created. When afraid, seek the help of God, who has given you new life. *Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 2

Conversion

Many of Jesus' followers are like Mary of Magdala and do not recognize the risen Lord. They continue to seek the Jesus they had known before he fulfilled his mission. To recognize the resurrected Jesus, we ought to rely on the eyes of our hearts, which are filled with faith and trust in the Lord. Allow your heart to have a true conversion leading God to dwell within you. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 3

Bread of Life

Imagine that, as one of the apostles, you followed Jesus and broke bread with him just before his death. Then he was nowhere to be found, or so you think. After Jesus' death, the disciples began to feel alone and disillusioned. When have you had an encounter with someone and realized it had been Jesus? At Mass, Jesus becomes the Bread of Life for us. He has not abandoned us; he remains within us, offering spiritual sustenance. *Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 4

Agents of Peace

While the disciples spoke of how Jesus had become known to them in the breaking of the bread, he appeared, saying, "Peace be with you." Rather than being overjoyed, the disciples were scared. Jesus had to show them his wounds for them to believe it was he who had returned. Reflecting on this scene, consider whether you are at peace. Do you bring peace to others? Is there someone with a restless heart who needs your offering of peace? *Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab, 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 5

Moving Forward

Jesus' followers have gone back to their old lives. Many people do the same today. After we experience a genuine encounter with Christ, it can be easy to return to our former ways. The harder path is to continue to move forward in the faith journey. As easy and as comfortable as our old life might have been, Christ calls us to a new life in which we surrender ourselves to God. *Today's readings: Acts 4:1–22; Psalm 118:1–2, 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 6

Is It Really He?

At the end of this first week of Easter, consider how you allowed yourself to be transformed. When have you recognized the presence of Jesus in your faith journey and opened yourself to change? Are there times that Jesus could rebuke you for your unbelief and hardness of heart, as he rebuked the apostles? As you read of the encounters Jesus had throughout his glorious day of resurrection, ponder how you have been the living Christ for others. Take to heart the message of light and hope brought about through the resurrection. *Today's readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:24; Mark 16:9–15.*





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Boletim Paroquial Português 31 de Março de 2024; Domingo da Páscoa da Ressurreição do Senhor Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

“Aleluia! Aleluia! O Senhor Ressuscitou! Aleluia!” É o grito dos cristãos por toda a parte do mundo. Cristo ressuscitou! Hoje é a Festa das festas, o dia por excelência de Cristo Senhor, em que Ele depois de ter passado pela morte, para conhecer tudo o que ela encerra, de dor e humilhação, triunfou das trevas da morte para nunca mais morrer. O salmista irá cantar no Salmo #117 **“Este é o dia que fez o Senhor: n’Ele exultemos e nos alegremos.”** Com a celebração da Páscoa da Ressurreição do Senhor, a sexta-feira santa terminou, Cristo ressuscitou vencendo o pecado e a morte. Pela fé acreditamos que pelo Seu amor por nós, ofereceu-nos o Baptismo que a todos nos faz irmãos d’Ele e consequentemente com Ele ressuscitaremos e n’Ele somos herdeiros do Reino de Deus. Alegremo-nos neste dia porque com a sua morte e Ressurreição Cristo, nosso Salvador, justificou-nos perante o Pai. Durante a Sua vida conhecemos deus-nos modelos de vida e tudo que precisamos para vivermos neste mundo já nos preparando para viver no outro. A partir de hoje entramos no Tempo Pascal. Iremos acompanhar a fundação da Igreja de Cristo até à vinda do Espírito Santo. Tempo excelente para continuarmos a viver em alegria todo esse tempo ligado a Cristo e em Igreja alimentada por Ele com o Seu Corpo e Sangue, nos irá continuamente a alimentar-nos e saciar-nos.

Convite á solidariedade da Páscoa

Nesta época Pascal, gostaríamos de recordar a todos a caridade e partilha como fruto da nossa vida cristã. Assim pedia-mos a todos os que puderem e quizerem, que não se esqueçam de colaborar com o projecto da enfermaria em Lisboa sob a responsabilidade do nosso Padre Francisco Rodrigues. Este projecto vai demorar anos a concretizar. Por isso, pouco a poucomas todos juntos, podemos ir longe na partilha e solidariedade com a benção e graça de Deus. Para mais informações, queirem contactar Claudia Madruga ou Manuel Madruga. Rezemos também pelo Padre Francisco, pela missão que ele está a desenvolver na grande paróquia do Lumiar da cidade de Lisboa. Ainda assim, continua a dar do seu tempo á nossa comunidade, através da oração, amizade, ajuda e guia. Que nesta época do Tempo Pascal, possamos celebrar com alegria a Ressurreição de Jesus nos nossos corações, através da caridade, paz e respeito pelos nossos irmãos. Muito obrigado a todos pela vossa receptividade e generosidade.

Jantar de Cabrito; ou Bacalhau: O Conselho Paroquial Português está planeando um jantar de cabrito e para os que não gotem de cabrito tem a opção de bacalhau no Sábado dia 27 de Abril próximo. Os bilhetes estão a serem vendidos ao preço de \$40.00 por adulto e de \$20.00 por crianças dos 6-12 anos. Sendo esta actividade planeada para angariar fundos para a igreja e para as actividades da nossa comunidade paroquial portuguesa, encoraja-se a participação de todos com o que puderam oferecer mas mais ainda é apreciada a vossa presença.

Mensagem Pascal: O Conselho Paroquial Português, deseja umas Santas e Alegres Festas Pascas a toda a nossa comunidade. Que o Senhor Ressuscitado abençoe esta comunidade com uma vontade genuína de unidade e amor fraterno e que nos continue a alimentar com o desejo de nos apoiarmos uns nos outros. De coração agradecido; queremos agradecer os serviços de apoio dados pelo Monsenhor Francis Cília e Pade Victor Trindade como também pelos sacerdotes que servem a nossa comunidade na celebração das nossas missas em português; padres: Paolo Gobbo, Pedro Sencion Perez, Prosper Molengi e Manuel de Sousa. Que sejam sempre abençoados e iluminados pelo o Espírito Santo, Bem Hajam!

Feliz Domingo da Festa da Ressurreição do Senhor, Alegres Festas Pascas



Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Ahora que finalmente hemos llegado a la fiesta de Pascua, nos alegramos en la Resurrección del Señor. Nos dejamos renovar por los mismos misterios que celebramos estos días y, de hecho, cada vez que nos reunimos alrededor de la Mesa del Señor: su Vida, Muerte y Resurrección. Sobre esto, el Cardenal Basil Hume comentó una vez: “El gran regalo de la Pascua es la esperanza, la esperanza cristiana que nos hace tener esa confianza en Dios, en Su triunfo final, y en Su bondad y amor, que nada puede sacudir”.

Caminando con el Señor y unos con otros, compartiendo la alegría de los recién bautizados en nuestra parroquia, nuestras ciudades, en nuestra Diócesis y en todo el mundo, profundizamos nuestro compromiso con la vida que el Bautismo ha abierto a cada uno de nosotros.

Si nos visitas por primera vez, esperamos que regreses pronto. A aquellos que se han alejado por algún tiempo, tal vez debido a la pandemia u otras razones personales, los hemos extrañado y estamos muy felices de que estén con nosotros hoy. Qué maravilloso regalo les has dado a todos al elegir estar en Saint Clare. ¡Nunca podremos estar completos hasta que te unas a nosotros nuevamente! Le agradecemos el privilegio de permitirnos servirle.

¡Que Dios los siga bendiciendo a ustedes, sus familias y sus seres queridos en esta Pascua y siempre!

Atentamente,

Monsignor Fran, Father Victor, Ryan Bao, Linda O. Brisuela, Roxana Cruz, Catherine Kogura, Esteban Lugardo, Sandra Quintanilla, y Anai Torres

Colecta del Quinto Domingo

La “Colecta del Quinto Domingo” que hacemos regularmente para la obra de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl se retomará el próximo fin de semana.

Días Feriados esta Semana

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada los lunes y martes, por el Lunes de Pascua (Pasquetta) y el Día de César Chávez. Las misas de esas mañanas serán a las 9:00 am. La oficina reabrirá el miércoles por la mañana.

Arte de Tierra Santa Olivewood

El fin de semana del 20/21 de abril, daremos la bienvenida a Bethlehem Artworks con ofrendas de obras religiosas talladas en madera de olivo. Puedes leer sobre las obras que respaldan estas ventas aquí: <https://bethlehemartworks.com>. Aproveche esta visita anual.

DOMINGO de PASCUA de la RESURRECCIÓN del SEÑOR



Faro de luz

Señor nuestro,
que venciste las tinieblas del mal,
vence también el temor del
corazón nuestro.

Nos regocijamos porque tu resurrección
nos libra de la esclavitud del pecado
y nos guía a la vida eterna.
Concédenos seguir el camino
que tu luz nos ilumina
y compartir el amor
que nos has dado.
Tú que vives y reinas con Dios Padre
en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,
por siempre y para siempre. Amén.

Domingo, 24 de marzo de 2024
¡Ha resucitado!



Lecturas del día: Hechos 10:34a, 37–43; Salmo 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colosenses 3:1–4; Juan 20:1–9. ¡El Señor ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! Nuestro júbilo de Pascua reconoce que la luz de Cristo ha vencido las tinieblas. Jesús vino a hacer la voluntad de Dios; pagó con su vida y ahora proclamamos su resurrección. De cara a su muerte, el Señor preparó a sus discípulos: “Dentro de poco ya no me verán, y poco después me volverán a ver” (Juan 16:16). El que Jesús haya vuelto de entre los muertos no debería haber sorprendido a los discípulos; sin embargo, los sorprendió. El evangelio de hoy nos dice, “Todavía no habían entendido que, según la Escritura, él debía resucitar de entre los muertos”.

Aun si uno lo entendiera, debería estar dispuesto a ver con los ojos del corazón y abrazar al Cristo resucitado.

Tras cuarenta días de penitencia de Cuaresma, durante cincuenta días celebramos la luz que vence las tinieblas. En el Tiempo Pascual se nos invita a meditar sobre cómo las acciones nuestras nos permiten ser luz para los demás. ¿Cómo ayuda usted a disipar la oscuridad de los demás? ¿Les lleva el mensaje de que Jesús está vivo? ¿Está dispuesto gritarlo? Al compartir la luz de Cristo que permea nuestras vidas, apreciamos la fe concedida. Por Jesucristo, Dios ha cumplido su promesa y nos ha dado vida eterna. No temamos regocijar nos en la vida nueva que se nos ha dado.



Esta semana en casa

Lunes, 1 de abril

Confianza

En el evangelio de esta semana Jesús se aparece ante sus discípulos en varios escenarios. Al orar con tales lecturas, es posible vernos reflejados en los encuentros. Al ver la tumba vacía, María Magdalena y la otra María sintieron temor y júbilo a la vez. ¿A cuántos no nos han detenido el temor? Estas mujeres confiaron en lo que lo que el ángel les dijo sobre el Señor. Cuando permitimos que el temor nos domine y paralice, surgen los problemas. En esos casos, busque la ayuda de Dios, que nos ha dado vida nueva. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 2:14, 22-33; Salmo 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mateo 28:8-15.*

Martes, 2 de abril

Conversión

Muchos de los seguidores de Jesús son como María de Magdala y no logran reconocer al Señor resucitado. Siguen buscando al Jesús que habían conocido antes de que este cumpliera su misión. Para reconocer al Jesús resucitado, debemos ver con los ojos del corazón, que están plenos de fe y de confianza en el Señor. Permítale al corazón una conversión verdadera en la que Dios viva con usted. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 2:36-41; Salmo 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Juan 20:11-18.*

Miércoles, 3 de abril

Pan de vida

Supongamos que usted es uno de los apóstoles y que ha seguido a Jesús con quien comparte el pan antes de que él muera. Entonces él desaparece, o eso es lo que usted cree. Tras la muerte de Jesús, los discípulos empezaron a sentirse solos y desilusionados. ¿Cuándo ha tenido un encuentro con alguien que resulta ser Jesús? En la misa, Jesús se convierte en el Pan de Vida. No nos ha abandonado; sigue con nosotros y nos ofrece apoyo espiritual. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 3:1-10; Salmo 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lucas 24:13-35.*

Jueves, 4 de abril

Agentes de paz

Cuando los discípulos dicen haber reconocido a Jesús cuando él partió el pan, él se les aparece y les dice, “La paz esté con ustedes”. En vez de alegrarse, los discípulos se asustan. Jesús tuvo que mostrarles las heridas para que le creyeran que había vuelto. Reflexione sobre este pasaje y considere si usted está en paz o no. ¿Lleva paz a los demás? ¿Hay alguien de corazón rebelde al que le haga falta que usted le ofrezca la paz? *Lecturas del día: Hechos 3:11-26; Salmo 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lucas 24:35-48.*

Viernes, 5 de abril

Hacia adelante

Los seguidores de Jesús han vuelto a su vida anterior. Mucha gente hace lo mismo. Luego de haber experimentado un encuentro verdadero con Cristo, es fácil que caigamos en lo mismo. El camino más arduo es seguir adelante en este viaje de fe. No importa cuán fácil y cómoda haya sido nuestra vida anterior, Cristo nos ha llamado a una vida nueva en la que nos entregamos a Dios. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 4:1-22; Salmo 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Juan 21:1-14.*

Sábado, 6 de abril

¿De verdad es él?

Al final de la primera semana de Pascua, considere cómo se ha dejado transformar. En su viaje de fe, ¿cuántas veces ha reconocido a Jesús y se ha abierto usted al cambio? ¿Ha habido ocasiones en la que Jesús bien habría podido reprocharle la incredulidad y la dureza de corazón tal como él se las reprochó a los apóstoles? Lea los encuentros que Jesús tuvo durante los días gloriosos de resurrección y medite cómo ha sido usted el Cristo viviente para los demás. Tómese a pecho el mensaje de luz y esperanza que nos trae la resurrección. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 4:13-21; Salmo 118:24; Marcos 16:9-15.*



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