

WELCOME to Epiphany

THE RISEN APPEARANCES

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. **After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living,** though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born."

OF JESUS

On June 26, 2000, ABC aired a documentary called The Search for Jesus. The network's leading news anchor, Peter Jennings, interviewed liberal and conservative scholars of early Christianity about what we can know historically concerning Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The series ended with a striking statement by New Testament scholar Paula Fredriksen, about the risen appearances of Jesus.

I know in their own terms what they saw was the raised Jesus. That's what they say, and then all the historic evidence we have afterwards attest to their conviction that that's what they saw. I'm not saying that they really did see the raised Jesus. I wasn't there. I don't know what they saw. But I do know that as a historian that they must have seen something.

Fredriksen is not alone in supposing that these followers must have seen *something*. Virtually every Bible scholar across the Western world, regardless of religious background, agrees that Jesus' earliest

A Bedrock Confession

According to the earliest sources we have on record for Jesus' death and resurrection, a hidden pearl is found within 1 Corinthians 15 (on previous page), Jesus appeared to multiple individuals and groups, and at least one enemy (St Paul). This creedal tradition, according to virtually all scholars, dates to within five years of Jesus' death. Through this source, we can reach back to the earliest years of the Christian movement in Jerusalem, to the bedrock confession of the earliest followers of Jesus.

This is what launched the world's largest religion. As a result of these appearances, Jewish fishermen began proclaiming to crowds in Jerusalem that "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Two thousand years later, the message of Jesus' death and resurrection is proclaimed by billions of Christians in nearly every nation and in almost every language on planet.

Now, more than ever, in this dark, plague-ridden world, your family, friends, and neighbors are looking for hope. The living Christ is the only hope for us all. Before Easter fades into the rush of everyday life, ask yourself...what did all those witnesses really see?

They say hope incarnate, new creation, life in its fullness, God in the flesh. Encourage your friends (and maybe yourself) to give the risen Jesus welcome in your heart.

Excerpts from Christianity Today

soulcraft

Unleash your creativity in an art-making session designed to enable you to express your Easter spiritual wonder, longing, and exploration. There will be two fun evenings of using paint, clay, crayon, marker, fabric, ribbon, collage—no experience, expertise, or skill needed! We'll provide the materials (and the wine and nibbles), along with some inspiring words about the creative process that is open to all of us.

MONDAY APRIL 15 7pm PARISH HALL & WEDNESDAY APRIL 24 7pm PARISH HALL

dancing for the Lord

As Catholics we are blessed with a rich tradition of liturgy. One of the key aspects of worship is movement, which allows us to show our respect for God. Dancing is an art-form where we give our bodies over to the Spirit to work through us to display something beautiful. It is a bodily expression of joy. It was through Christ's body that we heard his message and experienced his death and resurrection. Please join us for our Dancing for the Lord to experience this joy.

THURSDAY APRIL 18 7pm EPIPHANY CHURCH

hope

"Hope Ministry is a new Epiphany ministry for young adult women which will serve to empower and explore the role of women today in the Catholic Church. We will offer monthly discussions on relevant topics, and work together to build an "Empire of Hope" (Mother Cabrini) with service opportunities to support women in need across our NYC community.

SUNDAY APRIL 14 7pm PARISH HALL

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EVENTS

APR 14 - APR 21

I I:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
7:00pm Hope YA Women Ministry
7:30pm Young Adult Mass

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12:10pm Mass 12:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena 7:00pm Soulcraft

11:00am 22 Club 12:10pm Mass 2:30pm Prayer Corps 7:00pm Connect

12:10pm Mass 12:40pm OLPH (Church) 7:00pm Breaking Open The Word 7:00 pm Bereavement Reunion

12:10pm Mass 6:30pm SOS Group 7:00PM Young Adult Alpha 7:00pm Dancing for the Lord

12:10pm Mass

2:30pm Parish Alpha 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Food Drive
II:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
6:30pm Hope YA Women's Ministry
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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We can show our love for God by placing our treasure before Him.

We are so grateful that our parishioners showed God their hearts with their support of Christ's Bride, the Church, this Easter season.

Your Easter & Christmas giving provides vital support for our parish. We thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

Don't Forget Your Mother!

Throughout the month of May, every Mass will include a special prayer for mothers, living and deceased, who are listed on our Mother's Day envelopes, which can be found in the back of the church. Please complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest. We need our mothers, and our mothers need us and our prayers.

April 27-28 - 2nd Collection for Central & Eastern Europe

As an act of mercy for the suffering in central & eastern Europe, please show your support as generously as your means allow. Your kindness is a blessing to our parish and to our brothers & sisters around the world.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm Saturday Vigil: 4pm Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

4:00pm C. Patrick Wagner

Sunday, April 14

11:00am Harold Donnelly 7:30pm Julia Horvath

Monday, April 15

12:10pm John Boland

Tuesday, April 16

12:10pm Michael Larkin

Wednesday, April 17

12:10pm Vilma & Thomas Shea

Thursday, April 18

12:10pm intentions of Dominick Bianco

Friday, April 19

12:10pm Antonio Lacza

Saturday, April 20

4:00pm Dorothy Walsh

Sunday, April 21

11:00am Ines Graham

7:30pm Liam Dunne

Monday, April 22

12:10pm Salve Martinez Opeda

Tuesday, April 23

12:10pm Eleanore L. McGroarty

Sanctuary Lamp Altar Bread & Wine Apr 14 - Apr 20 Harold Donnelly

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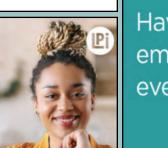
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