

MISSION STATEMENT

He Is

Risen.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER is a Eucharistic community of believers commissioned through our Baptism to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people. Out of our diversity we create unity through respect for every person, common celebrations, sacramental worship, Christian education of all ages, and outreach programs.

THE TOMB Is Empty.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 9, 2023

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship here today and hope you will find this community a place where your faith can be nourished. Visit the Parish Center or www.sjwchurch.com.

MASSES

Saturday 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. (Vigil) English 7:00 p.m. (Vigil) Spanish Sunday 7:30 a.m. Vietnamese 9:00, 10:30 a.m. English 12:00 p.m. Spanish Monday - Friday 6:30, 8:30 a.m. Holy Days 6:30 p.m. (Vigil) English 6:30, 8:30 a.m., 6:45 p.m. English 5:30 p.m. Vietnamese 8:00 p.m. Spanish

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Alberto Villalobos

Associate Pastor Rev. Thuan Nguyen

Associate Pastor Rev. R. Carlos Nava

Deacons Dn. Augusto "Gus" Mora Dn. Sergio Sandoval

School Principal Stephanie Guilbault

Faith Formation Director Bill Sparks

Youth Ministry and Confirmation J. P. Fernandez

Religious Education Karina Villanueva

Business Manager Mike Stafford

Parish Secretary Angela Escobar Giovanni Francesco Romanelli St John and St Peter at the empty tomb of Christ Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, England

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Parish Center Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 -7:00 p.m. • Sat.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Sun.: Closed

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass said for a loved one or for another intention, stop by the Parish Center to make arrangements.

| Sunday | April 9 |
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| 7:30 a.m. | Phero Nguyen Van Thanh (RIP) |
| 7:30 a.m. | Maria Pham Thi Linh (RIP) |
| 9:00 a.m. | John and Maria Dinh (RIP) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Imelda and Loy Enrique and Family |
| | (Thanksgiving) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Fred Bartholomeusz (RIP) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Edith Bartholomeusz (RIP) |
| 12:00 p.m. | Jonathan and Nancy Orenday (Anniversary) |
| Monday | April 10 |
| 6:30 a.m. | SJW Parishioners (Intentions) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Cynthia Sales (Get Well) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bienvenido Y. Sengson (Birthday) |
| Tuesday | April 11 |
| 6:30 a.m. | Stephanie Escobar (Birthday) |
| 6:30 a.m. | Fidel Ramirez De La Rosa (RIP) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Prospero C. Abad Santos, Jr. (RIP) |
| Wednesday | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Thu Tam (Get Well) |
| 6:30 a.m. | Ana Tran Yen (RIP) |
| 8:30 a.m. | SJW Parishioners (Intentions) |
| Thursday | April 13 |
| 6:30 a.m. | Joseph Vu (RIP) |
| 8:30 a.m. | SJW Parishioners (Intentions) |
| Friday | April 14 |
| 6:30 a.m. | SJW Parishioners (Intentions) |
| 8:30 a.m. | SJW Parishioners (Intentions) |
| Saturday | April 15 |
| 8:30 a.m. | Vincent Loc Ba Nguyen (RIP) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Hoang Vu (RIP) |
| 5:30 p.m. | SJW Parishioners (Intentions) |
| 5:30 p.m. | Joseph Derije (Birthday) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Gilberto and Giselle Gonzalez (RIP) |
| Sunday 7:30 a.m. | April 16 Joseph Do Cong Thua (RIP) |
| 7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. | Maria Dinh Thi Dao (RIP) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Jaime Hilao (RIP) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Nguyen Family (Intentions) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Bernadette Sales (Birthday) |
| 12:00 p.m. | Jorge Raul Diaz Alva (RIP) |
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PARISH LIFE



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Easter Sunday and Object Permanence

When you play peekaboo with a very young baby who has not yet developed object permanence, you actually feel kind of mean. As soon as your hands obscure your face, their little eyes widen with alarm and their expression crumbles into confusion and despair.

Because they can no longer see you, they believe you no longer exist. Their little brains are unable to understand that just because a thing cannot be seen, it is still there, still alive, still full of love and care and protection.

Aw, man, you can hear them thinking. I guess I don't have a mom anymore.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I'm sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn't matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren't ready to understand then. In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it, don't we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: "You weren't there. Where were you? I couldn't find you."

But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world — in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. — Colossians 3:2 $_{\rm CLPi}$

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence of the **Blessed Sacrament** every Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Get Involved By Serving the Poor

Have you ever wondered how you can help those in our community who are struggling? Perhaps God is calling on you to help people in need? Consider volunteering for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Our St. Joseph the Worker Conference has several opportunities for you to lend your time and talents to serve poor families or homeless persons. Whether it's helping with the weekly food pantry or preparing a hot lunch, volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul demonstrates our love for our neighbor and deepens our faith through service. And we also have a good time doing it!

SJW MEMORIAL SOCIETY

St. Joseph the Worker Memorial Society is intended as a meaningful and beautiful way for persons to remember their beloved deceased or to express their condolences to friends who have lost a loved one. Persons enrolled in the Memorial Society will share in the spiritual benefits of special Masses and prayers offered throughout the year, every year. A Mass is offered for those enrolled every first Saturday of the month at our 8:30 a.m. Mass. The enrollment list is kept in the Parish Center and is accessible during office hours. Each memorial is presented in a hand-some leatherette folder, containing an enrollment card where the name of the person remembered is inscribed, along with the person who enrolled the deceased. The leatherette folder with personalized enrollment card is particularly suitable on the occasion of a death, to bring to a viewing or funeral, or to send as an anniversary remembrance. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The St. Joseph the Worker Charismatic Prayer Group invites everyone to join us in the church every Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an evening of praise and worship, bible reflection, group sharing and every third Thursday is a scheduled healing service.

Healing Service:

April 20 - Fr. Bill Adams, St. Mary of the Assumption, Whittier, CA All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

We are accepting Mass Intention Requests for the period **April through June**. You may download and print the Mass Intention Request form from our website or get one at the Parish Center. Complete the form and deliver or mail it to the Parish Center with your \$10 per Mass donation. A check payable to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church is preferred; cash is accepted (exact amount, please). There is a limit of four requests per family. We do not accept phone requests.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary

Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Church) Friday 7:00 p.m. (Church) **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Church) **Grupo de Oración** Miércoles 7:00 p.m. (Salón Parroquial) **Charismatic Prayer Group** Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Process (Grades 8th - 12th) Year One – Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm OR Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am Year Two – Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm OR Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am

Information: JP Fernandez, ext. 1018

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Call the Parish Center.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament of healing is received by those who are seriously ill, approaching serious surgery, or near death. Please contact the Parish Center to arrange a convenient time. If a parishioner who has not been anointed is near death, please call the Parish Center at any hour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Wendy Pelamati, Hazel Villanueva, Sofia Mckee, Raul Andia, Juana Ibañez, Joseph Alvarez, Adorable Manabat, Kurt Backe, Sisters Erlinda and Angelina Pocasangre Escobar, John Rath

If you have a loved one or friend in our parish community who would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick please call the Parish Center.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently lost a loved one.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Information: Karina Villanueva, ext. 1016.

Schedule of Classes Elementary Grades 1–5 English Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. or Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Elementary Grades 1–5 Spanish Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Middle School Grades 6–8 English Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Special Education

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Elementary (Vietnamese) Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Curious about Catholicism and want to know more? Interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation?

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012.

Inquiry Classes

Adults (English) St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Adults and Youth or Teens (Spanish) Our Lady of Guadalupe Conference Room Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Adults (Vietnamese) St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres

St. Inerese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Youth or Teen 12-18 years (English) Youth Ministry Room (School Building) Two Wednesdays a month 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (English) St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres

Conference Rooms

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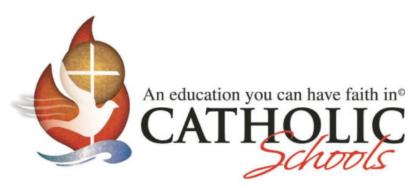
Children 7-12 years (Spanish) Youth Ministry Room (School Building) Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION FOR PRACTICING ADULTS

Calling those practicing adults that have not received Confirmation.

We are ready to present classes for preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is for adults that are baptized, have received First Holy Communion, have NOT been Confirmed and desire to complete their initiation. They must be regularly attending mass, receiving Holy Communion and going to Confession. Please contact us: jpf@sjwchurch.com; bill@sjwchurch.com, or call the parish office (818)341-6634. Let us know your full name, age, a phone number and the best time to contact you.

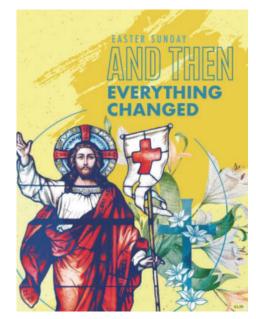
EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Call Karina at (818) 341-6634, ext. 1016 for information.





SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

La Arquidiócesis continúa ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Durante el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, y en nombre del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, afirmamos nuestro compromiso contínuo de reportar alegaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, apoyar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes en su jornada de sanación y proteger a los niños y a las demás personas vulnerables. Para ello, la Arquidiócesis creó un sitio

lacatholics.org/protect/, que sirve como una herramienta integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar el abuso. Si usted o alguien que conoce es víctima de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, contacte a las autoridades policiales y llame a la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o visite https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/ para ayuda y apoyo.

PARISH LIFE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven de-mons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons." Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified. Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did — Father John Muir ©LPi



SINH HOẠT GIÁO Xủ

LỜI CHÚA TRONG TUẦN 10-04-2023 ĐẾN 16-04 -2023

Thứ hai 10-04: Trang: 436-439

Thứ ba 11-04: Trang: 439-441

Thứ tư 12-04: Trang: 441-444

Thứ năm 13-04: Trang: 444-447

Thứ sáu 14-04: Trang: 448-451

Thứ bẩy 15-04: Trang: 451-453

Chúa nhật 16-04: Chúa Nhật II Mùa Phục Sinh Trang: 453-456

IN THE COMMUNITY

RESPECT LIFE

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline (800) 973-7334 Abortion Recovery Help (877) 467-3463; www.rachelsvineyard.org

Angels Way Maternity Home (818) 346-2229



VALLEY FAMILY CENTER

We are located in the city of San Fernando. All services are in English/Spanish. Counseling services include: Marriage, family and child. Special groups: Teen girls, children 5 - 12, children of divorced couples, victims of abuse, children's bereavement group, parenting educational classes, domestic violence perpetrator groups (as needed) Sliding scale fees. Call (818) 365-8588.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 (24)/ Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Co 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Mt 28, 1-10 **Lunes:** Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/ Mt 28, 8-15

Martes: Hch 2, 36-41/Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22/Jn 20, 11-18 Miércoles: Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 24, 13-35 Jueves: Hch 3, 11-26/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 24, 35-48 Viernes: Hch 4, 1-12/Sal 117, 1-2 y 4. 22-24. 25-27/Jn 21, 1-14 Sábado: Hch 4, 13-21/Sal 117, 1 y 14-15. 16-18. 19-21/ Mc 16, 9-15

Domingo: Hch 2, 42-47/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 (1)/1 Pe 1, 3-9/Jn 20, 19-31

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

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REQUISITOS PARA LA CELEBRACION DE QUINCE AÑOS

1. Reunirse con la secretaria parroquial o llamarla al (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003 para hacer arreglos no antes de 5 meses de la fecha deseada.

2. Presentar una copia u original de los certificados de Bautismo y Primera Comunión.

 Deben estar ya confirmadas, en el programa de confirmación o mostrar prueba de que están registradas, AN-TES DE QUE UNA FECHA PUEDA SER RESERVADA.
 Asistir a misa regularmente.

5. La familia debe ser feligrés de la iglesia San José Obrero, ya sea porque vive dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia, o es miembro registrado.

6. Bajo circunstancias especiales, podemos considerar familias de otras parroquias, si la fecha deseada está disponible. La cuota para los que no son feligreses es lo que su propia parroquia cobre por una misa de 15 años.
7. Requerimos un depósito no reembolsable de \$200 para reservar la fecha.

VIDA PARROQUIAL

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Los invitamos a estar en la presencia del Santísimo
 Sacramento todos los viernes de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Los Primeros Viernes tendremos el Santo
 Rosario a las 7:00 p.m. seguido de la misa en español a las 7:30 p.m.



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

El mensaje de Pascua: ¡Cristo ha Resucitado! se repite en cada una de las lecturas de la Eucaristía. Señor, gracias por abrirnos las puertas del cielo. No te quedaste en la tumba, saliste victorioso de ella para nuestra salvación. "¿Qué has visto de camino, María, en la mañana? A mi Señor glorioso, la tumba abandonada, los ángeles testigos, sudarios y mortaja. ¡Resucitó de veras mi amor y mi esperanza!" (Secuencia de la mañana de resurrección). Por consecuencia debemos ir perdiendo el miedo a la muerte. Las tumbas son lugares de reposo y son provisionales. La muerte ha sido vencida.

¿Crees esto? ¿Cuál es tu esperanza en esta Pascua del 2023? Creer en la resurrección, no es solo reflexionar en lo que pasó en aquel momento lejano, sino estar seguros que en cada momento difícil de nuestra vida presentimos y descubrimos la resurrección. El mensaje de Pascua para todos los que sufren es el siguiente: estén seguros de que Dios no abandona a sus hijos e hijas y que saldrán vencedores como su Hijo. Alegrémonos y no tengamos miedo, busquemos siempre la presencia de Jesús en las tribulaciones y estemos seguros que su presencia real resucitada está presente en la Eucaristía. La Pascua de Jesús, se hace presente entre nosotros en cada persona que hace labores de amor y de justicia en la familia, la comunidad y en la sociedad. Cristo resucita-do, que tu Espíritu nos anime y sostenga para vivir como verdaderos bautizados. ©LPi

Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor • 9 de abril del 2023



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WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

St. Joseph the Worker is a special place, where we are touched daily by God's presence among us. Rooted in the legacy of our founding parishioners, we have become the dynamic faith community we cherish today. A gift to the future of our parish will support its spiritual richness and many good works for generations to come.

Please remember St. Joseph the Worker in your will or trust. To learn more about planned giving opportunities that can benefit St. Joseph the Worker, please contact the Parish Center or Kimberly Jetton, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Los Angeles; (213) 637-7504; plannedgiving@la-archdiocese.org.

To make a gift: Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the benefit of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

PARISH REGISTRATION

To promote a spirit of belonging, we encourage all who worship here to become registered parishioners. Having registered makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education enrollment, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and funerals. Simply attending Mass here does not make you a registered parishioner. Please call or visit the Parish Center to request a registration form or complete the form online at the parish website: www.sjwchurch.com. Also, please contact the Parish Center if you have a new address or phone number. The staff is able to serve you better if the parish records are accurate.

REQUESTING USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

Parish and School groups that would like to reserve any facility in the parish must contact Angela Escobar in the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003. Only rooms reserved in advance are open. If your group needs to cancel a reservation, please let Angela know so that the room can be made available to another group. Also, if your group needs a particular room arrangement, please bring a copy of the requested floor plan to the Parish Center a week ahead.

BULLETIN AND MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline (strictly observed) for submission of **Bulle**tin and **Mass** announcements is the previous Monday at noon. Deliver a copy of the bulletin or Mass announcement to the Parish Center or email it to Angela Escobar: angela_escobar4@hotmail.com. To submit a photo to accompany the bulletin text, send a digital file (jpeg or TIF), color or black/white, 300 dpi. See the front cover for the parish mailing address and fax number. For more information please contact Angela Escobar, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003.



The trumpet-shaped blossom of the Easter Lily (*Lilium longiflorum*) joyfully announces the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Christian world. This beautiful white bloom has become the traditional Easter flower, symbolizing purity, hope, life, and renewal—the spiritual essence of the paschal season.

Legend tells us that after Jesus' death and resurrection, some of these beautiful flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray the night before his crucifixion. It is said that these flowers sprung up where drops of his sweat and tears fell as he prayed during his last hours.

Gracing homes and churches, the flower embodies joy, hope, and life, a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time to rejoice and celebrate.

> May God's abundant love bless you in a special way this Easter.