

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY as Vital Light and Might

Lenten Reflections - 28-29 March 2019 - St. Joseph the Worker Parish

After every Eucharistic consecration of bread and wine, what we proclaim as the “mystery of faith” is what we most solemnly celebrate during the Holy Week –from Passion Sunday to Easter Sunday.

“One who has a *why* to live for,” so affirms a German adage, “can bear with almost any *how*.”

In Lenten preparation for the Holy Week, you are cordially invited to join our parish community in reflecting anew on the Paschal Mystery:

- What *meaningful light (why)* can it shed on our journey from womb to tomb?
- And what *sustaining might (how)* can it give to our “pursuit of happiness”?

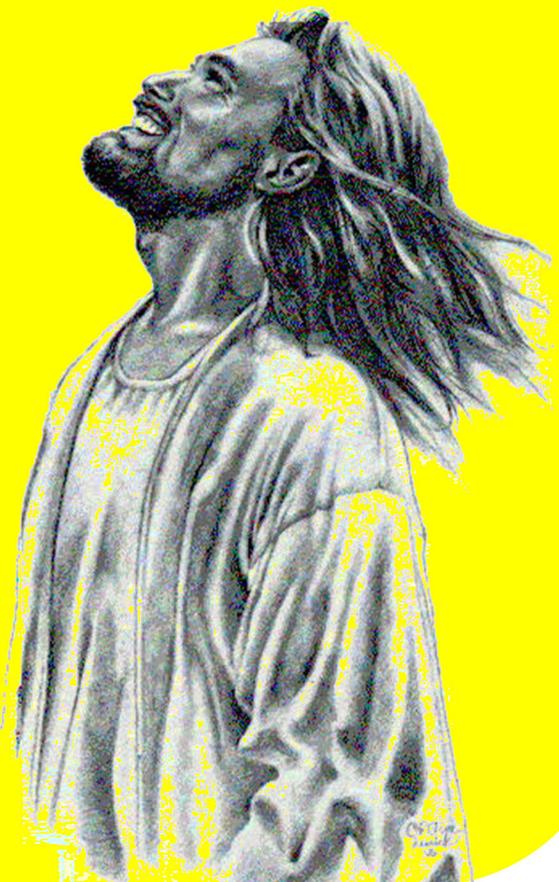
March 28, Thursday †† **FIRST REFLECTION**
Right after the 7:00 PM mass

FAITH AS *VIA CRUCIS* (Way of the Cross)

March 29, Friday †† **SECOND MEDITATION**
Right after the 7:00 PM mass

HOPE AS *RISUS PASCHALIS* (Easter Laughter)

***Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory!***



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