



MISSION MATTERS

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Look after the land and the land will look after you, destroy the land and the land will destroy you."

Aboriginal Proverb



CATHOLIC Q&A

What does Pope Francis say about the environment?

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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- 04/02: Palm Sunday - Christianity
- 04/04: Mahavir Jayanti - Jainism
- 04/5-13: Passover - Judaism
- 04/09: Easter - Christianity
- 04/17-18: Yom HaSho'ah - Judaism
- 04/14: Vaisakhi - Sikhism
- 04/16: Feast of Divine Mercy - Christianity
- 04/21-22: Eid al-Fitr - Islam
- 04/21: Ridvan - Baha'i



AN EASTER REFLECTION: Meeting Jesus, the Resurrected One

If you read the gospels carefully (John 20: 1-2, 11-17), you will see that each one tells a different story of Jesus' resurrection. The Gospels are not Jesus' biography; they are descriptions of the disciples' experience of Jesus – and each person, depending on their personal experience and the audience for whom they are writing, tells the story of their relationship with Jesus in a different way. We each live the story of the Resurrected Jesus in our lives – and the life of the congregation – as well, but again, because of our different experiences in life and in our relationship with Jesus, we would tell the story differently.

In John, Easter time is a time of absence and presence, of learning to accept and experience Jesus in a new way. This mirrors the hills and valleys of our lives; we do not live always of the mountain top, basking in God's love for us. Often, we struggle to recognize Jesus in the circumstances around us, but he is always there.

John 20 begins with the words, "On the first day of the week..." This signifies a new time, Christian time, a new way of relating with God.

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WORKPLACE RITUALS

By Joannie Watson

Over the last couple of weeks, I have looked at the benefits of rituals in our lives. We have seen how rituals can set us up for success and help alleviate stress. We looked at the importance of something like a morning ritual and how we could improve what we're already doing.

Today I want to specifically look at rituals in the workplace. Like the morning ritual, you have rituals at work, whether you know it or not. The question is: are they helping or hurting you?

Similar to the morning rituals we looked at last week, we want to ask ourselves how we start our workday. Some of us have a long commute in traffic; others walk across the hall to their home office. But when your workday begins, what happens?

By implementing a ritual to begin your workday—and blocking that time off on your calendar!—you set yourself up for success for the rest of the day. For example, maybe your ritual is to come into the office, get your coffee and talk to a few coworkers, fire up your computer, check emails and voice-mails, and look over the calendar for the day.

Perhaps that's a good ritual for you. But there are a few danger spots.

Daily habits, and the discipline it takes to implement them and persevere in them, helps us build virtue. Implementing these rituals will help us live the vocation God has given us to the best of our ability. After all, virtue is found in doing daily work well. St. Josemaria warned, "Since we should behave at all times as God's envoys, we must be very much aware that we are not serving him loyally if we leave a job unfinished; if we don't put as much effort and self-sacrifice as others do into the fulfillment of professional commitments."

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OUR CORE VALUES

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2022-2023 Focus

PUTTING *COMPASSION* INTO ACTION! STOP FAMILY DETENTION!

Tell the Biden Administration Family Detention is Immoral!

Recent reports revealed the Biden administration is considering re initiating family detention as a strategy to deter migrants from seeking refuge. We have been through this before and we know family detention is inhumane and ineffective and it causes harmful and toxic stress on children, regardless of the duration of stay. The impacts of detention can last a lifetime.

The conditions in detention facilities are abusive, meager, and beyond inappropriate for the healthy development of children and adults. Migrants seeking refuge deserve protection and opportunities. Instead, the administration is considering meeting them with cruelty.

President Biden ran on the promise to deliver humane immigration policies. This is far from it!

Join us in telling the White House family detention is not the way!

Tell the White House migrant families deserve to be together and free! Click [here](#) to sign petition!

SOJOURNERS

faith in action for social justice

PRAYERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2023

from religionsforpeace.org

Buddhism: Even as a mother protects with her life, her child, her only child, so with a boundless heart Should one cherish all living beings, Radiating kindness over the entire world, Spreading upwards to the skies, And downwards to the depths. ~ Metta Sutta

Christianity: Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ~Matthew 6:28

Hinduism: Even if there is only one tree full of flowers and fruit in a village, that place becomes worthy of worship and respect. ~Mahabharata, Adiparra, 138:25

Indigenous Native American: Earth teach me stillness as the grasses are stilled with light. Earth teach me suffering as old stones suffer with memory. Earth teach me humility as blossoms are humble with beginning. Earth teach me caring as the mother who secures her young. ~ Ute Prayer

Islam: Do not cut down a tree, do not abuse a river, do not harm animals, and be always kind and humane to God's creation, even to your enemies. ~ Abu-Baker

Jainism: One who disregards the existence of earth, air, fire, water, and vegetation Disregards his or her own existence which is entwined with them. ~ Mahavir

Judaism: But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; In the Lord's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all humankind. ~ Job 12:7-10

Sikhism: God created night and day, seasons, time, and occasions. So also, air, water, fire, and nether regions. Amidst these has God fixed the earth, the place for Righteous Activities. ~ Guru Granth Sahib

Taoism: Heaven cannot but be high. Earth cannot but be broad. The sun and moon cannot but revolve. All creation cannot but flourish. To do so is their Tao. ~ Chuang Tze

Shintoism: Our gratitude, love, and responsibility within a living nature should not be avoided. Seeing a forest as merely an object of economic activity is a kind of trafficking in flesh, an injustice, a crime. ~ Shoroku Shinto Yamatoyama

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