

## Gospel Reflection

For most of us, the word, Easter, brings thoughts of Jesus coming back to life on that Sunday morning 2,000 years ago. And that's right; it should. That resurrection is what we celebrate on Easter and every day that we come together around the table of the Eucharist. But maybe that's too small a view of the resurrection we have in Jesus...

In our day-to-day living, we also experience "little deaths" that don't seem so little as we go through them. The emotional death found in divorce; the financial death experienced in bankruptcy, or the physical death of losing someone we love. During these moments of grief and loss we feel as though everything is gone; we find ourselves helpless and hopeless, not yet seeing the resurrection to new life that will surely follow.

This is what the poet, Robert Morneau, means when he writes of "Easter eyes":

*For to see in death, life,  
in guilt, forgiveness,  
and in wounds, glory,  
is to be a person of the resurrection.  
Mary Magdalene had Easter eyes.  
She saw (and heard) a gardener  
and was born anew.*

May this Easter be a time of seeing the daily deaths in our own lives with "Easter eyes," open to the possibility of daily resurrections – a time for seeing more clearly all the gifts of new life that are with us today. Let this be the Easter when we realize that resurrection is not only what happened in today's Gospel story but also what is happening in our story, right here – right now.

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## KEEPING FAITH FIRST FAMILY FUN

*John 20:1-9*

D X M B D E E I T U G U B  
E D C U H Z L M A N H A T  
V A N R B X K P I N S N M  
E E I I T F K N I I H A Z  
I D W A Z H R I M C R O J  
L Y V L L O F O K Y S R J  
E Z N C M T N K R A D I Z  
B A E L Q P S T O N E S D  
R B K O E X M P Y G G E L  
D N A T S R E D N U K F F  
B J E H O G V J D Y T T R  
N R Z S N M C E J S A W N  
A A G Z T Y B L R W Z M M

**Find these words from the Gospel passage.**

BELIEVED	RAN	DARK
DEAD	DISCIPLE	JOHN
MARY	MORNING	BURIAL CLOTHS
RISE	SAW	SIMON PETER
STONE	TOMB	UNDERSTAND

## Disciple's Reflection & Questions of the Week

*The Resurrection of the Lord  
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*John 20:1-9  
Faith-Sharing  
Questions of the Week*



*(This Scripture  
and faith-sharing resource is provided every week  
for use with parish groups)*

### ***Our Lady of the Assumption***

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## Call to Prayer

*We begin by calling upon God:*

**In the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*We then pause for a moment to listen with  
our hearts to this week's Gospel passage...*

## The Word of God: ]É{Ç

### *The Gospel according to John*

On the first day of the week Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and **the other disciple** whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciples went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the **burial cloths** there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloth there and the cloth that had covered this head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

### *The Gospel of the Lord*



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### Gospel Glossary

**the other disciple:** this phrase is used to refer to John.

**burial cloths:** the linens in which the body of Jesus had been wrapped.

## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week

- What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to me, personally?
- When have I experienced a "little death" in my life? What is my experience of "resurrection," after that death?
- Easter is a joyful reminder that love is stronger than death. How will I sustain that joy and hope during the fifty days of the Easter season and beyond?

## Closing Prayer

*God our father,*

*By raising Christ your son you  
conquered the power of death and  
opened for us the way to eternal  
life. Let our celebration of Easter  
raise us up and renew our lives by  
the Spirit that is within us. Grant  
this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son.*

*Amen.*

**The Resurrection of the Lord**