

Three things in life that, once gone, never comes back—

- Time
- Words
- Opportunity

Three things in life that may never be lost—

- Peace
- Hope
- Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable—

- Love
- Self-confidence
- Friends

Three things in life that are never certain—

- Dreams
- Success
- Fortune

Three things that make a man/woman—

- Hard Work
- Sincerity
- Commitment

Three things in life that can destroy a man/woman—

- Alcohol/Drugs
- Pride
- Anger

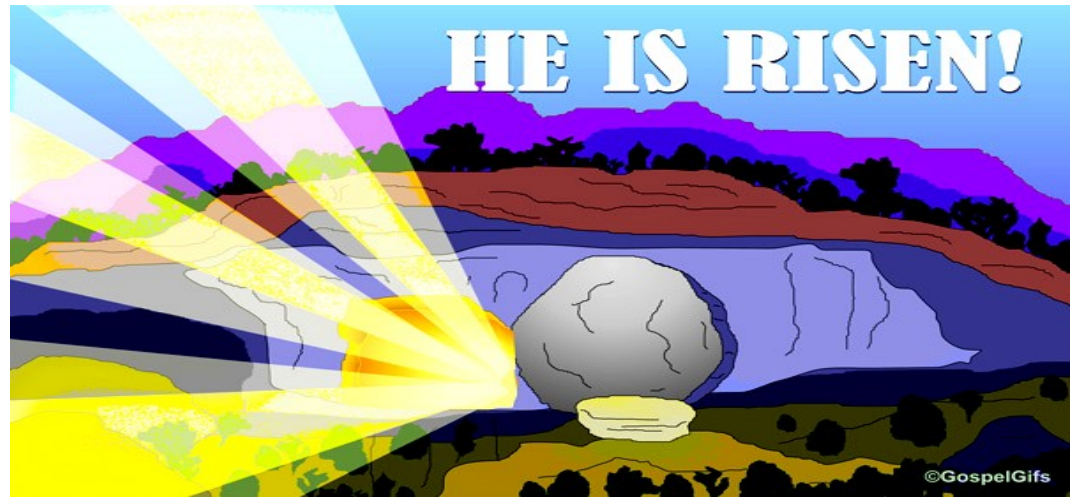
Three things that are truly constant—

- Father
- Son
- Holy Spirit

# EPHAPHATHA



*MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED MOTHER*



Dear Friends,

Sometimes after preparing for an event, getting all the food ready, the house cleaned up, and inviting just the right guests, the event seems to come and go, and we are left with the feeling of; "is that it?" For forty days we fasted, prayed, and in a very intentional way, served the poor, preparing for the great feast of Easter. Easter Sunday can come and go, and we are left with the feeling; "is that it?"

The answer is "no!" Easter is the most important feast day for Christians. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, all of our faith would be useless and silly. For 50 days after Easter, we celebrate Easter. For 8 days after Easter Sunday (the octave of Easter) we celebrate each day as if it is Easter Sunday. Every Sunday throughout the year (52 of them) we celebrate Easter Sunday. There is no way we can forget we are a "Easter People!" so much do we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

I pray your Lent was a great time of spiritual renewal. Perhaps use the Easter Season to implement some of your Lenten practices. Be assured of Sister Eula's and my prayers this season, and remember that Easter is not just a day, it is how we look at the world!

Father Ken VanHaverbeke

**Happy Birthday to—**

- 04—Lauren Marname
- 05—Chelsea Smeltzer
- 15—Timothy Laudick
- 17—Mykayla Schwebke

**Happy Anniversary to—**

- 25—Fr. Ken VanHaverbeke  
Ordination
- 26—Kent-Dibs Willis
- 29—Bill-Christina Pyles



**SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY**

- 01—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
- 01—St. Joseph the Worker
- 03—St Philip-St. James the Less: Apostles
- 08—Mother’s Day
- 13—Our Lady of Fatima
- 14—St Matthias, Apostle
- 21—Armed Forces Day
- 25—St. Mary Magdalene
- 30—Memorial Day (observed)
- 31—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our sympathy goes to Sue Nunn on the death of her husband, Myron (Mike) who passed away March 25, 2011. You have our prayers. Keep in touch with the Catholic Deaf Community. God bless you!



**Luke 1:39-56**—This passage in Luke’s Gospel gives the account of Mary’s visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. Both are pregnant: Mary is pregnant with Jesus and Elizabeth is pregnant with John the Baptist.

Elizabeth greets her cousin with the words we are familiar with in the Hail Mary. The Visitation is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. This account centers mainly on the *mystery* of Jesus. This feast can be seen as the earliest church’s devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth’s words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only then does she praise Mary for trusting God’s words. This passage ends with Mary’s Magnificat. Here Mary herself traces all her greatness to God.

Take some time this month, dedicated to the Blessed Mother to meditate on the words of the passage from Luke’s Gospel and on the words of the Magnificat and the Hail Mary, two prayers from this feast.

This feast reminds us to be charitable to our neighbors. Elizabeth is the patron of expectant mothers. Pray for them and all unborn babies.

**Prayers Honoring the Blessed Mother**

Rosary

Memorare

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail Holy Queen

Angelus (prayed in the morning, at noon and in the evening)

Regina Coeli (prayers during the Easter Season)

Magnificat

Salve Regina

Hail Mary





## St. Joseph the Worker

For many years, Labor Day has become simply the final weekend of summer, signaling the end of vacations and cookouts and the start of school. There 's a reason why Labor Day bears that name: It was meant as a celebration of American workers.

In Europe, such celebrations usually take place on May Day—May 1, but they have long been taken over by socialists and communists. In 1955, Pope Pius XII, a staunch anticommunist who was also critical of the excesses of capitalism, established the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 in an attempt to remind Catholics of the Christian dignity of labor. As we have our cookouts and take our vacations this summer, we might spare a few prayers to St. Joseph the Worker, who in his typically quiet way provided Christians with the best example of labor in the service of God. St Joseph is the patron of workers, especially carpenters. He also patron of the Universal Church and fathers.



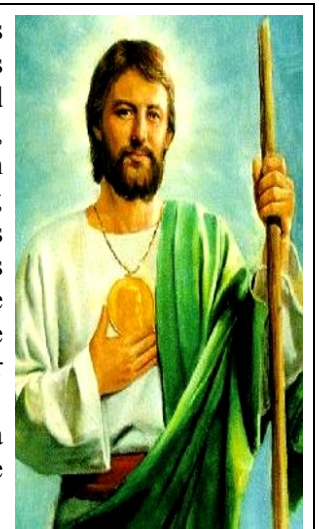
Read about St. Philip the Apostle in **John's Gospel** : 1:45-47; 6:5-7; 12:21-23; and 14:8-9; also in the **Acts of the Apostles** 8:26-40 which tells the story of what occurs in the picture shown here of Philip and the eunuch.

Philip is connected to Nathanael, sometimes called Bartholomew

Philip's death was by crucifixion.

James, son of Alphaeus is often identified with James the Less who is mentioned only 3 times in the Bible, each time in connection with his mother: Mk:15-40; 16:1; and Mt 27:56. He is distinguished from James the Greater possibly since he was called as an apostle later, was shorter or younger.

He was beaten to death by a club. He is depicted as here holding a fuller's club



*May is Mary's month. May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary refers to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May. These have been a regular feature of Catholic life—Suggestions are: 1) The best is to have family recitation of the Rosary; 2) especially in Catholic Grade Schools the children will have a May Crowning along with a May procession; 3) May Altars—place a picture or statue of Mary with a candle, flowers, on a pretty cloth—a good place to gather for the family rosary. See page 2 of this newsletter for other prayers in honor of Mary.*



## Change of Address

Please note that Eula Conratt has a new address as of May 2nd. Her address is—1240 N. Broadmoor Rm 37, Wichita, KS 67206

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Sue Nunn on the death of her husband Myron "Mike" Nunn. We will miss his friendly smile and support.

Myron passed away on March 25th. Feast of the Annunciation. May the Blessed Mother Mary welcome him into the presence of her Son.