



HE IS RISEN!

O Glorious Lord Jesus, Your rising from the dead is the beginning of our new life. Sustain us in the Joy of your Resurrection.

Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise-Easter

Dear Friends,

As I ponder over the words “He Is Risen” I find myself wondering if I am fully grasping all that this means. The magnitude of this belief in the Resurrection of Jesus is overwhelming at times. I find it easier to say “Happy Easter”, “Peace and Blessings” or “Rejoice Always”. I pray to have the grace to delve deeper into this reality of faith, that can **change everything**, if I let it.

In the 17th century there was a famous French spiritual writer, Jean Pierre de Caussade, who explains for me the deeper meaning of the words ‘He Is Risen’.

He wrote these words,

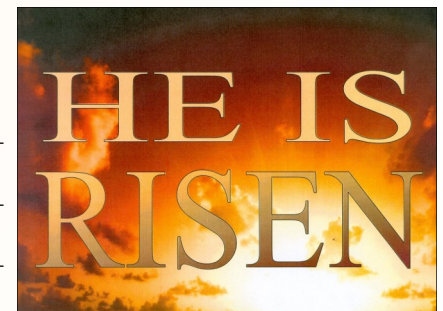
Faith sees the work of divine action in everything. It sees that Jesus Christ lives in all things, extending his influence over the centuries so that the briefest moment and the tiniest atom contain a portion of that hidden life and its mysterious work. Jesus Christ, after his resurrection, surprised the disciples when he appeared before them in disguise...the same Jesus still lives and works among us, still surprises...there is no moment when God is not manifest...everything that happens to us, in us, and through us, embraces and conceals God’s divine but veiled purpose...if we could pierce that veil and if we were vigilant and attentive, God would unceasingly reveal himself to us and we would rejoice in his works...and we would say, “It is the Lord.”

The Sacrament of the Present Moment

Please remember the following persons and intentions in the Mass at the Motherhouse Chapel on Easter Sunday and in all the Masses to be celebrated during the Easter Season.

PERSONS—INTENTIONS

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An Easter Gift

You and your intentions will be remembered in a Mass to be celebrated on Easter Sunday in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Franciscan Sisters as well as Masses said throughout the year.

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Please send me _____ Easter Cards.

In my last two letters I wrote to you about my visit to our Sisters in the missions in Brazil and Jamaica. While I have not yet been to Bolivia I have met our Sisters and have been deeply moved by their simplicity and how they have let the reality of the Resurrection change their lives and those of the poor everyday.

Srs. Maria and Elvira have a gentleness with the children that exudes the presence of Jesus as you may observe in these photos. The care with which they serve lunch or a cup of water or listen intently to one's concerns is a humbling and joyful experience.

Here in La Paz, the Sisters are not only friends they are the community's major support. **They are there** when a family builds a hut, or adds a door to a one room shelter. **They are there** to give a bag of corn or rice to the hungry, to visit the elderly and to provide help when there is need for medical care. And **they are there** to give religious instruction and announce the good news of the gospel! All these actions, also known as the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, bring NEW LIFE and NEW HOPE. You also do the same when you share your



Sr. Elvira Donaldson



Sr. Maria Miranda

goodness with them. And that is the Lord!

My friends, once again as we celebrate our faith reality "He Is Risen", I ask your support. Your gift, no matter the size, helps our missionaries in Bolivia, Brazil, Jamaica and USA to give the poor what they need.

In the name of St. Elizabeth Mission Society I thank you and pray that you and yours will be blessed abundantly by the Lord.

Happy Easter.....Peace.....Rejoice
Always.....
HE IS RISEN.....indeed!

Lovingly,
Sr. M. Chris Doherty, OSF
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St. Elizabeth Mission Society Director

Dear Sister Chris,

Yes, I would like to reach out to the poor so they may have new life.

I am enclosing my gift of:

_____ \$200 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ \$

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

