



**E**ASTER milestones were commemorated at the *Holy Thursday Paraliturgy*, on April 13, and the Academy 'ohana celebrated, **"NOW I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVES!"**

*"Wishing you and your family a Happy and Blessed Easter, fresh with new joys and promises and love and happiness!"*

**“** *In my family, we learned the significance of Easter as the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of New Life through a traditional family activity – gathering on Holy Saturday to color eggs which were put in nine baskets, one for each family member. These were placed on the porch, waiting for the Easter Bunny to visit. The next morning, we found the baskets filled with jelly beans, chocolate eggs and other goodies!*



*After going through the basket's treasure trove, we donned special spring outfits and walked to Saint Patrick's Church for Easter Mass.*

*I join the Sisters in wishing all of the Academy 'ohana a very joyous celebration of the Risen Lord!"*

– Sr. Regina Mary Jenkins, SS.CC., Provincial

**“** *Easter is a time for family, friends and loved ones to celebrate. A time to give thanks to one another for their love. Most especially, we thank God for our daily gifts and for helping us embrace life and persevere during challenges.*



*On behalf of the Parent Organization, I hope each of you have a wonderful and blessed Easter weekend."*

– Levin Matsukawa, Parent Organization President

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## From the Head of School

### EASTER GREETINGS

The Lenten season started with our Ash Wednesday celebration in torrential downpours of rain in March, but this special season of spiritual growth has been



marked for our students and staff by many events to remind them that prayer, fasting and sharing with others are important ways of following Jesus onto the Cross.

The celebration on this Holy Thursday reminded our students of the three most sacred events of the Christian faith – the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

The students have lived through the 40 days of Lent in which they have been encouraged to spend more time in prayer and be more attentive to the spirit and the needs of other people.

Use the foundation your daughter has received in school to enrich the Easter experience in your family.

Let us all breathe deeply and say "thank you" for life on this glorious weekend. Read to a child. Visit a senior citizen. Email a friend. Hug your daughter. Call your siblings. Marvel at the beauty of a tulip.

*Betty White*

“ The annual celebration of Easter is always such a spiritual, uplifting event that brings light into any darkness. Like the coming of spring after a harsh winter, it gives renewed hope to a world weary of sadness and pain.

The song the students danced to at the end of our Holy Thursday prayer service tells it all, 'I know my Redeemer lives...The same gentle hand that holds me when I'm broken, they conquered death to bring me victory!'

Truly, we are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

– Sr. Katherine Francis Miller, SS.CC.,  
Campus Minister



“ Easter is a time of new life – not only because it is in the spring, but also since Jesus resurrected on this day and, later, ascended to Heaven.

Easter also signifies happiness and is a time to spend with family. And, on this day, I attend Easter Sunday Mass with my family before we enjoy brunch together and join our extended 'ohana for an Easter egg hunt. On this weekend, we celebrate each other's company!"

– Jasmine Policarpio, Grade 10

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“ My family goes on a hunt for Easter eggs outside. The colors of the eggs will be a surprise this year!  
I love to have yummy Easter dinner with my family and eat spaghetti!”

– Teiler Costa, Junior Kindergarten (right)



“ Easter means ‘new life’ and a ‘new beginning’ for my family.  
With Jesus’ victory over death, his Resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that he granted to those who believe in Him. When there’s despair, there’s hope, even in the midst of struggles and difficulties.

Like at Christmas, we, as a family, come together from all corners of the world to celebrate this ‘renewal’ together.”

– Reme Tam, Lower School Vice Principal (above middle)

“ My family and I celebrate Easter by spending time together and hunting for Easter eggs. Every year, we bring a different kind of food to share with everyone. And, before we eat, we pray to Jesus to thank him for everything and for the sacrifice he made for us.”

– Madeline Eakin, Grade Three (above left)



“ Easter is the biggest and most important holiday in the Liturgical year and should be celebrated as such. It is a time to celebrate how Jesus has conquered death and saved us from our sins!

Not only is it a time to celebrate his resurrection, but to spend time with family and friends. And, every year, my family and I enjoy Easter parties with friends from our church.”

– Kiele Harrison, Grade Nine (left)

“ My seven-year-old grandson relates Easter to the Easter Bunny and all this ‘brings to the party’ – decorating eggs, Easter egg hunts, marshmallow Peeps, going to church – though not fully understanding why, and having a special dinner with grandparents and family.

From my perspective, Easter is a special time to keep childhood traditions – like my grandson’s – alive. But also, it is a time to show our children the importance of having a foundation of faith recognizing Jesus as our Lord and Savior!”

– Karen Muramoto, Director of Admissions (above right)

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“Easter is a time to rejoice that Jesus has risen and has returned to Heaven. It is a time to be shared with loved ones and to be thankful for everything that I have around me.

As a tradition, my family and I attend Sunday Easter Mass to celebrate.”

– Kekaimalie Woods, Grade 11 (left middle)

“Lent is a time of sacrifice and remorse when we reflect on our wrongdoings. It is a test of patience, when we wait for the goodness and joy received in Easter. It is a time to appreciate the blessings we have in our lives, which we often take for granted in this busy world.

Easter is a beautiful celebration of the love and life we encounter each day, which is more deeply appreciated at this time of year.”

– Kate Hennion, Grade 12 (above middle)

“Easter is about renewal and love, and each year, my family and I celebrate by going to church together. After service, I serve with the Children’s Ministry so their parents can attend the celebration and commemorate this special time of year.

It is a blessing to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, not just once a year, but daily as well. This demonstrates that we can, indeed, be promised eternal life in Heaven with Jesus as our Savior!”

– Randy Fong, College Counselor (above left)

“This Easter, the thoughts in my heart are for my grandmother who is battling cancer. I am praying that she and all families who are fighting cancer recover safely and happily.

Easter is a time to spend with family and be thankful and appreciate how Jesus sacrificed his life for us as well as all the people in my life!”

– Bailey Saito-Ho, Grade Seven (right)



“Easter is the holiday of new beginnings! We are again reminded that God has started a good work in all of us – to love and to forgive. For me, Easter gives me another chance to extend God’s grace to my family, friends and neighbors, and I wish everyone a blessed Easter!

– Cleo Eubanks, Director of Student Activities (above left)

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“ My grandma baked Portuguese sweet bread for us to enjoy each year for our special Easter breakfast when I was growing up. She even made loaves for all the neighbors.

Before putting the bread in the oven to bake, she always made the ‘Sign of the Cross’ over it. I will never forget this special touch that made the bread much more special because she made her Easter bread with love!”

– Lacey Teshima, Grade Four Teacher (left)



“ Every year, I look forward to Easter, and I love waking up to the smell of chocolate chip pancakes which are so delicious!

I especially love the chance to make that one special wish – that my Papa could be with my family and me. I never met my Papa, but I heard so many wonderful things about his kind heart and thoughtful ways.

I also heard he loved money, just like me! My Granny says that I am the ‘banker’s granddaughter,’ and this makes me feel so proud. Happy Easter, Papa!”

– Angelina Castaneda, Grade Five (above right)

“ The meaning of Easter is that Jesus died on the cross for us. On Easter, I pray to Jesus to thank him for sacrificing himself for us.

I wish that everyone in the world will have a good Easter!

I also am nicer to my brother at Easter because this day makes me happy!”

– Addison Kinoshita, Grade Three (below left)



“ In my class, I teach the meaning of Easter through the life cycle of the butterfly. The butterfly starts out as a fuzzy little caterpillar, and then, one day, spins a cocoon about itself. After several weeks, it comes out, miraculously changed into a beautiful butterfly!

God didn’t just take a caterpillar and stick some wings on it and paint the wings all different colors. When the butterfly emerges, it is a new creation, a new life!

Easter is a time for all of us to joyfully celebrate our new birth.”

– Veronica Prislin, Grade One Teacher (above right)