



We are too weak without Jesus Christ. These days are spent with Him. We feel like running from it all. But Jesus has gone before us. The cross renews His death. The Resurrection renews his life. And every minute, He renews His love from the cross. There is no crown without the cross. Our suffering and sacrifices are a share in His cross. In His strength, we die to whatever in us is not of Christ. This preparation in the winter of our souls, gives birth to the springtime of the Church:

Easter, Resurrection, Life!

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**We adore You,  
O Christ, and  
we praise You.**  
Because by Your holy  
Cross You have  
redeemed the world

**March 8**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
(Fast/Abstain) Take up your cross. Take stock of your life. Today is in your grasp to use or lose for eternity (Deut. 30:15-20; Lk. 9:22-25).

**9**  
**St. Frances of Rome**  
Jesus offers himself that we may live. Listen to Him and offer yourself to God. (Rom. 8:31-34).

**10**  
Say an act of contrition. There are no detour signs along a straight and narrow path. What direction is your heart taking? (Psalm 32).

**11**  
The time for penance has come... a time to atone for our sins, and seek salvation! (1 Cor. 1:18-19).

**12**  
The best things in life aren't THINGS. Live by principles of love and justice. Trust HIM to care for you! (Hosea 12:6).

**13**  
Humbly accept God's word in YOUR life. Never put a question mark where He puts a period. (Psalm 27:1).

**14**  
Pick one area in which you have NOT been following Christ's voice. For Lent, turn it around starting TODAY. (Mk. 14:66-72).

**15**  
Never excuse yourself for standing for the principles of Jesus! If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything! (Lk. 6:36-38).

**16**  
Saints are sinners who keep trying. Why not YOU? Good seed multiplies as does good example. (Lk. 4:24-30).

**17**  
**St. Patrick**  
Are you selfish? Like this Irish Saint why not use your gifts for EVERY-ONE'S good? Be faithful! (1 Cor. 12:12-14; 27-31).

**18**  
**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**  
Frustrated? When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot on, and hang on! He is with you! (Jn. 10:25-30).

**19**  
"If you want to pray better, you must pray more. If you believe, you will receive what you pray for." (Mother Teresa) (Mt. 2:22).

**20**  
**St. Joseph**  
He was faithful, strong & trustworthy. Today—tell your Dad, husband, wife, children...you love them. SHOW IT! (Mt. 1:16-24).

**21**  
Biased? Judgmental? Pray for justice. Start with yourself. "Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8).

**22**  
The "opinions" of neighbors, talk show hosts, politicians, scientists, and opinion polls CANNOT change God's words/ commandments. (Rom. 9:14-24).


**23**  
**St. Turibius**  
Saints never deny Hell; they fear it. Unrepentant sinners never fear it; they deny it. To yourself and God be true! (Psalms 38 & 51).

**24**  
Time to confess your sins. Go NOW. Ask for God's healing. Start with yourself if you want to put the world right! (Psalm 31).

**25**  
**Annunciation of the Lord**  
Mary said "yes" that God might become man. As Jesus did His Father's Will, do you submit your will to God? (Is. 7:10-14; Lk. 1:26)





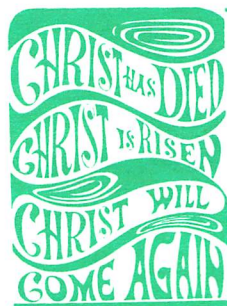
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<b>26</b> Your <u>real</u> test as a Christian is not how much you love your friends as how much you love your enemy. Love your neighbor! (Lk. 12:35-38).	<b>27</b> A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor. Tough as it is, discipline your passions and selfish pleasures. (2 Maccab 6:18-31; 1 Cor. 7:5-9).	<b>28</b> "The steam that blows the whistle can't be used to turn the wheels." Control your tongue and you will move toward God. (Jam. 1:10-26; Psalms 3).	<b>29</b> You can't steal second base and keep one foot on first. Don't hesitate to control the media you watch and listen to. Listen to HIM. (Mk. 1:12-15).	<b>30</b> No "old" people ever enter the Kingdom of Heaven: Unless you become as little children... (Mt. 18:3). 	<b>31</b> Examine your conscience. Your outer life reflects your inner life. Jesus is our healing, our Light, our Way, our Truth. (Mt. 20:29-34; Jn. 14:1-6).	<b>April 1</b> Don't be an "April fool." It is smart to pick your friends, but not to pieces! Love them for who they are. Be kind, not jealous. (Col. 3:1-5; 9-11).
<b>2</b> The Lord does not wish the sinner to die, but to turn back to Him and live! HE LOVES YOU. (Ez. 33:11).	<b>3</b> Some people do nothing but complain! It isn't what weighs us down, it's the way we carry it. (Mt. 11:28-30; Psalm 103).	<b>4</b> <b>St. Isidore</b> In a rut? Examine your life. Ask God's help. It is never too late to be who you might have been! (Mt. 20: 17-28).	<b>5</b> <b>St. Vincent Ferrer</b> No person stands so tall as when that person stoops to help another. Is that YOU? (Lk. 9:48).	<b>"Fear not,"</b> Jesus said. Yet we worry so much! Do not worry. There is no softer pillow than a clear conscience. (Mt. 6:27).	<b>7</b> <b>St. John Baptist de la Salle</b> Don't think there are no crocodiles because the water is calm. Be always prepared to defend your faith! (Lk. 22:31-34).	<b>8</b> Jesus is condemned. Truth stands the test of time. Are you honest? Judge not and you will not be judged (Phil. 4:4-9).
<b>9</b> Jesus takes His cross. Do you accept your cross in life with courage and faith? He never shuts one door but He opens another! (Mt. 7:7-12).	<b>10</b> Jesus falls. Failure is no disgrace—only STAYING down is. Take His hand and rise with Him. He will help us. (Jn. 12:37-50).	<b>11</b> <b>St. Stanislaus</b> Jesus consoles his Mother. Her loss was our gain. Love cures people—those who give it and ones who receive it. (Lev. 19:1-18).	<b>12</b> Simon helps Jesus carry His cross. Kindness heals and helps. Cruelty destroys. Take up YOUR cross by helping others. (Prov. 11:16).	<b>13</b> <b>St. Martin I</b> Veronica wipes Jesus' face. The needy, the sick, <u>anyone</u> is His Image. Treat your neighbors as if each is Jesus. Phone, E-Mail, visit, HELP them. (Jam. 2:14-26).	<b>14</b> Jesus falls again. Time to confess your sins. Forgive those who have failed you. Ask God's forgiveness for your offenses. (Jn. 13:21-28).	<b>15</b> Women weep for Jesus. Jesus tells us to weep for ourselves (sins) and the children. Have courage to speak up on moral issues! (Jn. 8:12-20).
<b>16</b> <b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b> Do you follow the crowd later to betray Him? Sin is the betrayal of our love for Jesus. Repent. Observe Holy Week. (Lk. 11:1-4; Mt. 6:7).	<b>17</b> Jesus falls the third time. Be contrite. When have you last been to confession? You are no exception! Get up and go now. (Jn. 12:1-11).	<b>18</b> Jesus, stripped of His clothing. We must not look down on anyone. The greater sin could be ours! Strip yourself of sinful habits. (Lk. Chap. 15).	<b>19</b> Jesus is nailed to the cross. Don't seek to take the splinter from your neighbor's eye, until you have removed the plank from your own! (Mt. 7:1-5).	<b>20</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b> Let Jesus wash you. Give yourself to others in love. Receive His Body and Blood. Recall the Last Supper. (Jn. Chaps. 13-17).	<b>21</b> <b>Good Friday</b> (Fast) It was LOVE that held our Lord to the cross—not just nails. He suffered and died for your sins. Reflect quietly in prayer. (Jn. Chaps. 18-19).	<b>22</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> Death is our door to life with Him. Remember death, judgement and eternity. Live your life accordingly. (Jn. 12:23-36).

## April 23, 2000 Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! A blessed Easter! By this resurrection mystery, dear Father you touch our lives with the healing power of your love. God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings in this Holy Year, and renew your gift of life within us.



Now, death means nothing but eternal life! What is suffering, old age, poverty, loneliness? He walks with us each step! In this year 2000, this new century, this new millennium help us to grow as your people, and walk each minute of each day in his footsteps as we shout with all our hearts: **Christ is Risen!** (Acts 10:34-43; Col. 3:1-4, Jn. 20:1-10).



<b>24</b> A time for rejoicing! Why not roll back the stones in your life and help others to do so also? (Mt. 28:8-15; Jn 20: 11-18).	<b>25</b> Easter celebrates ALL LIFE. You are God's child from your conception! Condemn abortion for the sin it is. Support prolife education. (Mt. 18:10-14; 19:13-15).	<b>26</b> Why not frequent the Mass and Sacraments? Take up the study of Sacred Scripture. Exercise your faith as well as your body! (Lk. 6:36-38).	<b>27</b> Become an ACTIVE Catholic. Support parish programs. Read Catholic books, papers. Give to the Catholic missions. Check the Vatican web-site, etc. (Psalm 33; Jn. 6:16-21).	<b>28</b> In 2000, pray for a moral world. What does it profit anyone (you) to gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of your soul? (Lk. 25:35-48; Mt. 16:24-27).	<b>29</b> Live the Easter message DAILY. Prayer is a conversation with God. Listen! He gave us two ears but one mouth. Herein lies the lesson. (1 Peter 3:8-12).
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