



# FAITH AT HOME

## HOLY WEEK EDITION



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# DEAR FAMILIES,

On Ash Wednesday, Christians began a 40-day journey of Lent. In imitation of Jesus who spent 40 days in the desert before beginning His public ministry (Mt 4:1-11), Christians took up traditional practices of increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity) to focus on all that Jesus has done for us and to ready ourselves to celebrate His resurrection from the dead at Easter. Our Christian faith does not make sense without Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross, and conquering death through His resurrection. With this in mind, it is curious why resurrection sets – similar to nativity sets put out at Christmas – aren't more popular!

As our community continues our journey toward the cross this Holy Week, we hope that this Faith at Home Kit – Holy Week Edition will support young people in contemplating the Easter Story.

Here's how it works:

- Resurrection Kits will be available from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday in the narthexes at both St. John the Divine Parish and St. George Parish. Pick one up for each young person in your household!
- Young people are encouraged to bring their Resurrection Kit booklet, as well as crayons or pencil crayons, to all liturgical celebrations this Holy Week. The schedule for Holy Week at

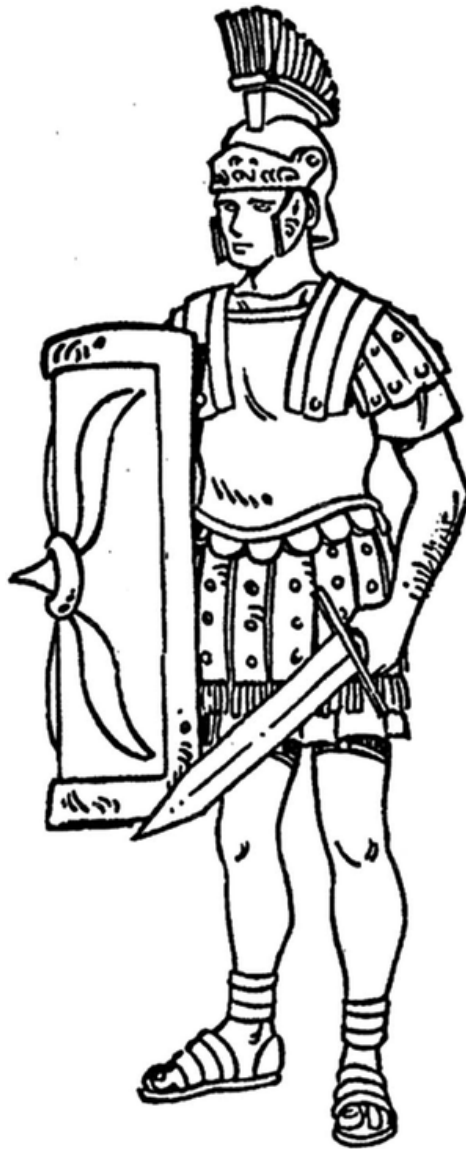
Springbank Catholic is available on the last page of this booklet. Young people can use these times of prayer to colour their kits.

- When all images have been coloured, assemble a Resurrection Set for your family. Cut out the images and glue each one onto its own paper towel tube (or make your own paper tubes by rolling paper and taping the ends together). The tomb will be glued onto an empty facial tissue box.
- Choose a place in your home to display your completed Resurrection Kit throughout the Easter Season, which concludes with the celebration of Pentecost on May 28.
- Consider re-telling Jesus' journey to the cross and the Easter story with you family's movable Resurrection Kit(s) throughout the Easter Season.

Please consider sharing any photos or feedback about your Resurrection Kit with the staff at Springbank Catholic by emailing your highlights to Alexandria at [afung@dol.ca](mailto:afung@dol.ca).

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# ROMAN SOLDIERS



## **The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

The soldiers took Jesus, stripped him, and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him: "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him and took the staff and struck him with it again and again. They continued to mock him, then they led him away to crucify him. (Mt 27.27-31)

# TOMB

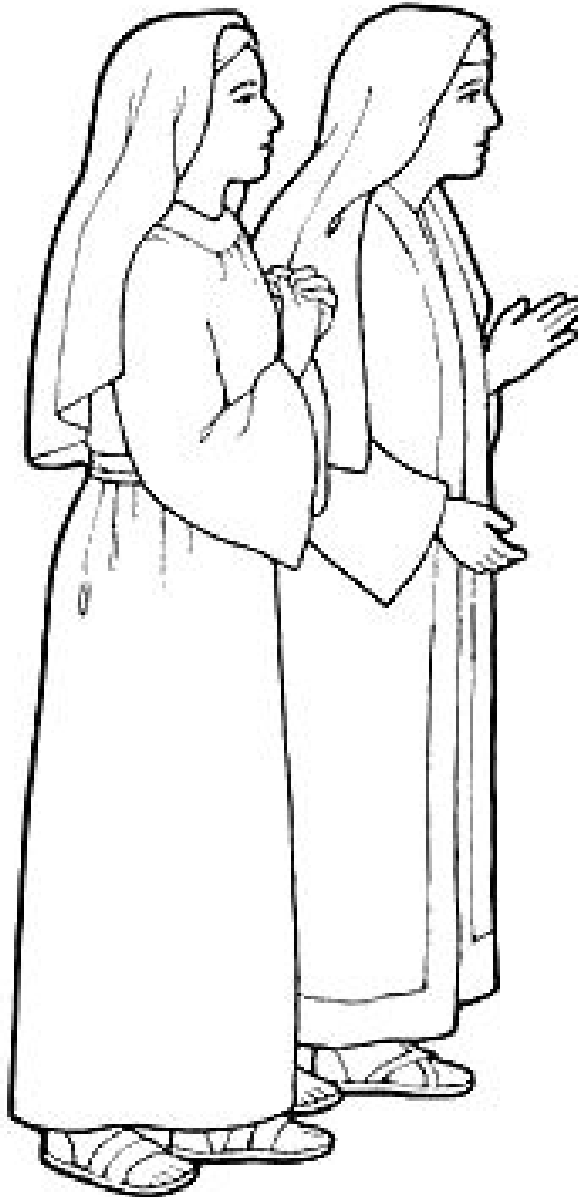


## **The Burial of Jesus**

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, a disciple of Jesus. He asked for Jesus' body. He took Jesus' body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

(Mt 27.57-61)

# THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB



## **Jesus has Risen**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

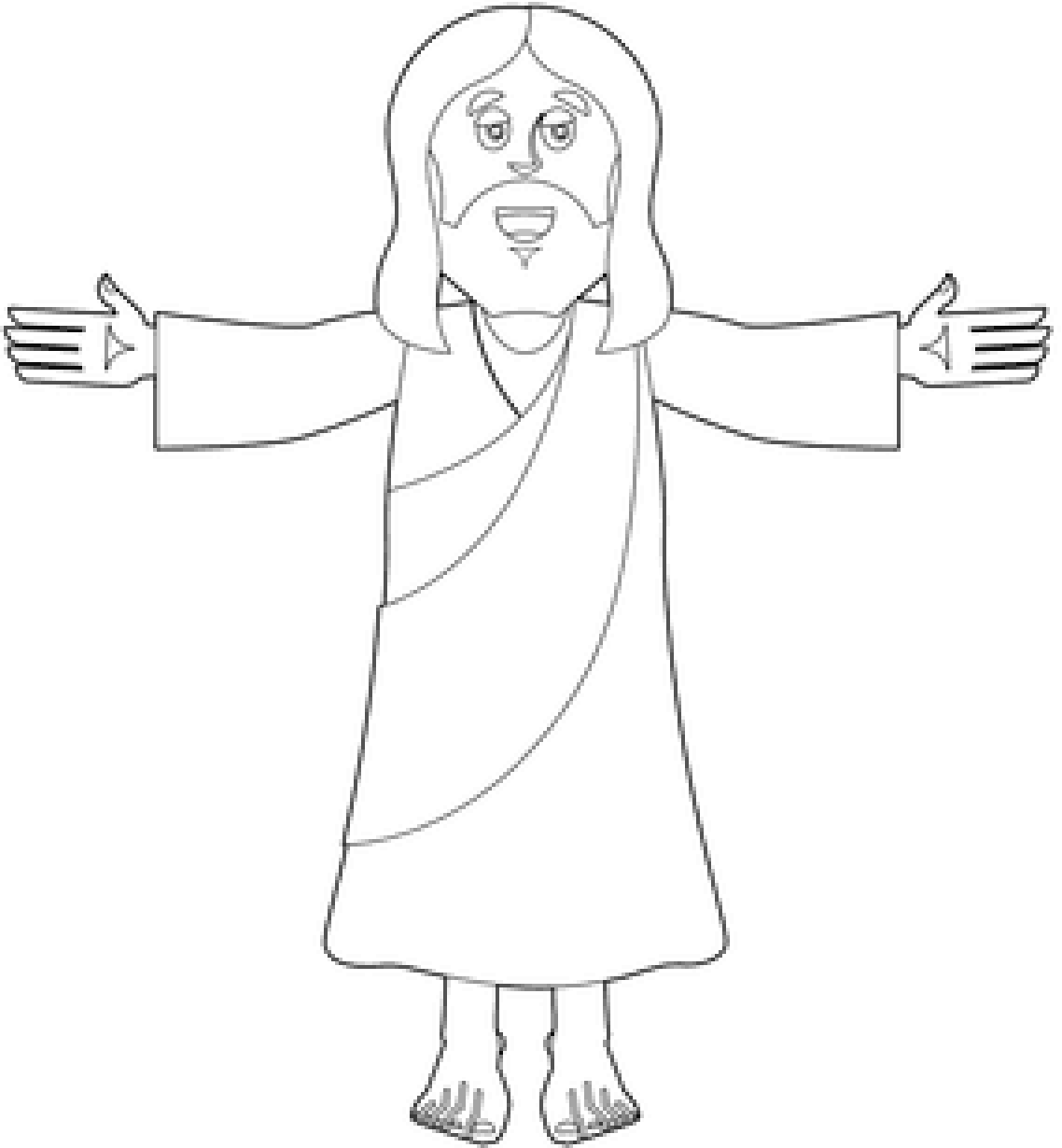
# ANGELS



## Do Not Be Afraid

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you.” (Mt 28.1-8)

# RISEN JESUS

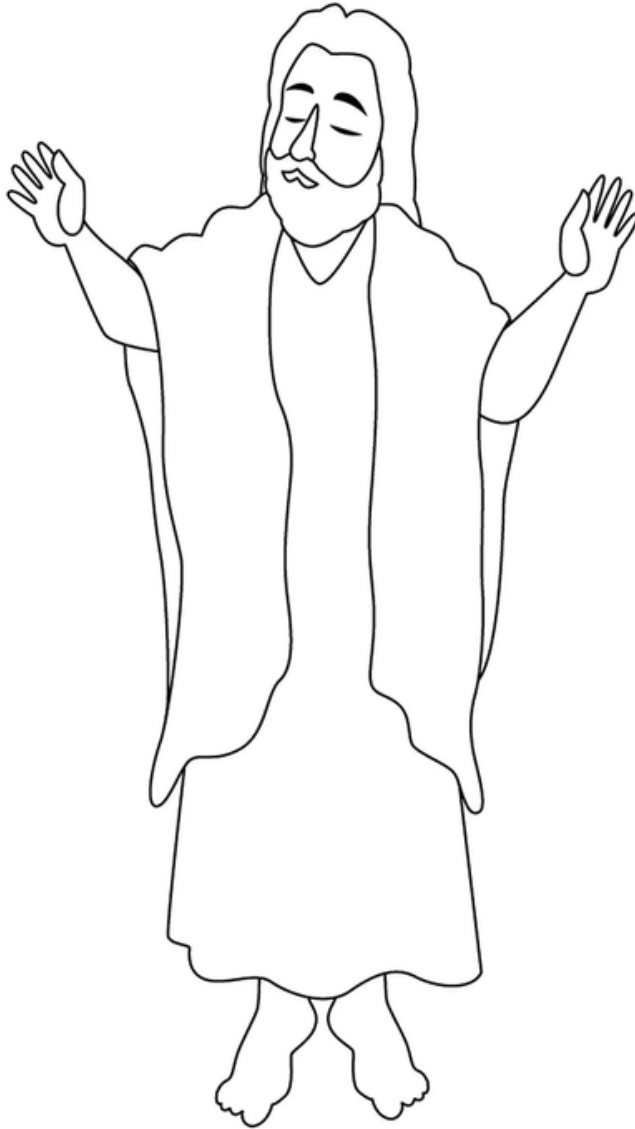


## **Do Not Be Afraid**

Jesus appeared to the women. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me" (Mt. 28.9-10)



# PETER



## **The Great Commission**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt. 28.16-20)



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES

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April 7 at 10AM | St. George Parish

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Join us for  
Stations of the Cross.

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for young people.

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## **Palm Sunday | April 1 & 2**

Saturday 5PM Mass at  
St. George & St. John the Divine

Sunday 9AM Mass at St. George

Sunday 10AM & 11AM Mass at St. John the Divine

## **Holy Thursday | April 6**

7PM Mass at St. John the Divine

## **Good Friday | April 7**

10AM Stations of the Cross for Families at St. George

3PM Mass at  
St. George & St. John the Divine

## **Easter Vigil | April 8**

8PM Mass at St. George

## **Easter Sunday | April 9**

9AM Mass at St. George

10AM & 11AM Mass at St. John the Divine

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