

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>APRIL 2012</p> <p>Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! (Mark 11: 1-10) You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth ... He has been raised up; he is not here (Mark 16: 1-8) Blest are they who have not seen and have believed. (John 20: 19-31) The Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. (Luke 24: 35-48) I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. (John 10: 11-18)</p>						
1 Acts 7 I urge you not to loose heart in face of all the trials...	2 Acts 8 You must learn to suffer in a Christian manner.	3 Acts 9 Don't be afraid.	4 Acts 10 No suffering, no matter how low the motive ... will go unrewarded in eternal life.	5 Acts 11 Trust and hope in the merits of Jesus. the palace	6 Acts 12 Poor clay will become pure gold which will shine in the palace of the king of heaven.	7 Acts 13 Desire nothing except what the Lord wants.
8 Acts 14 May the grace of the divine Spirit always be with you to console you in all your trials.	9 Acts 15 Continue to trust in the Lord.	10 Acts 16 Place your confidence in Jesus	11 Acts 17 (Jesus) will know how to comfort your soul even when it is tossed about in the stormy sea.	12 Acts 18 Never be afraid of the enemy's enticements ...	13 Acts 19 remain faithful to the Lord and on your guard ...	14 Acts 20 Build up your strength by prayer and holy humility.
15 Acts 21 What are you afraid of? Is our God not faithful to His promises?	16 Acts 22 Have recourse with more childlike trust to Jesus ...	17 Acts 23 turn to (Jesus) at all times even when the devil tries to cast a pall over your life by showing you your sins.	18 Acts 24-25 Lift up your voice loudly to (Jesus) ...	19 Acts 26 express your spiritual humility, heartfelt contrition, and your vocal prayer.	20 Acts 27 God's power triumphs over everything ...	21 Acts 28 but humble and suffering prayer prevails over God Himself.
22 Romans 1 Humility, contrition and prayer abolish the distance between man and God ...	23 Romans 2 Ask with loud cries ... for help to walk all the time in (God's) sight.	24 Romans 3-4 Draw near to Jesus ... to receive His embrace ... that sanctifies and saves us.	25 Romans 5-6 (Serve) Him with genuine affection, (carry) out in holy works His heavenly doctrine we profess by our words.	26 Romans 7 He Himself will come as He has promised, full of mercy and love.	27 Romans 8 Let us approach and receive the bread of angels with great faith ... and love in our hearts.	28 Romans 9-10 If we love Jesus let us stir ourselves up and keep far from all that smacks of worldliness.
29 Romans 11 Let us love Jesus more and more. Let us remain united with Him always ...	30 Romans 12-13 Let us open our hearts to trust ...	<p>Reflections for April are taken from letters of Padre Pio to his Spiritual Daughter, Raffaolina Cerase: 1915: August 4; September 7</p> <p>O God, we have seen how You worked our salvation through the sufferings, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ and gave us Padre Pio as a living example of Your Son's obedience to Your will. You blessed Padre Pio with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, making Him an inspiring witness to the saving love of Jesus in our world, and a powerful reminder to us of Your infinite mercy and goodness. Help me, O Lord, to imitate Padre Pio's devout faith, prayerful holiness, patient forgiveness and his loving compassion toward all people. Amen.</p>				

April - Month of the Redemption

April 1 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Holy Monday

April 3 - Holy Tuesday

April 4 - Spy Wednesday

April 5 - Holy Thursday: Passion accd. Matthew 26 & 27

April 6 - Good Friday - Passion accd. Mark 14 & 15

(Passion according to John is read at Good Friday Lit.)

April 7 - Holy Saturday: Passion accd. Luke 22 & 23

April 8 - Easter Sunday: Matthew 28 / Mark 16 /

The 15 "Stations of Joy" From Resurrection to Pentecost

The "Stations of Joy" each commemorate one of the passages in Scripture when the Resurrected Jesus tried tenderly to convince us of His Resurrection, to change our sorrows into joys. A sad Christian is not a convincing Christian... let us try to pray and live these "Stations of Joy" during the glorious Paschal time, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The 40 days of Lent are intense ones for a Christian, but the next 40 days of Paschal time, from the Resurrection to the Ascension, should be the most joyful, ending an extra 10 days later with the glory of Pentecost.

(The Scriptural citations after each Station of Joy are offered for anyone who might desire to use a Station a day as a personal point of meditation)

Litany of the Stations of Easter Joy

(*) Indicates the refrain to be said after each Station:

THROUGH YOUR GLORIOUS RESURRECTION, GRANT ME THIS GRACE, LORD JESUS.

I Lord, through Your glorious *Resurrection*, may I live in the gift of Your love, joy and peace, and witness the NewLife You offer those who believe in You. (*) [Mt.28, Mk.16, Lk.24/28, Jn.20-21]

II Lord, through Your encounter with *Mary Magdalene* after Your Resurrection, may I hear You speak my name each day in the depths of my heart and respond by proclaiming Your love to others in my life. (*) [Jn.20, Mt.28, Mk.16]

III Lord, through Your encounter with the other *Holy Women* and instruction to tell the Good News to the disciples of Your Resurrection, may I be fearless in proclaiming my Faith in You to everyone. (*) [Mt.28,8-10; Lk.24, 10-11]

IV Lord, through Your encounter with *Two Disciples from Emmaus* who were enlightened on the road and recognized You in the Breaking of the Bread, may I hear Your Word with an open heart and always acknowledge You truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. May I joyfully acknowledge You without hesitation as the two of Emmaus did. (*) [Lk.24: 13-35]

V Lord, through the *Peace, Pardon, and the Paraclete's* grace You offered as the first gifts of Your Resurrection, may I cooperate with God's grace and be a source of forgiveness and peace to others. (*) [Jn.20: 21-23]

VI Lord, through Your manifestation to the *Doubting Thomas*, may I come to recognize You in the wounds and scars of those who suffer in any way, and acknowledge You before all people as *My Lord, and My God*. (*) [Jn.20: 24-28]

VII Lord, through Your appearance and concern for the needs of the *Apostles who went fishing* and Your eating with them as a sign that it was truly You alive, grant that I recognize You in the ordinary moments of life and trust that You assist me in my needs. Let my faith in You be proof enough for me. (*) [Jn.21,1-14]

VIII Lord, through Your loving encounter with *Peter on the Shore and Entrusting to Him the Responsibility to Shepherd Your Flock*, may I always be faithful to the Church and those called to Shepherd Your people. May I never forget that where there is Peter, there is the Church, and where there is the Church, there are You Who guide guard and protect us through our shepherds. (*) [Jn.21: 15-17]

IX Lord, through Your loving encounter with *Mary Your Mother after Your Glorious Resurrection*, may I always foster a deep love and devotion for our Heavenly Mother. May I celebrate her exalted place in the mystery of our salvation, and confide in Her almighty intercession for all God's children. (*) [Jn.20, Acts 1]

X Lord, You commanded Your followers to *Go and Preach the Gospel to all Creation*. May I be a living Gospel of peace and blessings to all that through my words and actions others may come to know, love and serve You. (*) [Mt.28: 19-20]

XI Lord, through the *Five "Signs" of a Christian*, may I cast out the demons of addiction and inappropriate life; speak the language of love, joy and peace; be fearless before the serpents of hatred, jealousy and unfaithfulness, remain unharmed by the poison of slander, injustice, sickness; be a healing touch for those who find life wearisome and lonely. (*) [Mk.16: 17-18]

XII Lord, You *Promised to Remain Always With Us*. May I trust in Your Presence and find strength and courage in knowing that You are always with me, to guide, guard and protect me. (*) [Mt.28: 19-20]

XIII Lord, through Your *Glorious Ascension* to the Right Hand of the Father, may I look to the heavens for strength and protection as I confidently keep my feet well-grounded on earth, fulfilling whatever the Will of the Father entrusted to me for His glory, my salvation, and

the good of others. (*) [Jn.6:53; Mt.6:11]

XIV Lord, through Your Promise that Your *Followers would be Baptized in the Holy Spirit* to be witnesses of the Resurrection to all the world, may I be truly wise and always follow the Father's Will through the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in my life. (*) [Act.1:4-8; 12-15]

XV Lord, through the *Descent of the Holy Spirit* on the Early Christian Community gathered in the Upper Room together with Mary, may my heart burn with an inner fire of love and enthusiasm for the Faith, that in the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit, I may fearlessly proclaim that You are Jesus, Son of God, Lord and Savior, in Whose Name we find salvation. (*) [Acts 2]

LORD JESUS, help me to walk with You each day of my life. The sorrow and joy, the pain and healing, the failures and triumphs of my life are small personal deaths and resurrections that lead me closer to You. Give me the faith and trust I need to walk with You in the new life Your Resurrection brings. May I journey with You to Calvary and beyond, that I may share in the fruits of Your Glorious Resurrection. With Padre Pio to accompany me, I patiently and joyfully confide and trust in You, my Lord and Risen Savior, in Whose Name I find salvation and eternal Life. You live forever. Amen.

MARY, MOTHER OF OUR REDEEMER and our most Blessed Mother, be with me always. You comforted Jesus on the road to Calvary by your silent and loving presence; you held his lifeless body close to your Immaculate Heart, as you offered the sadness and suffering that only a mother can feel when she sees the suffering of her child; look on me as you looked at Jesus. Hold me close to your mother's heart in my moments of temptation and sin. Pray for me that I may be a LIVING IMAGE OF JESUS. Dear Mother, You were a constant support and strength to our Father, Padre Pio throughout his lifelong Calvary, until he came to the promised reward offered all God's faithful children. Accompany me, that I also may share in the graces and joys of the Resurrection.

PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA, by a singular grace you were blessed to participate in the mystery of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through your ministry, God revealed the marvels of His mercy to numberless souls. Pray for me, that like you, and through your loving intercession, I may remain with Christ in His Passion so as to joyfully attain as you to the glory of the Resurrection. Intercede for me with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.