

Easter Sunday      April 4, 2010

**A. Blessed and Happy Easter to you and your families**

- Easter this year falls on April 4 / 2011 = April 14 / 2012 = April 8 / 2100 = March 8
- But Easter is happening all over the place ... Jesus keeps coming to us in a variety of disguise ... as a gardener / a cook / a pilgrim
- indeed, wherever there is new life, deeper love, brighter light ... Easter is happening

**B. More specifically, what are some of these Easter moments.**

**1. Classroom - story of a second grader -**

- teacher believed in memorization ... students knew Our Father / Hail Mary
- wanted to teach them her favorite psalm ... Psalms 23
- two months of practice ... time for recitation
- The Lord Is My Shepherd
- THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW
- Easter message: the Lord is our Shepherd ... that all we need to know
- that we are watched out for / shepherd who will leave the 99 to seek us out

**2. Another moment: Easter happening ... movie**

- 1962 movie: "David and Lisa" ... two individuals suffering from mental illness
- Scene: Lisa: "What do you see when you see me?" David: "I see a girl, a pearl of a girl" ... her healing began that day
- word of affirmation... brings new life ... a pat on the back / a compliment / an appreciation for a job well done
- Jesus: came to give us life, life to the full ... Easter message

**3. Hymn – has an Easter message ... lyrics**

- To Father, Son, and Spirit blessed
- One only God we humbly pray
- Show us the splendor of your light
- In death, the dawn of perfect day.
- Easter deals with the great mystery of death / as Good Friday does with sin
- death has been overcome ... Jesus is risen

Easter egg = symbol of birth and resurrection ... omne vivum ex ovo

- legend that Simon of Cyrene, who helped carry Jesus' cross to Calvary was by trade an egg merchant ... upon returning home, he allegedly discovered that all his hens' eggs had miraculously turned a rainbow of colors

**C. April 4 ... Easter ... Easter can happen any day ... in classroom, movie, song.**