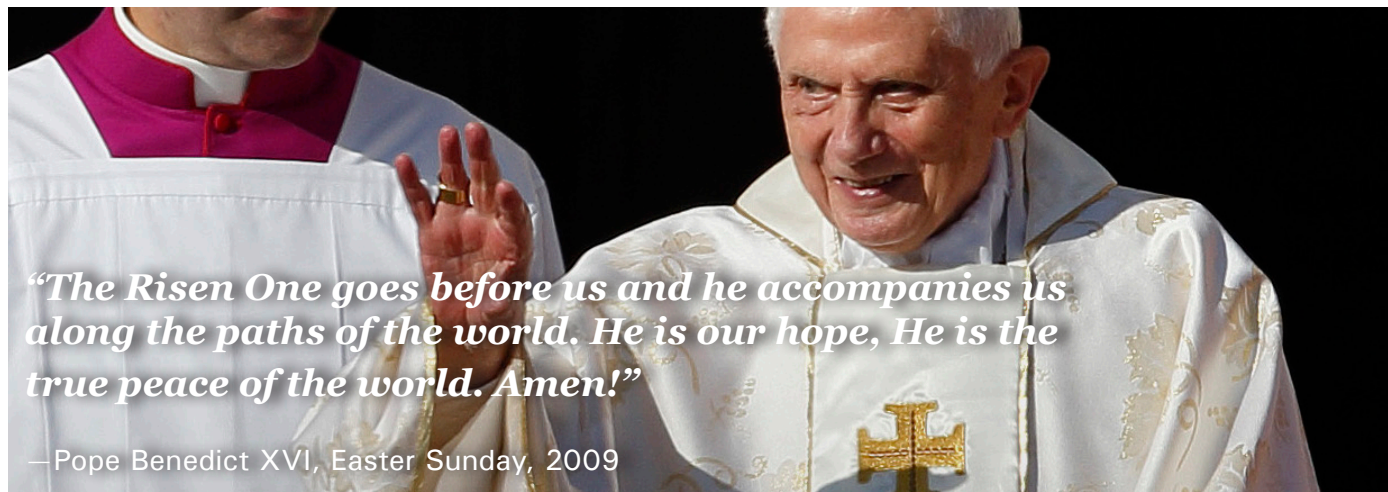




Sixth Sunday of Easter

Easter Joy Continues!

Have you wished someone a Happy Easter this week? The 50-day season of Easter continues until the celebration of Pentecost on May 20. Wishing someone a Happy Easter today is a great way to evangelize this spring!



May is Mary’s Month

We remember Mary in a special way during the month of the May. In Pope Francis’s most recent exhortation, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, he wrote about how the Blessed Mother accompanies us on our journey through life.

“Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: ‘Hail Mary...’” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176)

Saint of the Week

St. Pancras
Died Circa 304
Feast Day—May 12

According to an early legend, the Roman martyr Pancras was a native of Syria or Phrygia (now Turkey) brought to Rome by an uncle after he was orphaned. They converted to Christianity there and were martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Pancras reportedly was only 14, the likely reason for his being a patron saint of children. A strong cult of Pancras developed in Rome and in England from the time of St. Augustine of Canterbury, who dedicated a church to him around 600. Pancras is also mentioned in St. Bede’s martyrology and in most medieval English calendars, and the famous north London train station takes its name from an ancient church there dedicated to St. Pancras.