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THE SEEKER'S SCROLL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM 2 MINUTES WITH THE LORD

JOY THAT DEATH COULD NOT CONTAIN



Dear Friends in Christ,

April arrives as an explosion of light. The Church has passed through the silence of Good Friday and the stillness of Holy Saturday, and now—on the far side of the tomb—comes the announcement that changes everything: He is risen. Alleluia!

We live in a world that is often exhausted by pretending. People wear smiles that conceal anxiety, speak of hope while privately dreading the future, and carry burdens in silence. Into this tired, aching world, Easter does not arrive as a pious wish or a poetic metaphor. It arrives as an event—irreversible, bodily, and real.

The Resurrection of Jesus is not a spiritualized concept. It is the hinge on which all of history turns. Saint Paul does not allow us to soften it: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (1 Cor 15:17). But because He has been raised, everything changes. Death is not the final word. The wound has been healed from the inside. Love has outlasted its own crucifixion.

"Do not be afraid. I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said." — Matthew 28:5–6

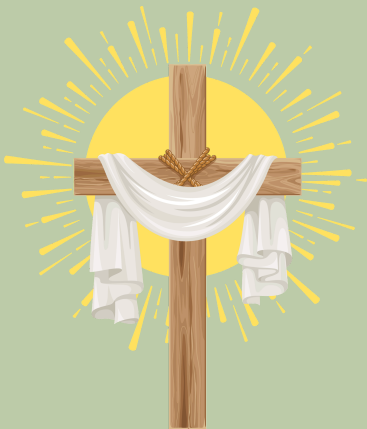
This April edition of The Seeker's Scroll invites you to sit with the mystery of Easter joy—not the shallow joy of forgetting problems, but the deep, grounded joy of one who has looked at the worst the world can offer and discovered that God is greater still.



In this issue, we reflect on the Road to Emmaus, where the Risen Lord walks with two disciples who do not yet recognize Him. This story speaks to every heart that walks in grief, confusion, or spiritual dryness. The Lord does not wait for us to figure things out before drawing near. He meets us on the road, listens to our loss, and opens the Scriptures—until our hearts burn once more.



As the world observes Earth Day this month, we are also called to see creation anew through resurrection eyes. The same God who raised Christ from the dead is the God of rivers, forests, creatures, and seasons. Easter teaches us that matter matters—that the physical world is not a prison to escape but a gift to tend with reverence.



This issue also reflects on the season of spring as a parable of grace. New growth does not force itself; it waits, it endures winter, and when the time comes, it rises. Perhaps this is the invitation of April: to trust that what appears buried in our own lives is not finished—only waiting.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your homes, illuminate your hearts, and overflow into every encounter you have this month.

With Alleluia joy,
Fr. Veigas Dominic, SVD

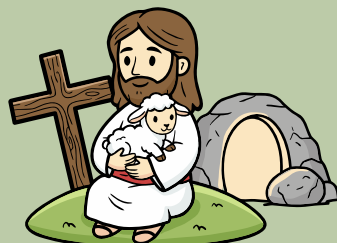
2 MINUTES OF DIVINE WISDOM

REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

— Luke 24:32



The Road to Emmaus is one of the most luminous stories in the entire New Testament. Two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem—away from the empty tomb, away from the community, away from the reports they could not quite believe. They are walking in grief, confusion, and heartbreak. And then, unrecognised, Jesus falls into step beside them.

What He does first is remarkable. He does not correct them immediately. He does not announce Himself with power. Instead, He asks: "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" (Lk 24:17). He invites them to speak. He listens. He allows their pain and disappointment to be voiced.

In the Greek text, the word used to describe Jesus drawing near is προσεγγίζω (prosengizō)—to come close, to draw alongside. The Risen Christ is not a distant conqueror who demands that we come to Him. He is the God who walks beside us in our ordinary confusion, moves at our pace, and meets us where we are.

As they walk, He opens the Scriptures to them. He shows them how Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms had always been moving toward this moment. The suffering was not an accident; it was the very path through which love entered fully into human darkness. Their understanding shifts. And then something extraordinary happens:

The burning heart is the sign of encounter with the Living Word. Not the warmth of emotion alone, but the deep interior ignition that happens when truth is received not merely by the mind, but by the whole person. This burning is resurrection life beginning to dawn.

The story reaches its climax at the table in Emmaus. They urge Jesus to stay—"Stay with us, for it is nearly evening" (Lk 24:29). He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it. In that gesture, they recognize Him. And then He vanishes. He is no longer needed as a physical companion, because now He is present within them—in burning hearts, in broken bread, in the community they rush back to join.

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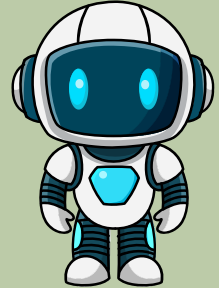
Where am I on the road right now—walking toward Jerusalem or away from it?

What disappointment have I carried silently that I have not yet brought to the Lord?

When did I last feel my heart burn—in prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, or encounter with another?

7 SIGNS OF A BURNING HEART

- A longing for prayer that feels like hunger
- Joy that does not depend on circumstances
- Compassion that moves you toward, not away from, suffering
- Scripture that suddenly speaks directly to your life
- An interior stillness even in the middle of noise
- A desire to share what you have received
- The courage to return—to community, to hope, to the Lord



AI AND THE CARE OF CREATION: A LENTEN-TO-EASTER REFLECTION

As the Church moves from Lent into Easter and the world observes Earth Day on 22 April, a significant question emerges at the intersection of faith and technology: How can Artificial Intelligence serve the care of our common home—and where must it be guided by conscience?

Pope Francis, in *Laudate Deum* (2023), addressed the technological revolution directly. He observed that technological power is accelerating faster than the development of human wisdom needed to guide it ethically. This is not an anti-technology statement; it is a call for discernment. The same discernment that leads a Christian into Lenten conversion can lead a technologist into responsible innovation.

How AI is Being Used for Environmental Care

1. Climate modelling: AI systems now process satellite and weather data to predict climate patterns with greater precision, helping communities prepare for extreme weather events.
2. Biodiversity monitoring: Machine learning tools can identify endangered species from photographs, track animal migration, and detect deforestation in near real-time.
3. Energy efficiency: AI-powered systems are being used in buildings, transport networks, and manufacturing to dramatically reduce energy consumption.
4. Agricultural care: AI helps small farmers optimize water use, reduce pesticide dependence, and predict crop health—supporting sustainable food systems.

Where Discernment is Required

The same AI systems that track biodiversity also consume enormous energy to train and operate. A single large-scale AI model can generate carbon emissions equivalent to a transatlantic flight. This is not a reason to abandon AI—but it is a reason to develop it wisely.

The Church teaches that technology must serve the human person and the common good, not the reverse. AI applied to environmental care must be accompanied by honest accounting of its own ecological cost, equitable access so that poorer communities benefit, and transparent governance so that its decisions can be questioned.

A Prayer for Technology and Creation

Lord of all creation, You entrusted us with the care of this beautiful earth. Guide those who develop and deploy powerful technologies. May their knowledge be matched by wisdom, their capability by conscience, and their innovation by a love for every creature that bears the mark of Your goodness. Amen.



EASTER SEASON: NEWS FROM THE CHURCH



Pope Leo XIV and the Jubilee Year 2025–2026

In recent months, Pope Leo XIV has focused on synodality, peace in conflict zones, and the Jubilee Year theme of hope.

The Jubilee Year of Hope continues to draw pilgrims from across the world to Rome and to holy sites worldwide. Pope Leo XIV has emphasized that hope is not optimism—it is the theological virtue grounded in the promises of God, especially the promise of resurrection.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations — 26 April 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is observed each year as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In 2026, the theme invites the Church to reflect on the call to holiness as the foundation of every vocation—to priesthood, religious life, marriage, and consecrated service.

Pope Leo XIV's message for this day calls the Church to create cultures of discernment, where young people are accompanied with patience, prayer, and the witness of joyful consecrated lives. He notes that vocations are not manufactured—they are recognized, nurtured, and surrendered to God.

Earth Day and Catholic Social Teaching

Earth Day on 22 April calls Catholics to renew their commitment to *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum*. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has encouraged parishes to observe a "Season of Creation" reflection, linking resurrection hope to care for the wounded earth.

[Source: Vatican News]



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ST. GEORGE

SOLDIER OF CHRIST

- Roman Soldier,
Martyr for the Faith 🛡️

- Refused to renounce
Christ before
Emperor Diocletian ✝️

- Patron of England,
Soldiers & the Vulnerable ❤️

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FEAST DAY:
APRIL 23
◆

"I am a Christian soldier — I fight for my King."

CALLED TO SERVE 🌍

PRAY FOR US 🙏

SAINT GEORGE: FAITH THAT FACES THE DRAGON

Most people know the legend—the knight on horseback, the dragon, the rescued princess. But behind the legendary image stands a real man whose courage, grounded in deep Christian faith, made him one of the most celebrated martyrs of the early Church.

George was born around 275–280 AD, most likely in Cappadocia (present-day Turkey), into a Christian family. His father was a Roman soldier of high rank, and George followed in his footsteps, rising to become a tribune—a senior military officer—in the Imperial Roman Army. He was stationed in the region of Palestine during the reign of Emperor Diocletian.

Diocletian, though initially tolerant of Christians, launched one of the most severe persecutions in Church history beginning around 303 AD. He ordered all soldiers to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. George refused. He publicly renounced the imperial decree, declared his Christian faith openly, and distributed his wealth to the poor in anticipation of what was to come.

What followed were days of torture—recorded in tradition with graphic detail—as authorities attempted to force George to apostatize. He refused each time. Finally, on 23 April 303 AD, he was beheaded. The accounts say that even the Empress Alexandra and a pagan priest named Athanasius were so moved by his steadfastness that they converted and were also martyred.

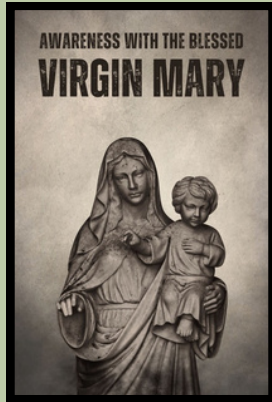
The Dragon and Its Deeper Meaning

The famous dragon legend arose in the medieval period, particularly through the Golden Legend (13th century). While not historical, it carries profound symbolic depth. In Christian imagination, the dragon represents the powers of evil, chaos, and death. George—mounted and armed—is the Christian who faces these powers not with hatred, but with faith-fuelled courage. He rescues the vulnerable, faces the monster, and wins not through brute force but through grace.

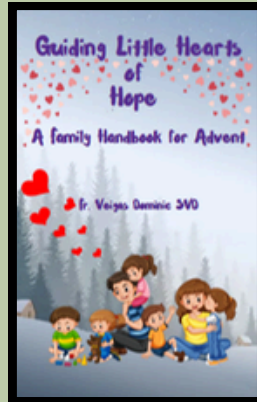
This symbol speaks to every person who faces personal dragons—addiction, fear, injustice, despair. The saint's witness says: You do not face these powers alone. Christ has already won.

Reflection for Today

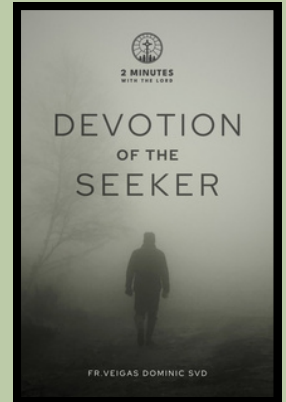
Saint George was not a superhero. He was a man in a real institution, facing a real choice, with real consequences. He chose faith over safety.



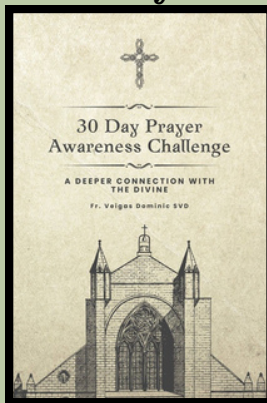
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Blessed Virgin
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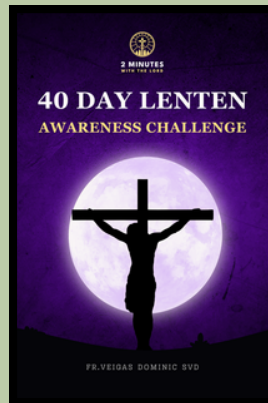
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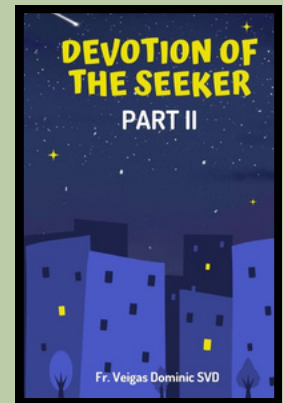
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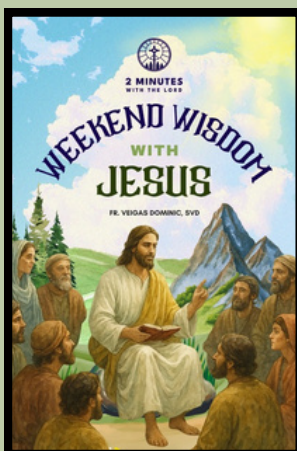
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