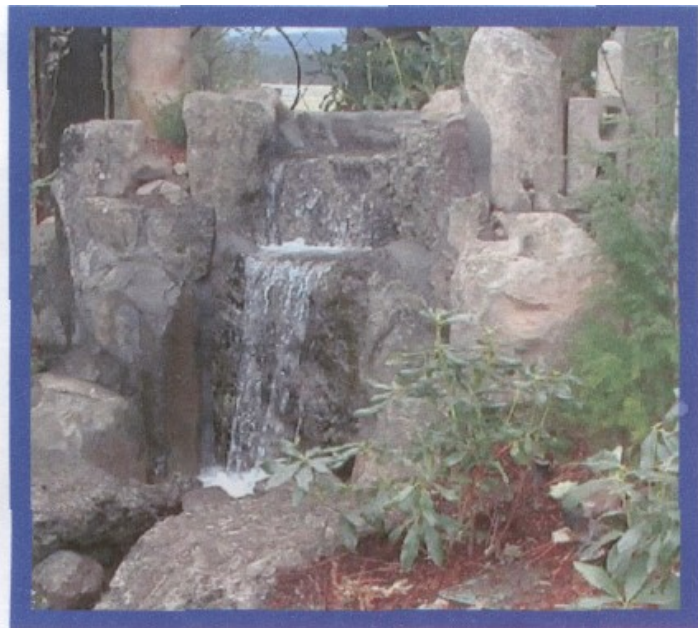


## **ST. EDWARD CHURCH WELCOMES YOU**



**Join us for a pilgrimage of the Stations of the Risen Christ in St. Winefride's Garden. The stained glass windows will take you through the journey of the Easter Season.**



Welcome to St. Edward The Martyr Catholic Church and St. Winefride's Garden. We are please to offer you an opportunity to visit a site designed to provide worshippers of all faiths, a place of peace and contemplation.

This booklet takes you on a tour of the *Stations of the Resurrection*. Stained glass representations of the historical events following the Passion of Our Lord remind of us the miraculous nature of the Resurrection and subsequent gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please take your time to enjoy the window and perhaps sit and read the accompanying message. The garden is designed to provide that quiet, peaceful place to commune with our God.

The book, "Journey into Joy", by Andrew Walker, inspired the stained glass presentations of the **Stations of the Risen Christ**. These art works provide a way to experience the continuing celebrations of Easter by portraying 14 episodes from the Empty Tomb to Pentecost.

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## XIV. THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

Acts 2.1-11



The power of the Holy Spirit drives the disciples from the Upper Room into the streets and marketplace. The Spirit compels them to take the message everywhere, in places familiar and unfamiliar, not stopping until they reach the ends of the world. We have been clothed with the same

Spirit. We are called to be evangelizers and witnesses, near and far, wherever we go. The Spirit always goes before us, preparing the way and strengthening our hearts to be generous servants of the Risen Lord who ever guides us. Pentecost is an enduring and continuing event. We implore the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth by renewing us.

***Prayer: "Holy Spirit, renew me to help to renew the face of the earth."***

## I. DISCOVERY OF THE EMPTY TOMB

John 20.1-10



On the first day of the week, at the dawning of the new creation, Jesus arose from the dead. No one saw the event, yet like the apostles, we are called to be witnesses of this central Faith event. The light and power of Christ's death and resurrection has become the pattern for

our living. May we recognize Christ's dying and rising in our midst. The empty tomb was not a proof of the resurrection, but rather a silent witness of the greatest event of our faith. Seeing the empty tomb, the disciples were motivated to seek the Risen Lord at work in their midst. They saw and believed in the continuing presence of the Lord of love. All the empty and lonely places of human life are precisely where the Lord wishes to work and be revealed.

***Prayer: "Lord, Thank you for the lonely places in my life. Show me how to fill them with You."***



## II. THE ANGEL SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN

Luke 24.4-8



The angel gives us certainty, hope and courage. At last we hear, and can know with absolute certainty, The Lord has risen indeed! We are reminded how forgetful we can be of all we have already received: the past, all the clues it gives, the messages it offers, the evidence of

graces poured out, all there is that can contribute creatively to any situation in the present. We are challenged, too. "Why look among the dead .... ?" At times, we cling to what is moribund, sterile and hopeless simply because it is safe, habitual or what is expected. But enough for now: can you really take it in, and can you let your mouth bloom, your heart sing?

***Prayer: "Lord, thank you for the hope of Easter. May I sing your praises."***

## XIII. JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN

Acts 1.6-11



The Scriptures do not portray the Ascension as a day of sadness. While still looking up at the skies, the disciples were consoled by the continuing presence of the Lord. They return to the Familiar surroundings of the Upper Room, with Mary, the mother of the Lord, to

pray in anticipation of their mission. In this "original novena," we continue to implore the Risen Lord to be the center of our lives and to keep us focused as a jubilant pilgrim people.

***Prayer: "I pray, Lord, that I will keep focused on you as the Center of my life."***

## XII. THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

Acts 9.3-9



St. Paul, writing himself of this occasion in his letters to the Corinthians says "and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. Significantly, he makes no distinction between this appearance of the risen Lord and those that took place immediately after that first Easter Morn-

ing, for Jesus is beyond time and the encounter with him is always in the now,, in the *eternal present*. So last of all, Jesus appears to us, to you and me. We too are part of the unfolding story of Jesus' revelation to his creation, the continuing gospel.

**Prayer:** *"Thank you God, for revealing yourself to me through the Sacraments and my fellow believers."*

## III. JESUS AND HIS MOTHER MARY

Acts 3



Jesus appeared to many other people. Many writers, from the early Fathers of the Church to Ignatius Loyola, could not imagine that our Lord did not appear to his beloved mother. Some might argue that it is a spiritual and psychological necessity; others might propound simple, supernatu-

ral good sense. Either way it is a personal and intimate moment as mother and child, who somehow are also creature and creator, come together and are reunited.

We who are later witnesses to that greater joy, are reminded that our own joy is not solitary, not unique, not even deserved. It is part of a greater gift, and all creation will find its place in it.

**Prayer:** *"Thank you for appearing in my life."*

#### IV. JESUS SPEAKS TO MARY MAGDALENE

John 20.11-18



In the fourth gospel, Mary Magdalene is given the mission to carry the good news of the resurrection to the apostles and the disciples. Mary had been in the company of Jesus and His followers and is given the privilege to announce the hope of new life. She is known over the cen-

turies as "the Apostle to the Apostles." Jesus called her by name, gave her the eyes of faith and called her to give a unique personal witness to her friends in the faith community.

***Prayer: "It is my prayer, Lord, to let others see my friendship with Christ."***

#### XI. JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN IN GALILEE

Matthew 28.16-20



From the mountain top the Risen Lord gives the "Great Commission" to the disciples. They are to reach out to the ends of the earth. We realize that we are the recipients of this faith-filled mission. Our ancestors embraced the faith of the apostles, who were the original witnesses of the resurrection. The

greatest response he can give to such a legacy is our dedication to a new evangelization of our contemporary culture. We must allow the Risen Lord to reinvigorate our whole way of living, helping us to reevaluate every aspect of our lives with the values of the Kingdom of God.

***Prayer: "I pray to you God that the Holy Spirit will guide me in re-evaluating my life."***



## X. PETER PROFESSES HIS FAITH AND LOVE

John 21.15-19



The Risen Lord directs His attention to Peter whose three-fold denial was still ringing in his heart. The questions posed by Jesus help Peter to find reconciliation and to embrace his new mission to tend and feed the sheep.

Their encounter reminds us that forgiveness is always available, even for the most serious of mistakes we can make. This warm embrace of forgiveness strengthens our resolve to be reconcilers and healers in the Spirit of Jesus. Only love can overcome guilt and deception. Only love and forgiveness can make us whole.

***Prayer: “Lord, I want to love and forgive. Help me over the tough spots.”***

## V. THE DENIAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28.11-15



The forces that threaten are now before us. Bribery, lying, deceit, all are brought into play, corrupting both the soldiers and those who seek to hide The truth. What may challenge the full power of the Resurrection? What denies us and our society the possi-

bilities and potential of this transforming love? Where do faith, hope and trust fall short?

Many forces whisper here, counseling expediency... telling us that the end justifies the means,, bringing out the doubt and fear that will eat away at the integrity we do have, the love that we already know. Evil has many masks and it is surely best to know them. Whatever frailty or uncertainty hamper out lives, we also need to know that ultimately nothing lies outside the power of joy of the Resurrection.

***Prayer: “I pray that I will remember your strength will help me overcome my failings.”***

## VI. JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES AT EMMAUS

Luke 24.13-35



The Emmaus road is the story of the Christian life. The disciples were walking away from Jerusalem and the apostolic community in defeat and dejection. They had lost hope. We too, have moments of despair and desolation. The Risen Lord Jesus accompanies us along the

road, even when we are moving in the wrong direction. Only the Lord can "break open" the Word in order to help us understand the stories of our lives, especially suffering, and read them in harmony with the pattern of the Scriptures. Only the Lord can rekindle our energy and our resolve to devote ourselves to what is most important in life.

***Prayer: "Lord, remind me to look for your footsteps along side of me. "***

## IX. JESUS APPEARS AT THE SEA OF GALILEE

John 21.1-14



After the crucifixion, the apostles returned to their former way of life. Out on the familiar Sea of Galilee, these expert fishers find themselves ineffective and baffled because not even a single fish was caught. From the shore, the Risen Lord guides them and directs their nets until

they are filled to overflowing. As He prepares breakfast for them, He nourishes their hearts and promises them that they can also be fed by making disciples in His name. He calls them to an entirely new way of fishing--fishing for people.

***Prayer: "Lord, guide me as I share my faith with others."***



## VIII. JESUS SPEAKS TO THOMAS

John 24.24-29



It is through Thomas' example that we realize that doubt can be a part of faith. We easily, call him "Doubting Thomas," forgetting that after examining the nail marks, he fully embraced the Risen One as his Lord and Savior. Thomas' doubt was transformed into a

lively faith. We too, are called to believe, knowing full well that our faith may be tested by doubt and fear. As disciples who desire an ever deeper faith,, we are patient and understanding with those who are struggling,, searching and seeking like Thomas.

***Prayer: "Lord, show me how to fully embrace you in all circumstances."***

## VII. JESUS APPEARS IN THE LOCKED ROOM

John 20.19-21A



Even though the doors of the Upper Room were bolted shut, the Risen Lord penetrated all fear and united the hearts of the disciples with the gift of peace. Deep inner peace is the root and source of the peace and joy that the world cannot

give. The Risen Lord calls us to seek peace always through a non-violent commitment to conflict resolution and thus transform the world,, relationship by relationship.

***Prayer: "Lord, I ask that your peace may be seen in me by others."***