

REDISCOVER *Easter*. It's a lot more *meaningful* to YOUR life than a HARD-boiled egg.

When you grow up Catholic, Easter is a feast that's difficult to understand. Christmas is easy; you get presents, and it's easy even for a child to be fascinated with an infant.

Holy Week at St. Victor's

Palm Sunday, April 9

Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (choral), 12:15 and 5:15 p.m. Mass for those with HIV and AIDS, their families and friends, with Anointing of the Sick, at 3 p.m. Receptions follow the 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Masses.

Holy Thursday, April 13

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper with choir, 7:45 p.m. Mass also at 12:10 p.m. Confessions from 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14

Way of the Cross at noon Meditations on the Seven Last Words, 12:30 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with choir, 1:45 p.m.

Liturgy also at 7:45 p.m. Confessions from 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15

Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection, 7:45 with choir and soloists Confessions 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (with choir and orchestra) and 12:15 p.m. Refreshments after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Easter, though, is about resurrection. It's about victory over sin and death. It takes an adult to really understand the meaning of Easter—someone who has experienced defeat, known death, felt suffering and alienation.

Throughout Holy Week, the Church explores the breadth of human emotion and experience, finding new meaning in adversity and truths

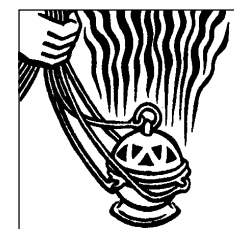


*O death, where is your victory?
O grave, where is your sting?*

that help us to rise up again when we fall, and to continue on our way. As an adult, you are certainly familiar with this dynamic, and as a gay man or lesbian you can identify with the need to rise above humiliation or hatred directed at you.

But maybe someone once caused you such pain that you felt unwelcome in the Church of your ances-

tors. Sometimes, uninformed or hateful people have made gay and lesbian members of the Church feel unwelcome. We invite you to put all that behind you and come to Holy Week services at St. Victor's—which always begin with an AIDS Mass on Palm Sunday—where you



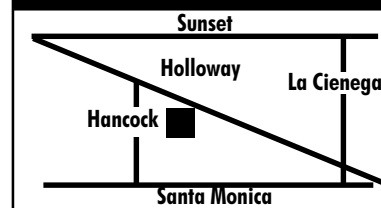
The incense used at so many Holy Week ceremonies is an ancient symbol of respect, and also represents our prayers ascending to God.

can rediscover as an adult the power of Our Lord's death and resurrection in a parish where you are welcome just as you are.

And in the Lady Chapel at St. Victor's, a memorial to those who have died from AIDS, you can remember your loved ones in the hope of their final resurrection.

So if Easter never seemed to have much of an impact on your life as a child, it may be that Easter was just something you had to grow into. If you think you're ready to try again, St. Victor's may be just the place for you.

Where is St. Victor's Church?



Conveniently located in the heart of West Hollywood



Come home to St. Victor's.

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