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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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HOLY CONVERGENCE

By Julie Mussché

*"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station,
through which God speaks to us every hour,
if we will only tune in."*

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Reflection

No doubt you have seen or read about the "super bloom" that is occurring all over California due to the unprecedented rains this year. Driving around the local foothills, the higher elevations look like a watercolor palette, brilliant green and speckled with yellow-orange and purple, a testament to the prolific bloom of the California poppy, and various lupines. Of course, this abundance of flora is extensive including local and domestic gardens as well as along roadways. In an attempt to reduce water consumption, over the last several

years, highway and freeway medians and shoulders have been replanted with drought-resistant plants and vegetation. During the drought, the roads looked quite dull; now they are radiant with pink flora and purple sand verbena. It's hard to take it all in.

While walking at St. Joseph Center for a moment of soul refreshment and interlude during Holy Week, my eyes were drawn to a bush with bright pink flowers. Getting closer up to peruse the detail, the Orchid Rockrose, as it is commonly known, radiated vividly with brilliance. The fuchsia-colored petals, translucent with sunlight and touched lightly with shadow, highlighted five concentric blood-red splotches and a fluffy yellow center. Reflecting on the simple beauty of the flower, my meditations wandered to Christ's passion, the natural phenomenon radiating the cosmic story of redemption. Maybe it was the significance of the week, or perhaps a holy convergence of Grace. Whatever the case, blessed be.



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For Pondering

- How has the Spirit opened your heart to Holy Mystery through the simple and extraordinary gift of creation?

- You are invited to remember such a moment, and savor the gift.

Prayer

*Thank you, God, for outrageous miracles
and the extravagance of creation,
for your audacious generosity
in the gifting of mystery and beauty.
Amen*

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