

Pastoral Reflection  
Third Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 2022

During this season when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus I thought it might be interesting to read the Obituary of "Someone Else"

## The Obituary Of "Someone Else "



Our community was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued residents, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Someone Else was a loving family member, and a law abiding citizen, who believed in doing right by other people. Someone Else was the kind of neighbor we all would desire to become. They reached out to anyone that appeared to be in need of help. If they could not do what was needed, they would help find the one or ones, who could.

Whenever there was a community project, a special class to teach, or a meeting to attend, everyone suggested to "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Someone Else worked in front of and behind the scenes with local law enforcement and community groups to promote safety, justice and peace. They tried to get their neighbors on their block to do the same. It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most powerful advocates and liberal givers in our community. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference, and they did.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, and is greatly missed by their family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. As you can see, Someone Else was a very important person to a lot of people. Someone Else sometimes appeared to be superhuman. Everybody expected too much of Someone Else, to keep from doing more themselves. Someone Else left such a legacy and wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you are asked to help this time, remember - we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

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Can Jesus depend on you to carry on the mission of compassion and hope?

Be safe and be blessed,  
Fr. Jack (he/him)