

APRIL 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

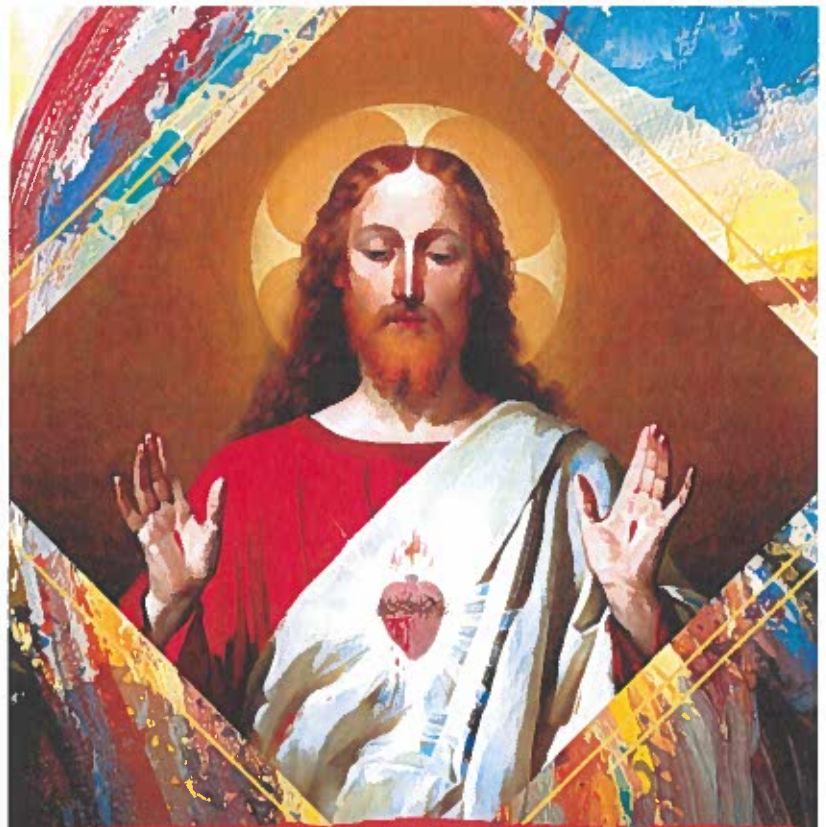
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and
rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:46**



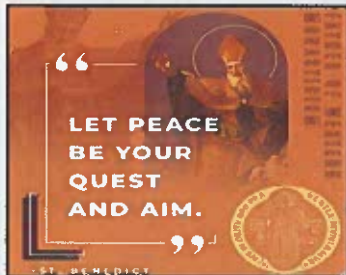
From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

04-07-2024.....\$4,806
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$2,106

YTD
 Offertory.....\$128,428
 Budget.....\$110,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$17,728

Food Pantry\$100



ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19
1 JOHN 2:1-5A
LUKE 24:35-48

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: The suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

**Readings may be found
 in the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 956**

Happy Sunday everyone,

Today the Church celebrates the Third Sunday in Easter. There is a great line in the Gospel that really sticks out to me: "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures".

I'm struck by how often we think of this as simple education. We think that the disciples just received a Sunday school class from Jesus. But the reality is way more interesting than that!

When we listen to God speak, a lot of times, we don't understand for multiple reasons. Sometimes, we really don't understand, and God opens our minds to see. Other times, we are not ready to hear what God says. Jesus himself told the apostles, "I have more to tell you but you are not ready". And finally, we often don't hear God's voice because of our sins. In all three of these cases, we need God to open our minds (and hearts!) to hear his word.

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For Vocations
Sunday, April 14	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, April 15	No Mass	
Tuesday, April 16	Noon Mass	+Mark Cooper
Wednesday, April 17	Noon Mass and Family	Intentions of Mr. Graves
Thursday, April 18	No Mass	
Friday, April 19	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Saturday, April 20	5:00 pm Vigil Mass and Zosima Operario	+Crispino
Sunday, April 21	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LECTOR ROTATION - Below are the names and dates of the lector rotation.

04/14 Doyle May
 4/21 Steve Mischenski
 4/28 Sidney Cline
 5/5 Joseph Mata
 5/12 Lindsay May
 5/19 Lauren Vanderpool

"If you cannot make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118".

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience

of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too! — Father John Muir ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Terry Reed, cancer and kidney failure

Sharon Collins, cancer

Alex Wells, car accident

Sidney Tackett

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Jimmie Goss

Tim Deskins

Christine Mischenski, Steve Mischenski's mother

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Ryan Altman, Helen Altman's grandson

Steve Mischenski, Sr. (cancer)

Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend (kidney failure)

John Flieman, stroke

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Kenny Blackburn

Helen Altman

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, “Peace be with you,” that’s the sort of peace he’s talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God’s love

over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

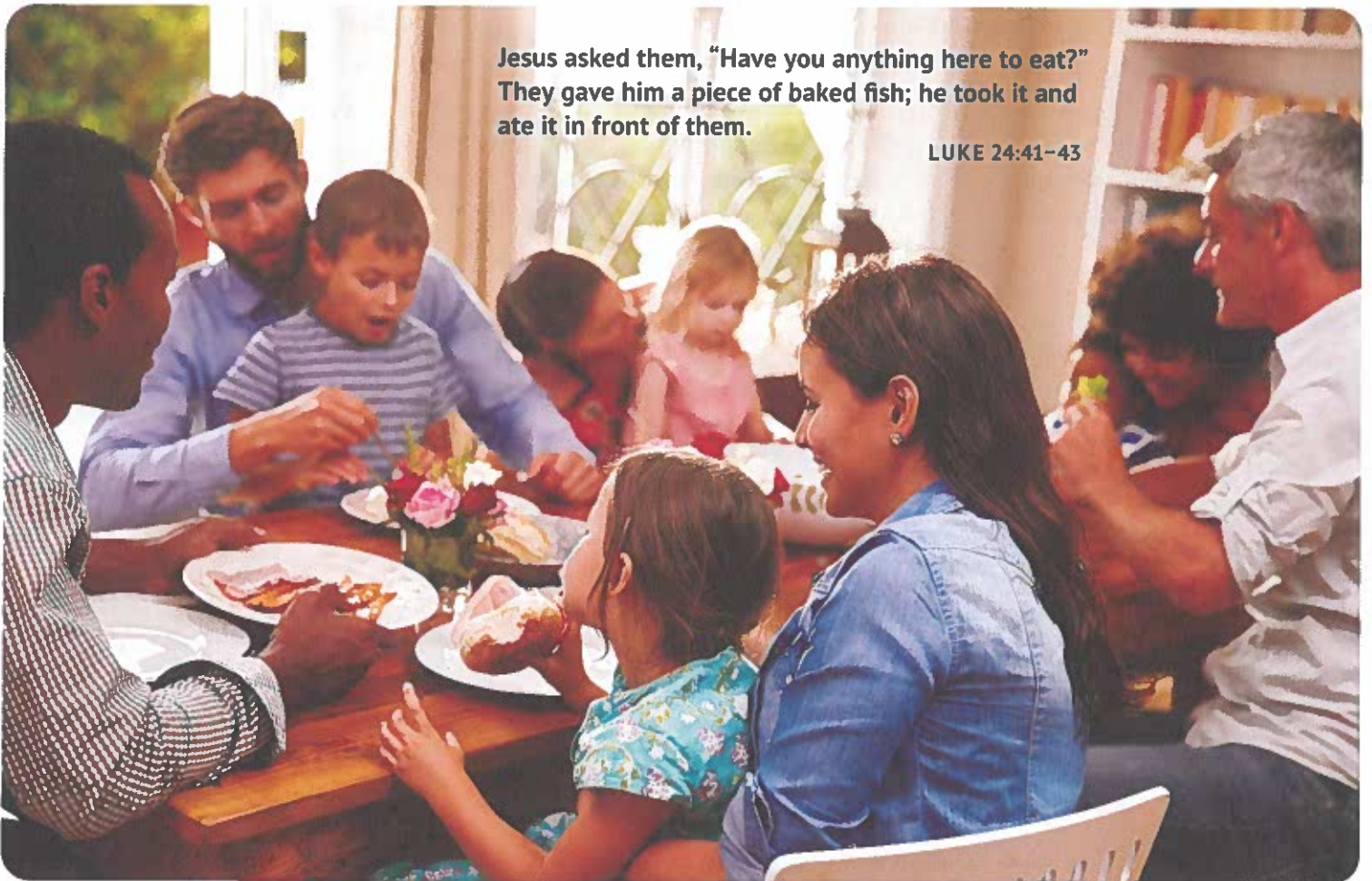
The thing about such peace is that only you know if it’s genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that’s God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it’s not easy to know if that’s God’s peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you’re at peace when everything else around you is not, that’s when you know it’s the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?

Jesus asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43



Dear Padre,

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording.

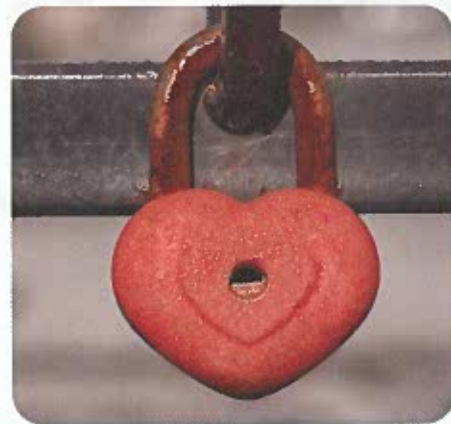
Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●

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MONDAY

April 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

TUESDAY

April 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

WEDNESDAY

April 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

THURSDAY

April 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

FRIDAY

April 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

SATURDAY

April 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

SUNDAY

April 21

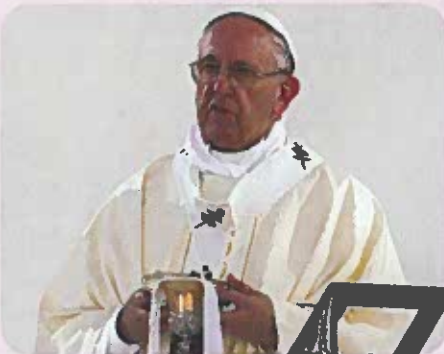
*Fourth Sunday
of Easter*

Acts 4:8–12

1 Jn 3:1–2

Jn 10:11–18

GIOVANNI CARDILLO / SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration.

How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021