

Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



April 18, 2021—3rd Sunday of Easter

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

506 First St. S, Yelm, WA 98597

Parish Office

360-458-3031

Hours: Monday—Thursday

9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

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www.saintcolumbanyelm.org

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Daily Mass: Wednesdays 9:00AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: By Appointment

Confession: Fridays 4:00—5:00PM

The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer

Faith Formation

Offered Sundays before and after the
10:30AM Mass, depending on grade

RCIA: Tuesdays 6:30PM

Adult Education & Outreach

Contact the parish office for more information

Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30PM

Hispanic Prayer Group

Tuesdays 6:00PM

Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays 7:00PM

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

Mission Office

360-264-2124

Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays

10:30AM – 2PM

gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM

Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

Adult Education & Outreach

Contact the mission office for more information

Bible Study Thursdays 10:00AM

MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.

For emergency assistance contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 360-458-1904. Please leave your name, number, and details of your need.

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME! Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

April 21—George Joseph Beusch Jr RIP

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Joseph Waters, Jess & Jessica Nash, Maria Luisa Fregoso, Ray Wilson, Paul Hennigan, Pam Henslee, Michelle Culler, Ruth Predmore and all those in harm's way.

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
April 4	\$5,542	\$1,078

From the first apology in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, Martyr

The celebration of the Eucharist

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me.* This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The Eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.

Pax et bonum,
Fr. Dean.

SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Sheila Johnson, Jerome Didier,
Joseph Judge, Dennis Stumpf
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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation



RCIA will resume in the fall for all inquirers.

Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office for additional information.



Upcoming 1st-5th grade Faith Formation Schedule:

SPRING SCHEDULE:

April 25	Class
May 2	Class (May Crowning @ 10:30 Mass)
May 9	No Class-Mother's Day
May 16	Class
May 23	Last Class



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

This past weekend 4 children prayed 107 prayers.

"The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore."

-Psalm 121:5-8

Confirmation 2021:

PARENTS of second year Confirmation students: be sure to check your email for important updates and information on an upcoming retreat scheduled for May 8th.

All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS

In obedience to the COVID Safety Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed with the following safety measures in place.

- ♦ Masks will be required. Those with a medical exemption will be seated according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
- ♦ Attendance is limited according to the most current guidelines.
- ♦ The cry room at St. Columban is limited to one family per Mass and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.

Reservations at St. Columban: call the parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5

Reservations at St. Peter: call the mission office at 360-264-2124

If you are unable to call during office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party and we will call you back to confirm your reservation.

Please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation

Important Things to Remember

- ♦ **Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass.** You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher. Seating is first come, first served.
- ♦ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.
- ♦ Please do not sing along with the Cantor in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.



All meetings and events postponed until further notice



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

April 21st
6:00PM

Council Meeting
Parish Hall

May 1st
8AM -1PM

Outdoor Sale
Parish Hall/Parking Lot



April 21
9:00AM

Daily Mass
St. Columban

April 22
10:00AM
6:30PM

Bible Study
St. Peter
St. Columban

April 23
4-5:00PM

Confession
St. Columban



As of: January 7, 2021

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307, 368

Total Pledged: \$164,000 53% of Goal

Number of Families Participating: 292

Potential Share: \$24,600

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327

Total Pledged: \$105,000 193% of Goal

Number of Families Participating: 45

Potential Share: \$43,350

Thank You for Pledging Your Support!

Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at flocknote.com/saintcolumbanvelm or visit our website saintcolumbanvelm.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Outdoor



Saturday May 1st
8AM-1PM

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Items must be re-useable and in good/working condition.

Suggested Items

Tools

Gardening/Yard Equipment

Sports Equipment

Outdoor Furniture

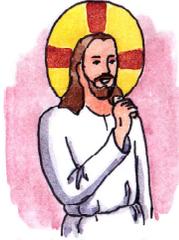
Small Appliances

Camping Equipment

Please contact the parish office (360) 458-3031 to drop off your donations during office hours or contact John Scotto (206) 805-9279 to schedule pickup if needed.

MATTRESSES, PAINT, VEHICLE BATTERIES, TIRES, AND FLAMMABLE/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Jesus' Body Came Back to Life!



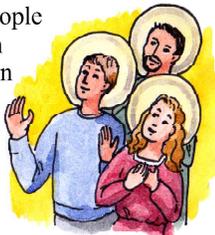
When Jesus rose from the dead, was He just a spirit or did He have a real living body?

Some of the disciples thought He was just a spirit or ghost at first and were afraid. But Jesus showed them He was really alive again, with a real body, by eating some fish. Of course, a ghost can't eat anything because it doesn't have a real body.

When we die, our body will be buried in the ground and turn back into earth. But our soul will not die. At the end of time we will get our body back, but not an old worn out body. This body will really be our own body, but it will be new and fresh, with no problems in it! Jesus showed us what it would be like when He came back to life after His death.



Did you know that we will get our bodies back one day in Heaven? God made people to have a soul and a body, so when we are perfectly happy with Him in Heaven we will be able to rejoice with our bodies and our souls!



Alleluia!

Answers to Easter Word Puzzle: written, rise, witness, third, sins, name, nations, Jerusalem.

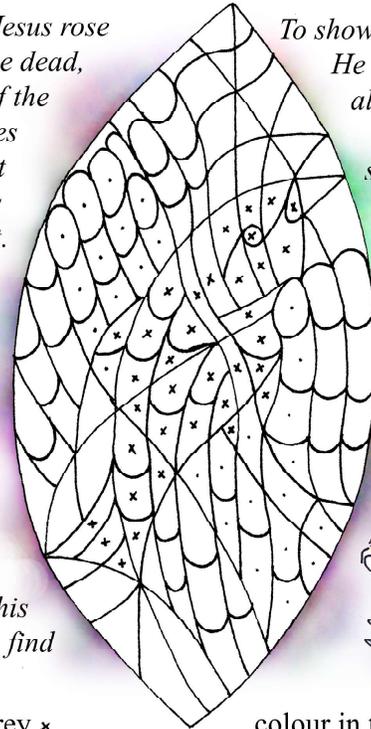
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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter
April 18th, 2021

When Jesus rose from the dead, some of the disciples thought He was a ghost.

To show them that He was really alive, Jesus asked for something to eat. What did they give Him?



Colour the spaces using this code to find out!



grey *
skin colour .

colour in the blank spaces any colour!

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen April 24

MARK REY WAS BORN IN GERMANY IN 1577. HE STUDIED AND BECAME A TUTOR TO SOME YOUNG NOBLEMEN WHO WERE TRAVELLING EUROPE.

Today we will study the French government.

THEN HE BECAME A LAWYER. HE WAS ALWAYS VERY JUST, EVEN TO HIS OPPONENTS.

I understand that your business was struggling, but you still cheated my client.

HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR AND OFTEN FOUGHT FOR THEM.

Yes, I can defend you... But right now you need shoes and a coat!

I'll give you 40 if you have the guy arrested...

It's just like Judas!

BUT HE BECAME DISGUSTED WITH THE CORRUPTION AND BECAME A MONK.

HE WAS ORDAINED AND TOOK THE NAME FIDELIS, WHICH MEANS FAITHFUL.

NOW HE PREACHED, ESPECIALLY AGAINST HERESY. HE WAS SENT INTO SWITZERLAND.

God did not make us bad! We have made ourselves bad from sin!

Kill him!

Renounce your beliefs and we will spare you!

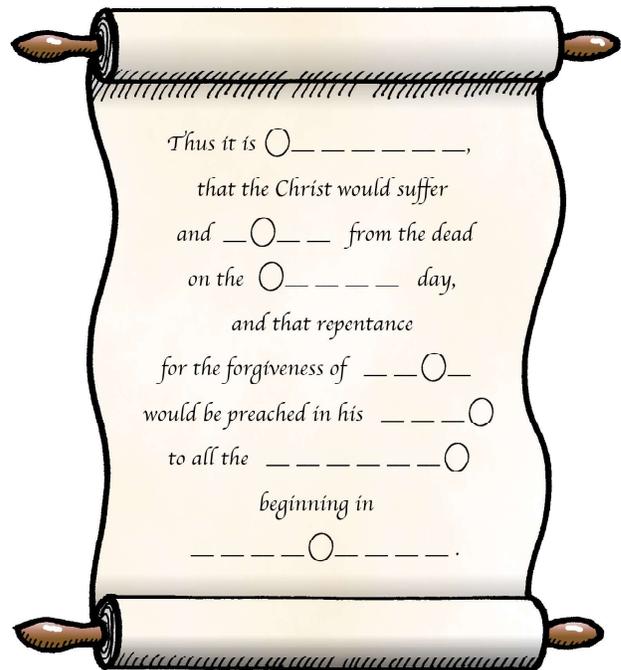
HE PREACHED AND WROTE TO DEFEND THE FAITH. FINALLY ONCE WHILE HE WAS PREACHING THE HERETICS TOOK HIM OUT OF THE CHURCH AND KILLED HIM.

SAINT FIDELIS IS AN EXAMPLE TO US OF WHAT JESUS TAUGHT IN THE BEATITUDES. HE WAS JUST, HONEST AND GENEROUS. HE WOULD GIVE THE POOR HIS OWN CLOTHES, AND DEFEND THEM AT HIS OWN EXPENSE. FINALLY HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR GOD AND THE TRUTH. PRAY THAT GOD WILL MAKE YOU VIRTUOUS TOO!

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An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks. Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus wants you to be His

_____ to the world!

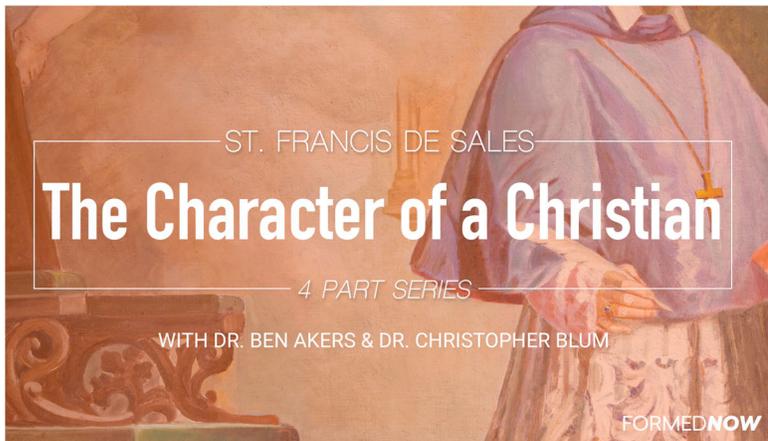
JERUSALEM THIRD NAME
WRITTEN NATIONS SINS RISE

April 18, 2021

WATCH

ECHO WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING

ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN

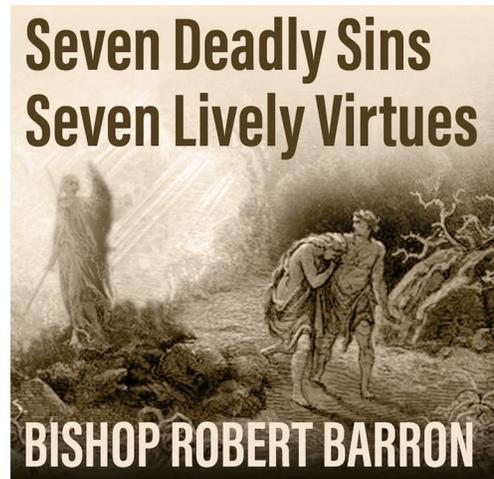
In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

LEARN

LISTEN

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES BY BISHOP ROBERT

In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness, and holiness.



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Jesus Helps Us to Understand

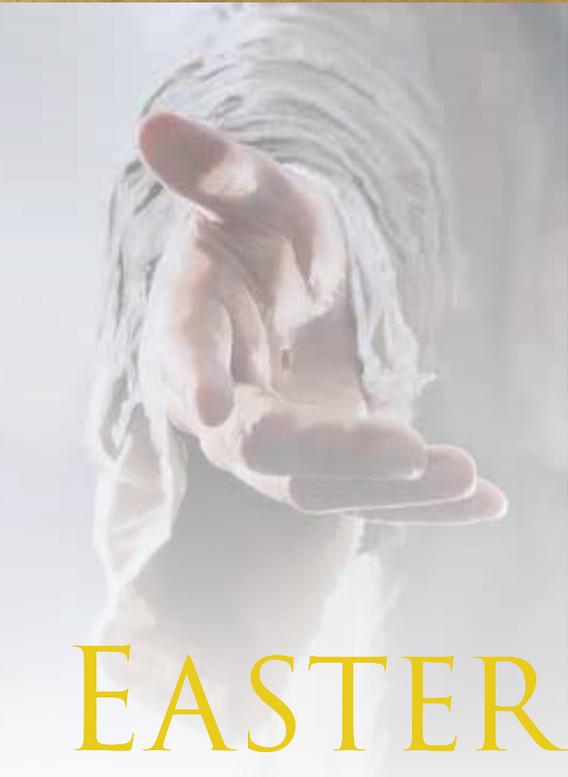
April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

At Home with Faith

Jesus is the only one who can truly reveal what is happening in the Scriptures and the Eucharist. Let's be like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, listening to him and sharing the good news.



Parents can benefit a great deal from paying close attention to what Jesus does in his encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus (read Luke 24:13-35). He finds two of his disciples walking in the wrong direction, away from Jerusalem. Even though Jesus has risen from the dead, they don't know how to interpret what happened.

In much (if not most) of our life in the Church, we are like these two disciples. We don't know how to interpret what God is doing in our lives. We need Jesus to come alongside us and help us understand how God is present to us in the Scriptures and the Eucharist, and then follow his example with our own children—walking alongside them and explaining faith.

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

God has fulfilled his promise.

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Lord let your face shine on us.

1 John 2:1-5a

We have an advocate in Jesus.

Luke 24: 35-48

Jesus explains the resurrection.

EASTER SEASON

Celebrate the 50 Days of Easter!

www.ArchSeattle.org/Easter

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Go deeper into the story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

- **Read Luke 24:13-35, to your children.** Let your children hear this important text. Read it slowly and carefully.
- **Ask your children what they observed in the reading.** Ask them follow up questions to see if they noticed how the disciples were going the wrong way. See if they noticed that, even though Jesus had risen from the dead, the disciples didn't know what it meant. They still needed Jesus' help to understand the Scriptures and the Eucharist. See if they noticed that the disciples turned around after meeting with Jesus.
- **Share about a difficulty you had in understanding the faith.** Only after experiencing Mass for over 20 years did I start to feel Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. It takes time and what the Church calls revelation or God's action to really understand the faith. As long as we follow the disciples example and continue to walk with Jesus, he will help us grow in our understanding.
- **Encourage your children to pray to Jesus for greater understanding.** The best responses to difficulties with the faith is to ask for Jesus' help. It takes time, but he will teach us just as he taught the disciples.



March 19, 2021 – June 26, 2022

CELEBRATE WITH YOUR FAMILY



“The mystery of the Christian family can be fully understood only in the light of the Father’s infinite love revealed in Christ, who gave himself up for our sake and who continues to dwell in our midst.”

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #59

Before our first child was born, I worried a little about whether I would respond well to the many demands of parenthood. I trusted my parents and others who assured me that, as difficult as raising a child can be, it is joyful. Then, I discovered they were right.

The Christian vision for the family is bound up in the Paschal Mystery: the way in which, when we follow Jesus' call, our sacrifices will be like his and lead to new life. Because we live in a fallen world that often doubts this vision, it's important that we parents teach it to our children, encouraging them to make the sacrifices that the Christian vision for the family demands. It's the only way to discover the true joy of love Jesus calls us to in family life.

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

The Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 18, 2021

Lord, let your face shine on us.

—Ps 4:7a

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April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more!

usccb.org/environment
wearesaltandlight.org/cst101
catholicclimatecovenant.org



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



5 FIVE WAYS

to protect your children
from sexual abuse

Parents play the primary role in educating their children about sexual abuse. Here are 5 tips for teaching safety to the little ones God has entrusted to you:

1: Keep it practical.

Teach your children the differences between safe touches and unsafe touches.

2: Tell your children that saying “no” is okay.

Empower your children to say “no” if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or touches them inappropriately.

3: Give your children a way to alert you.

Tell your children they can use an excuse or share a special “code-word” with you to alert you about an unsafe person or situation.

4: Tell your children to report an unsafe touch.

Let your children know they should tell you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe around any adult or peer. You can also identify other adults they can tell about unsafe touches.

5: Tell your children you trust them.

If your child makes a report to you, believe him or her. Tell them it is not their fault and that you love them. Immediately bring the allegation to the attention of public authorities.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/cyp-five-ways-bulletin-insert-and-foldable-card.pdf>



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

- SUN 4/18** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- MON 4/19** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUES 4/20** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/21** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/22** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 4/23** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 4/24** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 4/25** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

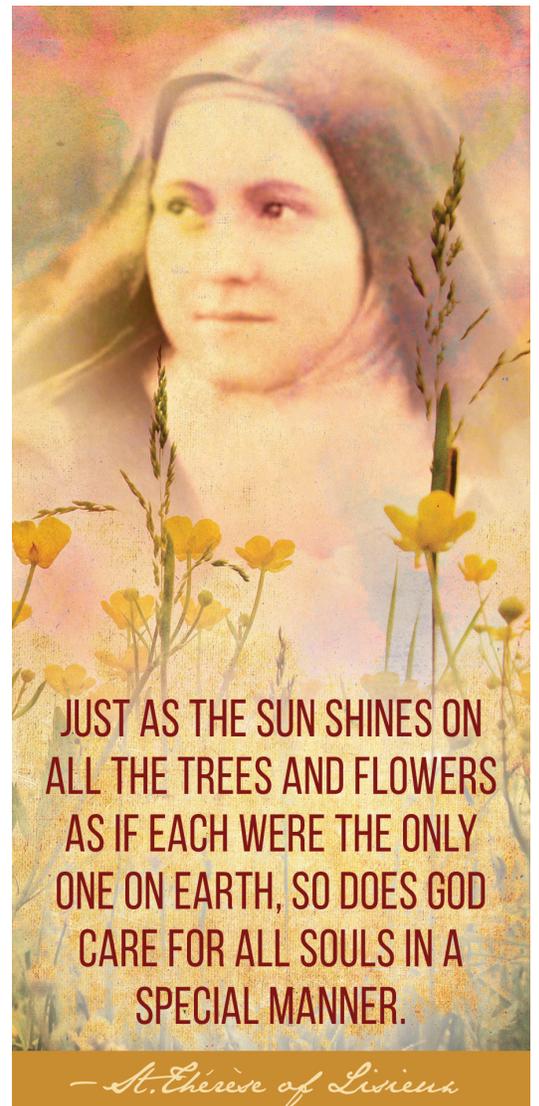
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

- Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday: Earth Day
- Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



These
are my
words

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are
witnesses. (Acts 3:15)



PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the
whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)



GOSPEL:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

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

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child’s “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

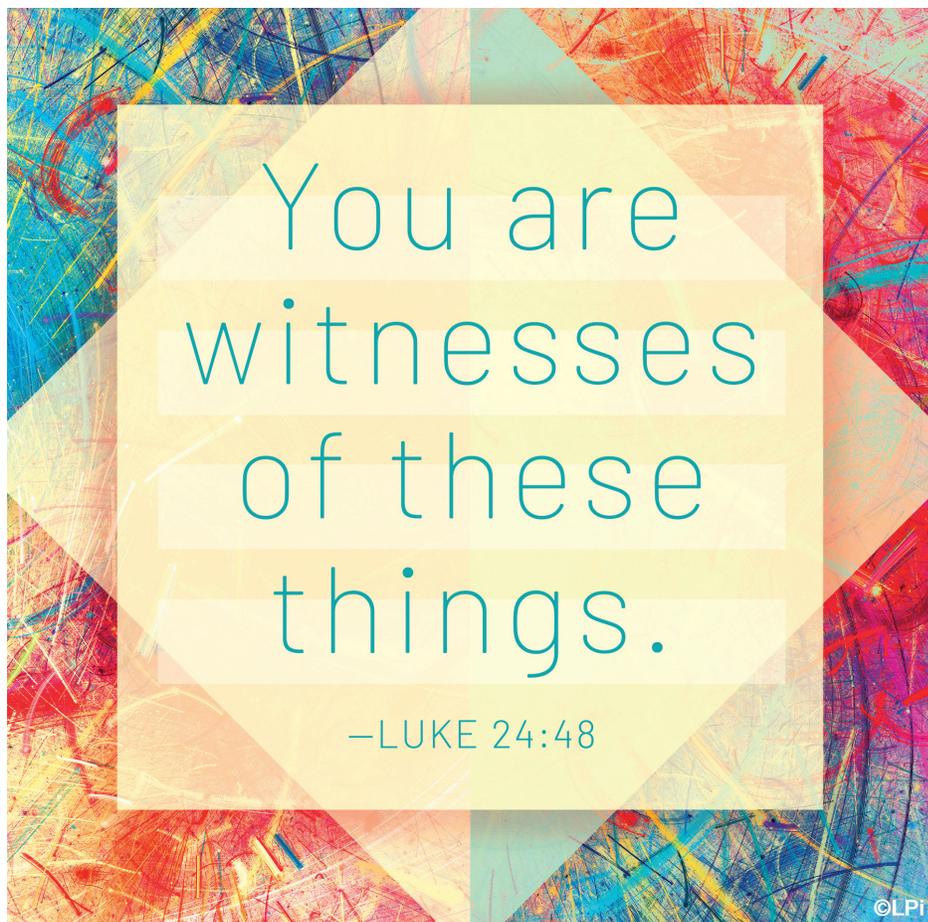
In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

Second Reading:

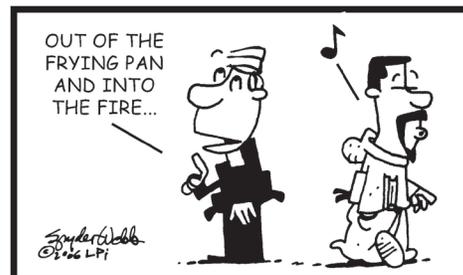
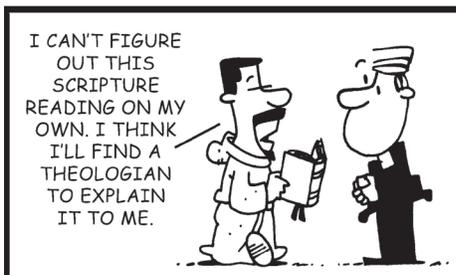
John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

Gospel:

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?



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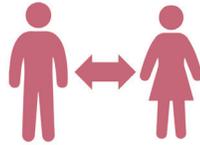


LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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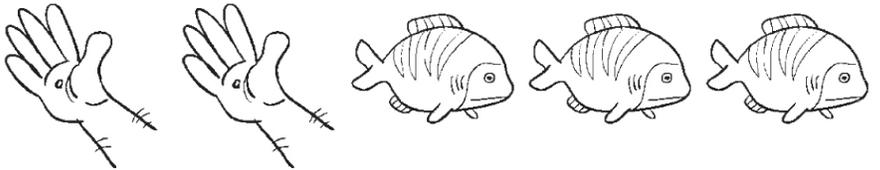
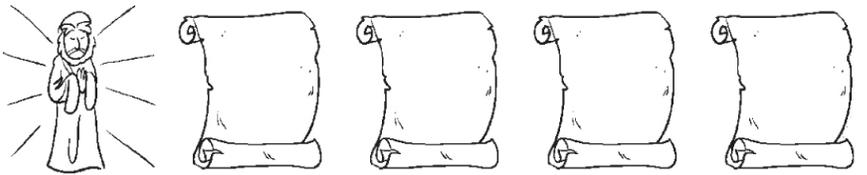
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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Circle the group in each row that has **more**.
Then color in all the pictures.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Turn to God in the name of Jesus Christ so that you will be forgiven. When you hurt someone, say to God and to the person, "I made a mistake. I am very sorry. Will you forgive me?" After God forgives you, he will show you good things to do in his Son's name. Choosing ways to honor and serve God will lead you to heaven.

PRAYER

Father God, forgive me and show me ways to serve you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When someone hurts me I will forgive. I will ask God to forgive me if I hurt someone.





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