



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 30, 2017 - Third Sunday of Easter

dear Padre

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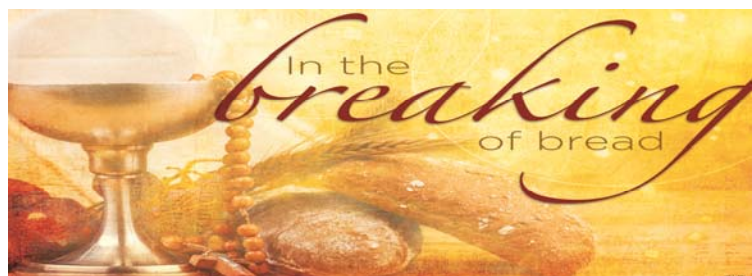
What does it mean when someone says the Eucharist contains the "glorified" body of our Lord Jesus Christ?

In 1551, the Council of Trent definitively taught that "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (CCC 1374).

I'm not sure what "the glorified body of our Lord Jesus Christ" might refer to in your question, but I can make an educated guess. Since Jesus has suffered, died, and risen from the dead, the sacramental presence contains the reality of the fullness of the experience of the paschal mystery. Every experience of the risen Jesus is an experience of the fullness of the mystery and, as such, must include the fact that he has been glorified through his resurrection from the dead.

References to the Lord's appearances after his resurrection might be helpful here. "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself" (Luke 24:39), Jesus told his disciples. The Catechism tells us that "Christ 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,' into a 'spiritual body'" (CCC 999). The reality of the resurrection "exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith" (CCC 1000).

Source: Liguorian, April 2007



Masses for the Week

May 1st - 7th

Tues	1:00 pm	Wayne Manning (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Special Intention (DW)
Thurs	9:30 am	Edward & Mary Robbins (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Harold Payne (BP)
Sat	8:00 am	Crystal Stinnett
	5:00 pm	Fred & Ruth Hardesty (DP)
Sun	7:00 am	Marty & Merl Kannapel (SB)
	10:00 am	Lori Mattingly Shaw (DM)

Stewardship of Finance

April 22nd & 23rd Collection

Sunday Collection	\$8,357.50
Building Fund	\$5.00
Children	\$3.41
Loose change for the Poor	\$27.48

Parish Financial Summary

July-March, 2017

Total Income	\$397,400
Total Expenses	\$363,800
	\$ 33,800

Thank you for your financial stewardship!

Worship and Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Brian.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Brian.

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

Confession/Reconciliation: Every Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm; every Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Brian for appointment.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

Membership in the Parish: Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

Ministers of the Liturgy - May 6th & 7th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Whitney Roach Millie Whittler	Shannon Aldridge Brenda Wheatley	C-Tim Aldridge* C-Mark Rhodes S-Matthew Rhodes S-John Roach	Ben Aldridge Lola Allen Emma Foran	Minnie Nimmo	Pippa
7:00 am	Cathy Lewis Mike Wiedemer	Jim Heavrin	C-Kevin Oelze* C-Stephen Oelze S-Bobby Joe Rhodes S-Jeff Rhodes	Gabe Carwile Luke Carwile	Mary Vessels	Pippa
10:00 am	Sandra Hinton Lisa Kennedy Cindy Payne Mary Jo Rankin	Deanna Arnold Sarah Arnold	C-Greg Hinton* C-Ethan O'Donoghue S-Ron O'Donoghue S-Zack Payne	Hunter Ashcraft Justin Brown	Susan Arnold	Volunteer
Radio Minister: Ann Tritschler Children's Liturgy: Kari Critchelow & Family, Jessica Lewis						



Happy 3rd Sunday of Easter! We read the delightful account of Jesus appearing on the road to Emmaus, surprising two disciples after his resurrection. Since Easter we have been hearing about Jesus **showing up here and there**: to the apostles in the upper room (without **and** with Thomas), and to Mary Magdalene in the garden. He appears again in today's reading **on the road**. The two disciples had, had enough? They are leaving, going home! And like a good shepherd, Jesus is there!

He goes out to meet them

where they are, reaching out and giving them what they need: Himself. I like to say that after Jesus rises from the dead, he continues to give discipleship training (part two) lessons to his followers until his ascends in glory to the Father's right hand. After ascending in glory to the Father, then Jesus sends back the Advocate- Holy Spirit. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit is what truly awakens the Early Church at Pentecost to begin the spread of Faith in Jesus Christ: His mission of building the Kingdom of God. The road to Emmaus is Jesus' **extra course work** on 'new evangelization'. He is conducting a 'live demonstration training' for the disciples titled 'How to Introduce Christ to Others'. What I love most about the story is that I dream of a 'personal Bible Study with Jesus Himself'. Imagine sitting down with coffee, your bible (maybe some maps, a bible parallel, or Strong's Greek dictionary) and Jesus Himself! Then after a sharing a few words about how life events are going, a little prayer and then let Jesus review and point out all the meaning of even just a single passage of scripture. For the Word-Jesus Himself to teach and 'open up the scriptures' for us: Heaven! And best yet, Jesus would probably say to me, "This passage is fulfilled in your hearing!" (Luke 4:21). I'd have to tell Him: "Heard that one before!" But let's go back to Jesus' advanced discipleship lessons for these two Emmaus-bound disciples. Jesus reveals a pattern of reaching out to others to share the Gospel News. By itself, that is point number one: He is not in the Temple, not in the Synagogue, not among the Sanhedrin Council, or grouping with the Pharisees. He is 'where people are'. Like the shepherd who goes out to find a wandering sheep and lovingly coax them back into the fold, Jesus comes to meet us where we are, and walk with us back to the flock. About those two Emmaus bound disciples we have to ask, "Why are they walking away?" "What are they feeling that leads them to walk away from the Jesus Movement?" I asked myself that same question last week about Thomas' absence. Where was Thomas? What was his agenda or what was going through his mind or heart leading him to step out alone after Jesus' death and burial? Was he violating Jesus command to travel in pairs 2x2? Commentators have suggested that Thomas was Judas' partner. If so, he is now the odd man out! Did the other apostles kick him out, holding that against him? Was he shunned, blamed or worse, being suspected, after Judas' betrayal? Or was Thomas depressed, and pulling away from them? Was he discouraged? Did he blame himself for what Judas did? Did he consider himself unworthy to still be called an apostle, and exile himself? Maybe he thought he failed as a disciple and went off to find the next job? If so, **I find similar expressions of discouragement and depression in the voices of these two downtrodden disciples** on the road to Emmaus. They have had it. Nothing worked out anything like what they thought was supposed to happen with their Savior. So, they gave up, and looked to other towns and opportunities. But surprise! Our shepherd knows us by name. Jesus knows our hearts, and He 1) goes out to meet them, 2)

walk with them, 3) listens to them, 4) lifts them up and 5) shows them the true Way forward. **AND**, it all starts with a question from Jesus, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" (Lk 24:17). This is Jesus' 'live demonstration' of evangelization. He went out, took a place alongside them, walked a little with them to gain their trust and familiarity and simply inquired about their lives. How are you? That is re-evangelization: Accepting people where they are, caring about their internal life, gaining trust and then asking them about how life is treating them. Evangelization is simply sharing time, listening to others' life stories and then sharing our own with them. Sharing our faith means accepting and listening to others, and developing relationship and then telling what works in our lives, and what is behind our joy in knowing Jesus. Maybe things are not working out well in others' lives, and as we listen and gain their trust, we can better share with them what faith in Jesus does for us! Only after Jesus walked a while with the two disciples, is it that they turned and asked him "Stay with us!" After showing care, and genuinely listening to others' stories, we may be asked about our own story, and we can share how living with Jesus has bettered our experiences and **opened new dimensions to everything** for us. We call that 'friendship': Friendship in Christ and Friendship with one another. Did Jesus make a difference in these disciples lives as they walked toward Emmaus? Better believe it! In two ways they show us how touched they were by encountering the Risen Christ, being lifted out of their depression and feeling joy and excitement again: 1) First, it began with their offer of hospitality and 'inviting' Jesus to stay with them, and then 2) following the 'bread-breaking', their enthusiastic response to hit the road again going back to the others to tell of their new faith experience! Evangelization is contagious that way: the grace and goodness of God naturally pours out of us, being given to others. God's grace blesses everyone it touches. God's goodness cannot be contained, locked away or shut off. God creates and God lives. Jesus' resurrection reveals that **God's grace will be shared** (as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever!) Through the walk to Emmaus, Jesus reveals evangelization to be the process of loving others into 'friendship' with Him, by the mutual respect, acceptance and sharing that comes naturally among friends. In Jesus, we can always say "You know me! I know You!" In our openness to others and willingness to share, we come to recognize Jesus. As followers of Jesus (evangelists), we are known, and we know others through the sharing of the word and the 'breaking of the bread'!

Here are some daily questions to consider in our prayer time!

Sunday: What is most memorable for me from Mass today? Do I remember any powerful words that stuck with me? What message did I carry away from Mass today?

Monday: Have you ever been so excited about news, you couldn't wait to share it? What was it, and did you manage to hold it in, or did it come bursting out naturally?

Tuesday: What can I do to lift someone's spirits today? Do I know anyone discouraged or depressed that would appreciate a call or card from me today?

Wednesday: Give a greeting to a stranger today, or hold a door for someone you don't know. If asked anything, share some good news and return the question asking how they are?

Thursday: Take some extra time today to read God's word. Spend time afterward to let God speak to you. Remember to pray in thanksgiving after receiving His Word for you.

Friday: Perform an act of sacrifice or penance for someone you do not know.

Saturday: Come early to mass and pre-read the scripture readings and pray the rosary for peace.

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson

Picnic News

Picnic Time is here again, well in 3 months. We need donations for the beautiful Green "Nothing Runs Like A Deere" Booth, The New Sporting Goods Booth and The Memory Wagon. This year we will be debuting our new booths thanks to T.G.H.

Drop off items at the parish office.
Thanks and God Bless.



Parish Members: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: Apr 30, 2017 after 7AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Provided by the Knights of Columbus. See you there.

BBQ Chickens: The Knights of Columbus will be selling barbeque chickens on the 7th of May at St Romuald's, St Mary's and St. Anthony's after Sunday Mass. For Knight of Columbus Members: If you can help cook chickens please text or email me @ 270-617-0754 or jpat_oreilly@yahoo.com respectively. Cooking starts at 3:30 am at St Romuald's Pit. Thank You, GK Pat O'Reilly

Nuts, Nuts, Nuts: On the weekends of May 6th & 7th and May 20th & 21st the Altar Society will be selling nuts after each mass. Black and Light Walnuts, along with almonds and cashews will be sold at the discount price of \$8.00 per bag. Pecan halves and pieces will be \$10.00 per bag. Stop by after mass and stock up for your summer baking needs.

Family Movie Night: "A Strange Brand of Happy" is the story of David who is pushed into hiring a life coach named Joyce. Joyce invites David to join a volunteer group only to find to his dismay that his exboss is a part of the group. Watch as David's life turns into a hilarious and zany mishap, one after the other. So, come join us on Saturday, May 20th, at 6:15 pm for a laugh out loud good time. Enjoy a drink and some popcorn on us and a little family time together.

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

Abortion Update: Last week 67 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Senior Day: Come join in the fun as we share our day with Jean Aull and Jade Meador from the Breckinridge Extension Master Gardeners. They will be joining us and will present a talk on straw bale gardening and container gardening. Invite your friends and neighbors for a day of gardening tips and good fellowship! We will be serving fried chicken and ask that you bring a dish to pass. Oh yeah, don't forget to bring those green thumbs along with you!

Senior Day April 20, 2017



This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
Tues	10:00 am	Scripture Study
	1:00 pm	Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
Wed	4:00 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Mass
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
	12:00 pm	National Day of Prayer (New Court House)
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
	10:00 am	24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
	3:00 pm	1st Communion Prayer Day
Sat	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass
Sun	1:00 pm	1st Communion

UPCOMING:

May 13	3:00 pm	Tyler Hinton/Sydney Heckman Wedding
May 14	10:00 am	Graduating Senior Mass

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

A Word from Pope Francis:

“ In the resurrection, Christ rolled back the stone of the tomb, but He wants also to break down all the walls that keep us locked in our sterile pessimism, in our carefully constructed ivory towers that isolate us from life, in our compulsive need for security and in boundless ambition that can make us compromise the dignity of others. When the High Priests and religious leaders, in collusion with the Romans, believed that they could calculate everything, that the final word had been spoken and *that it was up to them to apply it*, God suddenly breaks in, upsets all the rules and offers new possibilities. God once more comes to meet us, to create a new age for us, the age of mercy. This is God’s surprise for his faithful people”. (Easter Vigil Homily 2017)

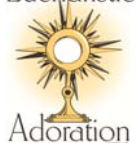
National Day of Prayer: May 4, 2017 at 12:00 noon in Front of New Breckinridge County Courthouse. Come pray with others on the front steps of the Courthouse as we ask God’s guiding Holy Spirit upon our land for us to turn to Him for healing, for forgiveness and for holiness.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Called by Name

Sunday May 7th, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It has also been designated a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This year marks its 54th year. As we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, each parish in the Diocese of Owensboro has been invited to participate in **CALLED BY NAME**, a program of vocations awareness that offers an opportunity for us to pray for priestly vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (high school or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. We will follow up with them and offer resources for discernment and personally invite them to participate in our discernment programs such as, Come and See weekends, discernment retreats, and Made for More Camp. Please recommend this person by submitting their name online at <https://owensborodiocese.org/called-by-name/> or by contacting the vocations office: 270-683-1545 or jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

Eucharistic First Friday 24-hour Adoration:

Following the 9:00 am Mass on May 7th, we begin the 24 hour adoration until Saturday morning mass at 8:00 am. We are blessed with dedicated adorers for each hour, but can use extra people for some hours. Please call Minnie Nimmo 270-617-0297 or Patsy Whitfill 270-617-2557 to volunteer spending an hour if prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



Adoration

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Mass Etiquette Column

How do we reverence Jesus when we go up to receive communion? The Bishop’s Conference of the US has stated that the gesture of respect to be shown to God before receiving Eucharist is a bow of the head. This is an ancient practice. When we step in front of the priest/deacon/Eucharistic minister, we pause and bow our head. When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence. (GIRM 160) To bow my head "before the sacrament" suggests that I should be in direct view of it, that is, once I get to the head of the communion line. The priest/minister/deacon then says The Body/Blood of Christ and we respond – Amen! When receiving Holy Communion, always do so reverently. We should be very conscious that we are receiving our Lord. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. If receiving on the hand, the hands must be clean and held like a throne for the Lord. After receiving, **one should consume the Sacred Host immediately**. Holy Communion must not be reminiscent of a cafeteria line experience, but rather of an encounter with the Lord.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:

Gene Aldridge, Paula Anthony, Gene Bennett, Joe Bennett, Juanita Burch, Billy Carwile, Jerry Carwile, Russel Carwile, Mallorie Collins, Debbie Critchelow, Jim Curtis, Rick Dale, Amanda Douthitt, Marolyn Dowell, Roger Dowell, Kenneth Dowell, Treyten Drake, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Tijuana Duncan, Lottie Eauer, Rhett Flener, Ginny Flood, Pat Flood, Cindy Getz, Bill Greenwood, Susan Griffin, JoAnn Henning, Lisa Henning, Karen Herbert, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Doug Hinton, Rugene Hinton, Rick Hurley, Merri Hurt, Braddock Inman, Barbara Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Tracy King, Patricia Lane, Angie Lawrence, Annette Lucas, Margaret Lyons, Red McClellan, Oleta McDaniel, Bevan Michael Miller, Richard Miller, Blaise Mills, Dorothy Morris, Don O'Donoghue, Eddie O'Donoghue, Joe Oelze, Earl O'Reilly, Janet O'Reilly, Libby Osborne, Martha Payne, Brian Phillips, Peggy Phillips, Doris Priest, Joe Priest, Robert Priest, Sandy Priest, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Suzanne Rose, Eric Severs, Rex Lee Sheets, Steve Smith, Jerry Sosh, Virginia Stanford, Lucye Stupak, Pam Sturgeon, Loretta Swink, Adalee Taul, Becky Taul, John N. Taul, Beavin & Gina Thornsberry, Paul Tucker, Gil Urban, David Walz, Buddy Weatherholt, Greg Wethington, Raymond Wethington, Jimmy Whitworth, Mary Rita Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Rebecca Wilson, Robert D. Wilson, Anne Wolfe, Sandra Zanone. **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Jack Hayes, Stevie Higgs, James Howard, Charles Kuhlman, SSgt Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Cody Simmons, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



AROUND AND ABOUT

The Maryland to Kentucky & Beyond 2017

Genealogy Reunion/Conference will be June 22-25, 2017 at Brescia University in Owensboro, Daviess County, Kentucky. For more information, please visit our website <https://sites.google.com/site/mdtoky3> and Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/MDtoKYandBeyondInc/> Phone 502-366-4962/ email: marylandtokentucky@gmail.com

One Day Trip to The Ark in Williamstown, KY

Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce is offering a one day trip to The Ark on May 23rd (pick up in Hardinsburg). Cost is \$99 per person. For more information call 270-756-0268.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (CLI):

Would you like to learn how to be a BETTER LEADER? Young people ages 15-19 (who have completed their freshman year of high school or who just graduated), The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is sponsoring Christian Leadership Institute, June 25-June 30, 2017, at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center. If you: are or would like to be, a youth leader; would like to serve on a retreat team; are a class officer or student council member, CLI is for you. You will learn and use skills in leadership, communication, planning and decision-making. You will also help plan prayer and liturgical celebrations. For registration information contact your youth minister/youth ministry leader or campus minister today. Registration deadline is May 26th. Registrations after May 26th will cost \$10 more. Contact your Youth Minister or your Parish priest if you are interested or email robin.tomes@pastoral.com for more information.

St Vincent DePaul March Report: St Vincent DePaul conducts works of mercy for our community. The Society is thankful for the generosity of parishioners who contribute monthly to their outreach ministry. Their monthly report for February included the following services and help given: Assistance was provided to a total of 27 families amounting to 89 persons (of which were 49 children). The aid totaled just over \$2,825.03 given to help struggling families and individuals. May God continue blessing the generous donors and all of the recipients of their care.

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

SRIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

St. Romuald Interparochial School and Pre-school are now accepting applications for anyone wanting to pre-register their children for next year. We welcome your inquiries about an education at St. Romuald Interparochial School. A quality education at SRIS is truly a family experience. We have a proud "tradition of excellence." Call 756-5504, email Lori Carwile lcarwile@hotmail.com for pre-school or Sheila Drane srisssecretary@hotmail.com, or come by the school to pre-register your children.

From the Diocese: DRF Update to be Published in Parish Bulletin

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg: The totals for the Disciples Response Fund Appeal for our parish as of April 20, 2017:

Parish Target Amount: \$12005.35

Pledged: \$7470 Paid: \$6687

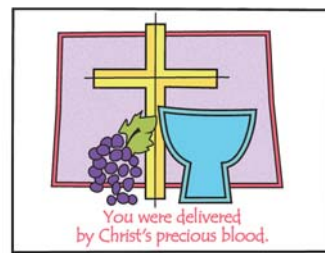
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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reveal yourself

The story of Jesus' death and Resurrection is the defining one of our faith. It is the reason we gather to break bread every week. It's the reason we love our neighbor, feed the poor, work for justice, and struggle to forgive our enemies. Each of us has a defining story as well, an encounter or experience that reveals our highest selves, our deepest compassion or originality, our incomparable imagination or sense of humor. It's the story that demonstrates most clearly and profoundly who we really are. Jesus "made himself known" in the breaking of the bread. How do you make yourself known?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). "How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"

MONDAY, MAY 1

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER

Let's get to work!

The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker may have been instituted on May 1 partly for political reasons (to counteract communist influence), but the feast's recognition of the dignity and sanctity of labor has deep roots in Christian tradition. Unfortunately our high-tech culture doesn't honor manual labor as much as it should. E. F. Schumacher, in his book *Small Is Beautiful*, suggests that a "great part of the modern neurosis may be due to this very fact: for the human being . . . enjoys nothing more than to be creatively, usefully, productively engaged with both his hands and his brains." Today, in honor of Saint Joseph, plant a seed, make dinner from scratch, or fix something that's broken.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559) or Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures."

TUESDAY, MAY 2

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

One and same

Each Sunday we recite the Nicene Creed, which Saint Athanasius was instrumental in formulating and defending at great risk to his life. When the Nicene Creed was originally drawn up in 325, the chief threat was Arianism, which denied that Jesus was fully God. Arius, a priest of the time, preached that God created the Son, which meant the Son was separate from the Father and not divine. Athanasius offered this argument: Consider the sun and the light streaming from it. Are they not of the same substance and the same essence? The physics might be off, but the theology is sound: Jesus and the Father are one in a way that is as inseparable as light from light.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274). "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Still don't get it?

How would you like it if someone published an account of your on-the-job training? That's what happened to the apostles, whose gospel appearances usually signal someone about to get Jesus' message wrong. Philip is shown as a hopeless

literalist who keeps misunderstanding Jesus. He and his fellow apostles provide great inspiration for those of us who feel we're slow to "get it" and not in the same league as the "greats" like Mother Teresa or even the local leading lights in our parish. Jesus showed great patience with the apostles, and he's pleased to offer the same to you and me.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561). "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do."

THURSDAY, MAY 4

EASTER WEEKDAY

Say what?

Catechesis is one of the essential ministries of the church. We do it formally, for example, in religious education classes and the Rite of Christian Initiation, and informally through daily interactions with others—our children, neighbors, and coworkers. It can, however, be discouraging work. Fortunately Saint Augustine offers some advice, especially for those times when we are feeling ineffective. First, we are not as terrible as we think we are; second, we should persist; and third, we do the best we can and *let God speak through us*—because in truth God is doing the teaching. We are merely God's instrument. What would your day be like if you thought God was trying to speak through you all the time? What would you say? What *wouldn't* you say?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). "They shall all be taught by God."

FRIDAY, MAY 5

EASTER WEEKDAY

Speak up for good

Speech is not to be underestimated. It can bring life, and it can bring death. When God speaks, the words result in life: water, animals, human beings, mercy, and compassion! Mary followed in God's footsteps with a single word—*Yes!*—that resulted in her bearing the Christ child in the world. On the other hand, some of our words can be death-dealing. Saul, a persecutor of Jesus' followers before his conversion, "breathed murderous threats" that resulted in much fear, injury, and death. How will you use the power of speech to nurture life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

SATURDAY, MAY 6

EASTER WEEKDAY

Lend a hand

In many households, parishes, and workplaces, there is one person without whom things simply couldn't function. Whoever that might be in your environment (maybe it's you!), being the essential person is an exhausting proposition. In the early church, poor Tabitha was deemed so necessary to her community that the widows of her town couldn't let her go even after she died—Saint Peter was obliged to bring her back to life! The "indispensables" are useful to have around but they could use our help. Let's offer our assistance with prayers, resources, and kind words of gratitude.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). "She was completely occupied with good deeds and almsgiving."

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