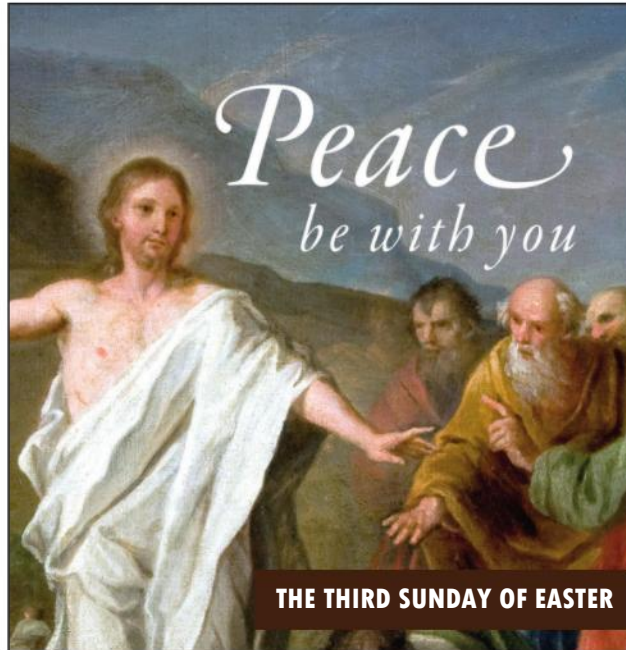


On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is



flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his

Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.



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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM

Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon
Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM

Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM
Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM

Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by appointment

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM



Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Mr. & Mrs. Juan Guerra by Dr. Sandra Garcia
 5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Raymond and Melissa Polasek (Birthdays) by Polasek Family
†John Bowman II by John & Chi Bowman
†Patsy Floyd by John Floyd
†Kay Havelka by John & Annette Freeman

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle
 8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: *†John Kneseck* by John & Annette Freeman

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

12:00 PM: **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

12:00 PM: *†Don Ermis* by John & Annette Freeman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

12:00 PM: *Damian Landreth (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *†Enriqueta Salinas* by David & Delma Tamez

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: *†David Tajchman Jr.* by David & Susie Tajchman

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Elaine McCown by Celestia Bluntzer
 5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Sylvester Vo by John & Chi Bowman

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
 11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**
†Jim Landreth Sr. by John & Annette Freeman
†Felipe Martinez, Jr. (AOD) by Yolanda Peña
†Charles Ranly by John Floyd
†Gracie M. Herrera (AOB & AOD) by Yolanda Peña

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Please Pray for . . .

All the homebound, sick and suffering of our parish, especially all those who have asked us to pray for them:

David Rowden, Brandon Fernandez, James Nemeck, Emil Prukop, Patricia Nemeck, Fred Nemeck, Mari Beth, Petra Tobon, Larry Bryant, Mary Elva Estrada, Valerie Rich, Frances Sparks, Jason Cavalier, Angie Gomez, Lincoln Polasek, Tyler Skidmore, James O'Brien, Marty Douglas, Cindy Cleavelin, Frank Prukop, Juan Rodriguez, Wallace Prukop, Ashley Jimenez, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Joe Arnold Guerra, Richard Barraza, Charlie Toler, Richy Price, Barry Kimbal, Yolanda Pena, and Liz Yaklin.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2024 PRAYER LIST.



LECTORS for APRIL 20-21, 2024

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Agnes Flores
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION for APRIL 20-21, 2024

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Rosa Trevino
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Karen Vaughan, Barbara Rychetsky

ALTAR SERVERS for APRIL 20-21, 2024

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: Taylor Dusek, Sarita & Charleigh Nelson

USHERS for APRIL 20-21, 2024

Saturday, 5:30 PM: B. Havelka, W. Riebschleager, D. Kurtz, J. Freeman
 Sunday, 8:30 AM: M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, B. Gwynn, R. Mendiola
 Sunday, 11:00 AM: D. Gonzalez, R. Carrillo, D. Bluntzer, M. Ybarra

**St. Thomas the Apostle
 PARISH SPRING GIFT CARD RAFFLE**



Our parish is having a Spring fundraiser with a Gift Card Raffle. The drawing will be held On Sunday, June 9, 2024 with prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. The tickets sell for \$5 each and there are 10 tickets in a book. Raffle books to purchase and/or sell can be picked up after each Mass, in the parish office, or you can call Michele Hoelscher.

We are asking all Religious Ed students to participate in the fundraiser. There will be GREAT prizes for the children in each grade level (Elementary, Middle School, and High School) that sell the most tickets for this fundraiser. Be sure to note on the sign-out sheet the child's name, so we can be sure to give them credit for the tickets sold. All money and sold ticket stubs (and unsold tickets) should be turned in to Michele Hoelscher. **So let the competitive spirit begin!**

Please help us to make this Raffle a great success. If you have any questions, please call Michele at 361-244-2138 or call the parish office at 361-387-1312. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Michele Hoelscher, Chairperson

INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Baptism: Call the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Scripture Study: Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

Confession: 30 minutes before Masses or by appointment.

Religious Ed: Schedule for Religious Ed can be found on our website www.christon624.com under the Religious Ed Tab. on the Home Page under Parish Statement.

LYTURY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 24:35-48).

FAMILY CONNECTION: Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God’s word in Scripture and by Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God’s Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ’s witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God’s word and by Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together *Tantum Ergo* or today’s psalm, Psalm 4.

(Courtesy to Loyola Press)

From the Pastor’s desk

Today’s Mass Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19;
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;
1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus of St. Thomas the Apostle will be awarding post secondary education scholarships in May 2024. Applicants must be a dependent or child of a registered KC Member of Council #9318 in good standing, entering post secondary education for the first time by September of this year or is graduating from High School this May or summer, and has not previously received funds or a scholarship from KC Council #9318. Scholarships will be mailed to your Educational Institution of choice. KCs are accepting completed applications on or before **April 24, 2024**. Go to www.christon624.com under Ministries for an Application.

Frank Wilson, Chairman

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THE SYNODAL PROCESS

Can one attribute to the Holy Spirit erroneous and scandalous proposals?

No. It would be a blasphemous manipulation. The Most Rev. Robert Mutsaerts, auxiliary bishop of ‘s-Hertogenbosch, states, “To date, the synodal process is more of a socio-logical experiment and has little to do with the Holy Spirit supposedly making Himself heard through it all. That could almost be called blasphemy. What is becoming increasingly clear is that the synodal process will be used to change several Church positions, with the Holy Spirit being thrown into the fray as an advocate, even though the Holy Spirit has breathed something counterintuitive throughout the centuries.”

THE ROLE OF THE FAITHFUL IN DOCTRINAL DEVELOPMENT

Do the Faithful play a role in elaborating Church Doctrine?

Yes, it is undeniable that the simple faithful (the baptized who did not receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders) play a very important role in the life of the Church, of which they are living stones. Baptism incorporates them into the Church, making them sharers in her mission, and Confirmation makes them “as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.” The divine assistance of the Holy Spirit, promised by Our Lord to the Apostles (John 14:16-17; John 14:26), concerns the whole Church, and although it is manifested primarily through the magisterium (*infallibilitas in docendo*), it is also revealed through the consensus of the faithful. The latter expresses the infallibility of the Church in her belief (*infallibilitas in credendo*), which, as we saw, rests on the sense of faith the faithful receive in Baptism.

However, the ‘consensus fidei fidelium’ cannot be equated with Rousseau’s ‘volonte generale’ (general will). As Cardinal Walter Brandmuller pointed out at a conference in Rome in April 2018, “when Catholics en masse consider it legitimate to remarry after divorce, practice contraception, or do similar things, this is not massive witness to the Faith, but mass desertion.”

At the same gathering, Cardinal Brandmuller also recalled, “The sensus fidei acts as a sort of spiritual immune system that leads the faithful to recognize and instinctively reject every error. Therefore, together with the divine promise, on this sensus fidei also rests the passive infallibility of the Church—the certainty that the Church in her entirety, can never fall into heresy.”

Does that mean the Faithful play an active role In Church infallibility?





No. The emphasis here is on passive, meaning receptive infallibility.

(to be continued)

From the Pastor’s desk

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