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Today's Readings Pg 146

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-19

Psalm 4:2-9

1 John 5:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

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.

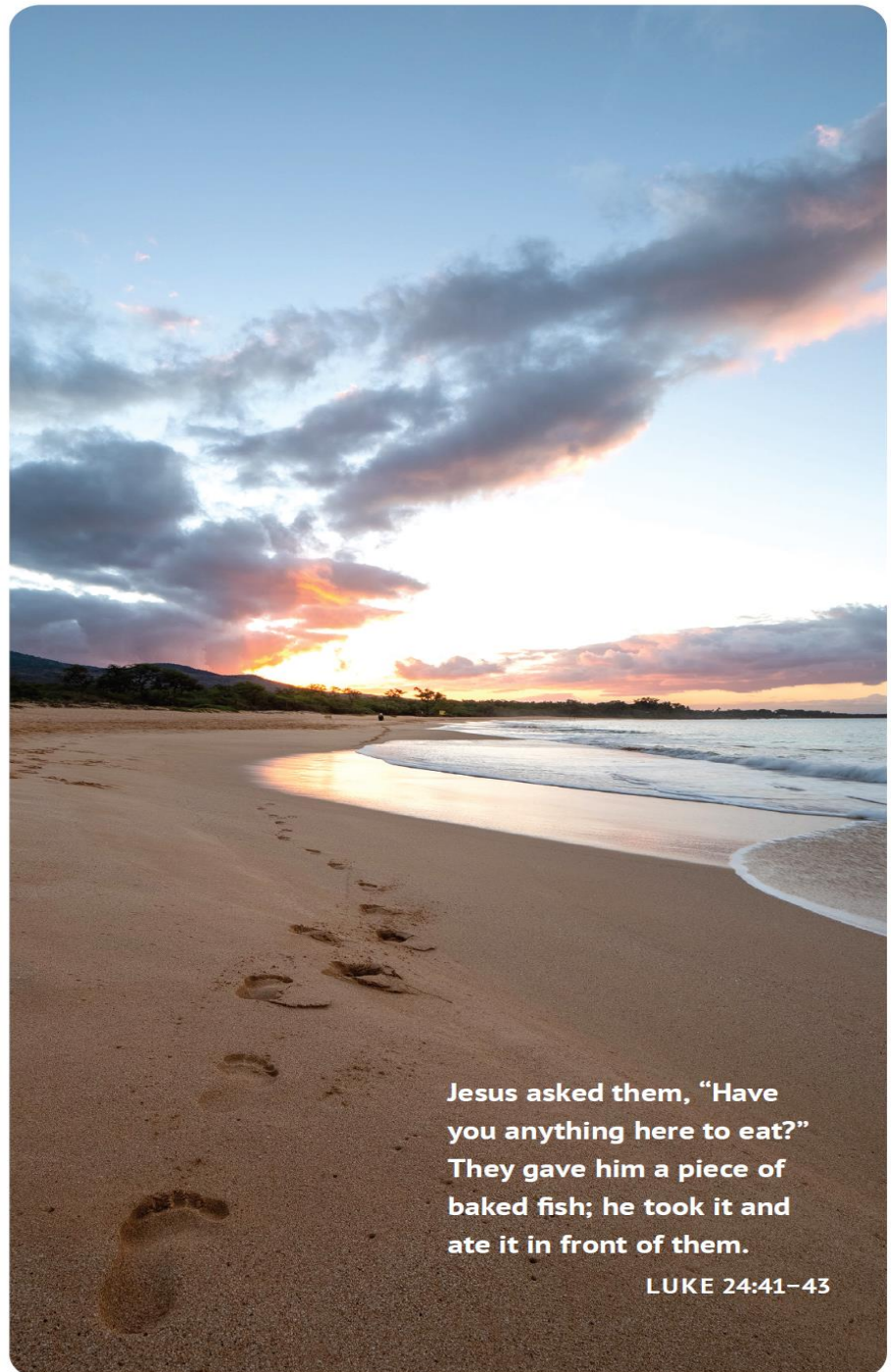
Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply pops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without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

Lord, We Lift Up to You in Prayer...

Joan Rourke, April Hicklin, Mary Lou Weepie,
Lois Wickman, Carma Schmidtke, Charlie Corey,
Pam Miller, Marci Willey, Diana Snyder,
Michael McDonough, Rose Kalb, Dave Chase,
Marisa Davidson, Mary Ellen Youngblut, Karyn Beenken,
Elaine Ernst, Lindsey Ernst, Ron Babinat,
victims of hatred, racism, violence, natural disaster;
terrorism, and all in our parish, our community, and our hearts
who are suffering and in need of Christ's healing touch †
May they know His loving Presence in the eyes, hands and
hearts of those who give them care.

**May our prayers for help and
healing rise like incense
to our God of hope, love and mercy.**



April 14, 2024

"The Breaking of the Bread"

"The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread" (Lk. 24:35). The term "breaking of bread" refers to the early Christian celebration of the Eucharist. Recall in Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, which describes communal life in the early Church, St. Luke tells us, "Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes" (2:46). Many early Christians were former Jews, and so meeting in the Temple area, where the sacrifices of the Jewish religion were offered, was natural to them. But the celebration of Eucharist took place in private places, to symbolize the newness of the Christian liturgy.

In a section of the *Catechism* titled, "Where is the liturgy celebrated?" we read, "The worship 'in Spirit and in truth' of the New Covenant is not tied exclusively to any one place. The whole earth is sacred and entrusted to the children of men. What matters above all is that, when the faithful assemble in the same place, they are the 'living stones,' gathered to be 'built into a spiritual house.' For the Body of the risen Christ is the spiritual temple from which the source of living water springs forth: incorporated into Christ by the Holy Spirit, 'we are the temple of the living God'" (CCC 1179).

It continues: When the exercise of religious liberty is not thwarted, Christians construct buildings for divine worship. These visible churches are not simply gathering places, but signify and make visible the Church living in this place, the dwelling of God with men reconciled and united in Christ" (1180)

Further, it says: "A church, 'a house of prayer in which the Eucharist is celebrated and reserved, where the faithful assemble, and where is worshipped the presence of the Son of God our Savior, offered for us on the sacrificial altar for the help and consolation of the faithful—this house ought to be in good taste and a worthy place for prayer and sacred ceremonial.' In this 'house of God' the truth and the harmony of the things that make it up should show Christ to be present and active in this place" (1181).

In the history of Sacred Heart Parish, sacred worship and instruction has taken place at different buildings. The first, constructed in 1876, was located north of the present location (next to Fidelity Bank and where Strangs Auto Repair is now); the second was built in 1891 in the present location, along with the rectory, and the third was begun in 1908, indicated by the cornerstone on the northeast side of Church. The large window on the south side of church, recounting our history, is the only one like it in the archdiocese.

Immaculate Conception church was built in 1868, along with the rectory and school (both gone today), and remains in its original location (with the original exterior stone). Much work is done to maintain our church and enhance the grounds, which include adding a Marian prayer garden and outdoor Stations of the Cross.

In these buildings, the holy sacrifice of the Mass was offered, confessions were heard, instruction was given, and baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals celebrated. We have proud histories to celebrate. Our faith communities are carrying on the work of Jesus, as recounted on the Acts of the Apostles and Luke's Gospel this weekend. As we continue the Easter Season, may we always be grateful for the gift of worship, and celebrate our faith with dignity, faith, devotion, and love. Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us. God bless you.

God Bless You!! Father Ray Atwood

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Parish Financial Support

Apr 8-11

Budget \$2343.33
 Offertory \$359
 Easter \$150
 Building Fund \$75
 19 jars of Peanut Butter



April 2024

TODAY ~ Donut Sunday 6th & 10th Grades

Wed Apr 17 ~ Monthly Community Potluck 11:30AM

Fri Apr 19 ~ Hall Rented for dress rehearsal.

Sat Apr 20 ~ Gremaud/Buzynski Wedding 2PM

Apr 21-26 ~ Father Atwood Vacation

Wed Apr 23 ~ Last CCD class for Grades 5-10th

Sat Apr 27 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party

Sat Apr 27 ~ Faith & Four-Letter Words – Legion Hall 6-8PM

Sun Apr 28 ~ Last CCD Class for Grades K-4th

Sun Apr 28 ~ **Colleen Pasnik- speaking at 8:30AM Mass.**

Mary's Inn Maternity Home

Donut Sunday - Faith Formation Comm

Brief Presentation by Colleen Pasnik



Parish Elections Nomination Forms for possible candidates for the upcoming Pastoral Council Election in May. Who among our parishioners do you think would serve the parish well in this ministry? Give us the name(s) of those you would recommend for the job. Nominees will be contacted to ask them to consider being on the ballot. Be sure to turn in your nominee's form by Sunday, May 5. Drop it off at the parish office or into the collection basket.

May 2024

Sat May 4 ~ First Sat Mass 8:30AM

Sat May 4 ~ Spring City Wide Garage Sale

Sat May 4 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party

Sun May 5 ~ First Communion Mass at IC Church.

Mon May 6 ~ Fairbank City Wide Clean-up Day

Tues May 7 ~ Card Bingo – Assisted Living 1:30PM

Wed May 8 ~ Faith Formation Mtg 7PM

Thurs May 9 ~ Parish Life Mtg 9:30AM

Thurs May 9 ~ KC Mtg 7PM

Fri May 10 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party

Sat May 11 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party

Sun May 12 ~ Class of 2024 Graduation Mass

Wed May 15 ~ Monthly Community Potluck 11:30AM

Wed May 22 ~ Pastoral/Finance Mtg 5:30PM

Fri May 24 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party

Sat May 25 ~ Hall Rented Graduation Party



Just a reminder to please contact the office at 319-635-2211 or icfairbank@gmail.com if you have a new address, and/or phone number, or have removed your landline phone. Thank you for helping us keep our records updated.

SERVE
 Love the Lord
 Tell the Truth
HOPE
 Pray Continually
 Love One Another
FORGIVE
 Be Humble
 Work Together
 Trust God
BELIEVE
 COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS



Mass Intentions

Sun	Apr 14	8:30 AM	IC	For the People
				M: Deacon Jim EM: Lori Beierschmitt Altar Server: Marshall Weepie, Reagan Szurley Lector: Jean Bellis
Sun	Apr 14	10:30AM	SH	Bob & Marian Link, Jackie Link Scott †
Mon	Apr 15	8:30AM	SH	Lawrence & Barbara Kauten†
Wed	Apr 17	8:30AM	IC	Sue & Alan Prieshoff
Thurs	Apr 18	8:30 AM	SH	Merlin & Lucille Goedkent†
Fri	Apr 19	12:00 Noon	SH	Robert O Wilson †
Sat	Apr 20	4:30PM	SH	For the People
Sun	Apr 21	8:30 AM	IC	Don & Catherine Wilwerth† M: Deacon Jim EM: Duane Schmidtke Lector: Kelly Cummings
Sun	Apr 21	10:30AM	SH	Mary Crahan Carney†
	Apr 28, 2024	8:30 AM Mass		EM: Michelle Weepie, Diane Rourke Altar Servers: Bailey & Hayden Szurley Lector: Kevin Bodensteiner
				April Ushers and Greeters John W Even, Mitch Sauerbrei, Chad VanDaele Mark & Donna Weepie, Rick Woods
				April Money Counters Tom Kleitsch, Jean Sauerbrei



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 In the Gym or the Alleyway Gym Door

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

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.

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

Save the Date: Totus Tuus will be at St. Athanasius, Jesup on July 7-12. Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program for 1st-12th grade students. It not only teaches the faith through prayer and educational activities, but also through fun and games that your child is likely to look forward to year after year! Registration and more information will be coming soon. Please contact Lori Schutte at dbq109ff@dbqarch.org with any questions.

The Waterloo Deanery Meeting of ACCW will take place on Monday, May 6 at St. Athanasius Church in Jesup. We will be meeting in the parish center. (this is ground level). This will begin with a light lunch (charge of \$2.00) at 12:00 noon, followed by program and short meeting. Join in!!

Question of the Week: What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where is the place, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?

Choose one of the following activities to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- Ask each member of your family to discuss one way in which the Resurrection of Jesus makes their relationship with God stronger. What would happen if they were not aware of Jesus' life, teachings, and Resurrection? In what way would God appear different if he did not possess the qualities of each person of the Trinity?
- Discuss how it is sometimes hard to see Jesus' presence in certain situations that occur in our world. Give examples of specific situations. In what way could family members see Jesus' presence in similar situations in the future?
- Ask each member of the family how they can be a light in a world of darkness. Can light conquer darkness? Can darkness conquer light? Think of a flashlight in a dark place: Can the darkness prevail over the light of the flashlight?

peace is a
promise
He keeps.