

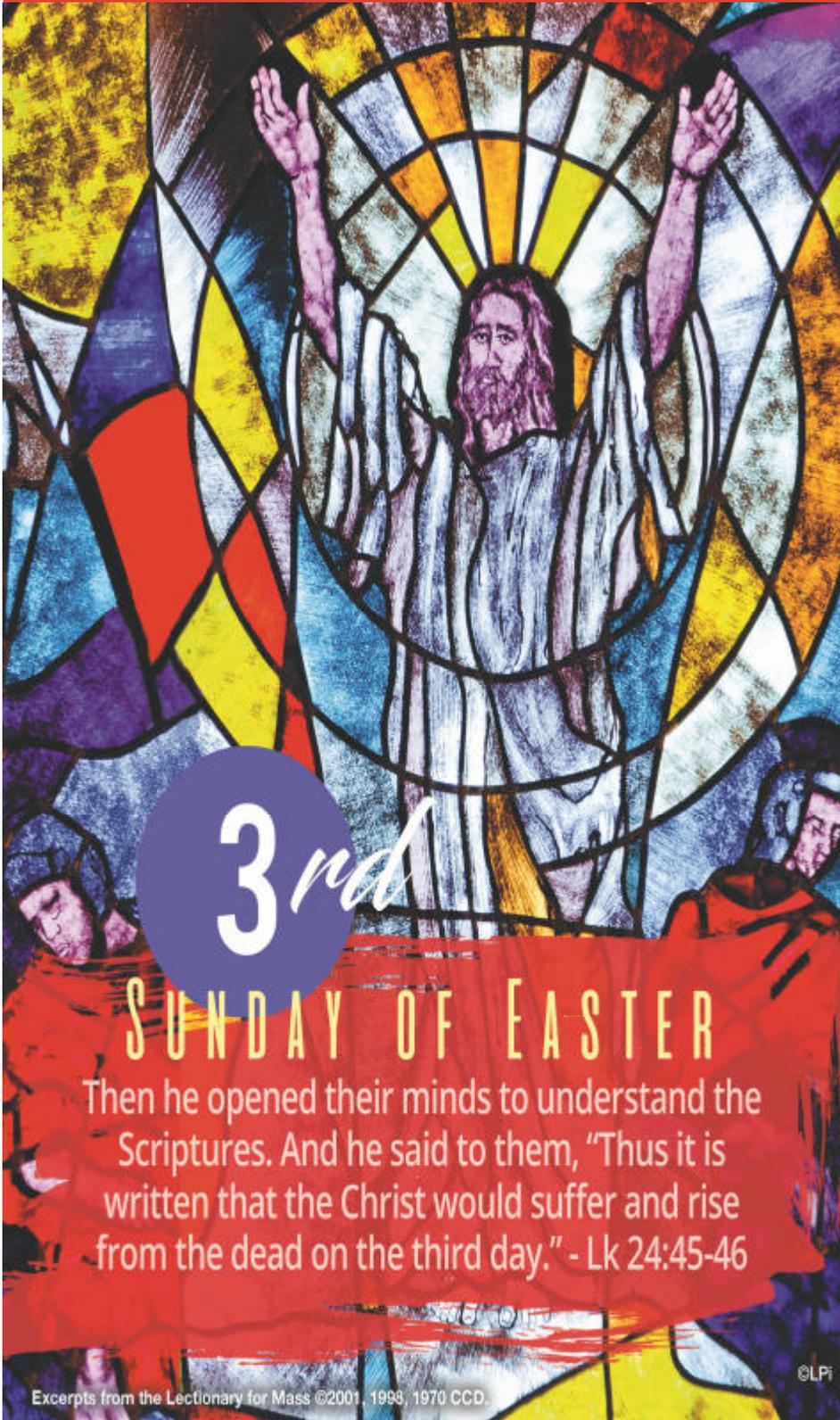
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SUNDAY OF EASTER

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4:00PM Saturday
8:00AM, 10:00AM Sunday

Weekday Masses

7:30AM Monday thru Thursday

Holy Days of Obligation

Please consult parish bulletin

Confessions

Saturday 3PM to 3:30PM or by appointment

Sacraments

Please call the office

Cemetery

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New Parishioners

If you have just moved to the area, we welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish. If you have any question, please call the office.



From the Desk of
Deacon Terry
April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "You are witnesses of these things."

Even after he has risen from the dead, at the time of his dying and rising, his disciples had scattered, their faith crushed and their spirits despairing. In Jesus's resurrection, he conquered death in his own being, but his great desire was not to keep this life from himself but to share it with all.

And so for forty days, until his ascension, he appeared to his disciples so they might also know the resurrection and their share in it. During this time, he prepares them for their mission to serve as witnesses until "all the nations" have encountered the Gospel. In our Easter joy, we are reminded that the mission is now ours.

God Bless your heart!!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 11, 2021

93 Envelopes	\$3,628.00
Loose Cash	<u>\$ 347.00</u>
	\$3,975.00

Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated!

Online donations will be published once a month.



Monday, April 19TH

7:30AM Rev Roger Bilodeau

Tuesday, April 20TH

7:30AM Deacon Allan Ramey, Requested Family

Wednesday, April 21ST

7:30AM Cedric & Kathleen Gaudet, Requested by Mary MacDougal

Thursday, April 22ND

7:30AM All Souls

Saturday, April 24TH

4:00PM James O'Connell, Requested by Family

Sunday, April 25TH

8:00AM Richard Gagnon, Requested by Gerry & Claire Gagnon

10:00AM Diana Calvani, Requested by Sturidvant Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

April 11, 2021

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

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

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

New Online Support Group from Catholic Charities NH
 Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/ Separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) starting April 21. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup or call 603-752-1325.



SPRING CLEANING
 As we welcome spring, we see the work that needs to be done to clean and repair the lawns and gardens. There is raking to be done, removal of broken branches, some trimming and planting. We look forward to you lending a hand for as much time as you can give on *Saturday, April 24th, 9am to noon.*



CARILLON
 For many of us, the sounds of pealing bells, sacred hymns, and spiritual melodies bring to mind a time with family, and fellowship with each other. Bells lift our spirits as we enter church to worship, provide a source of strength as we leave a memorial service, and bring joy as we celebrate a wedding. we would like to replace the no longer functioning cassette tape carillon system. Once again music, the striking of the hour, and more will flow from our bell tower for all to hear.
 If you would like to contribute to the carillon fund, please make donations to St. Joseph Church noting in the memo line - Carillon fund.



Brady's Corner

Hi Kids Brady here. Today is the 3rd Sunday of the Easter Season, and the Lectionary offers us a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus, the living one, from St. Luke's Gospel. Our story occurs on the heels of the famous encounter of Jesus with the two

disciples on the road to Emmaus. You will recall that these two disciples, dejected by the death of their would-be Messiah, Jesus, are walking home with darkness in their hearts at the death of hope. In today's story! **"The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them..."** I love the fact that is portrayed here, how Jesus makes himself known by caring for his own. Isn't this just like the LORD? In the very middle of our trouble and sorrow, right in the heart of the death and gloom and the brokenness of the human condition, Jesus makes his presence known and offers his peace that surpasses understanding. All of which caused me to ask the question: How is Jesus made known to us, today?



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**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.

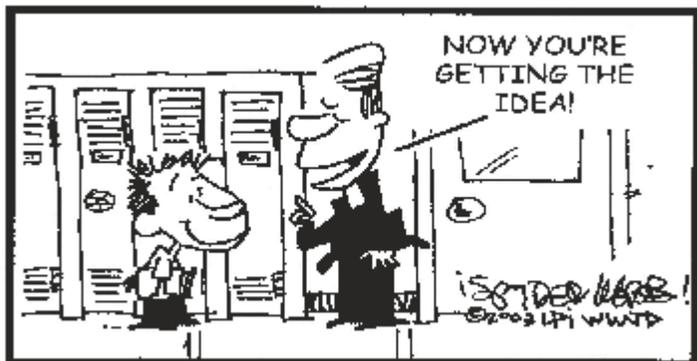
Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous 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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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRIES

Even in a 'normal' year the food pantries are in need of canned or boxed foods, paper goods, toiletries or monetary donations. This year many children are schooling at home and while the public school systems are providing lunches and often breakfasts during the school week, these children may not have adequate food on weekends. If you are able to do so, please bring donations directly to your local food bank.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others.

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Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Third Sunday of Easter Sunday April 18, 2021

For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment and their responsibility to recognize and follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

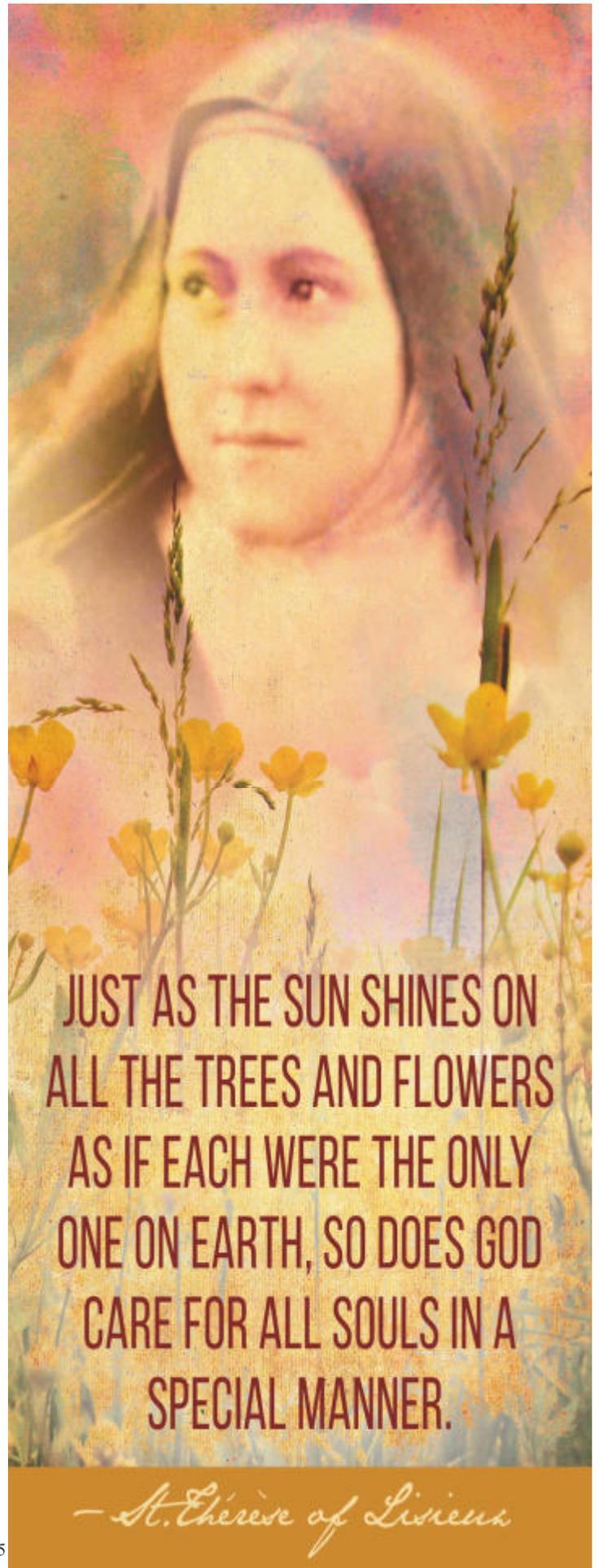
April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

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.

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JUST AS THE SUN SHINES ON
ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS
AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY
ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD
CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A
SPECIAL MANNER.

— St. Therese of Lisieux

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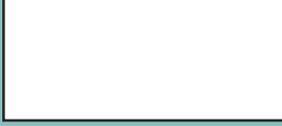


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