The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Del Escriptorio de Padre Jay**

**Regálate Completamente**

Los primeros días de la primera comunidad cristiana no fueron fáciles en ninguna medida. Jesús había sido ejecutado, y sus discípulos tenían que ser discretos para no encontrarse con un destino similar. Jesús había resucitado, pero la verdad de su resurrección no era aceptada por todos. Sin embargo, la representación de esa comunidad primitiva en Hechos 2:42-47 llevaría a alguien a creer que era la situación opuesta. Se nos habla de la vida comunitaria donde las personas se apoyan mutuamente y comparten un gran gozo. Comieron y oraron juntos, y muchas maravillas y señales estaban ocurriendo para levantar a la comunidad y dar testimonio del poder de Jesucristo. Eran discípulos que vivían su fe, y fue su fuerte sentido de corresponsabilidad lo que hizo posible todo esto ante la amenaza de los poderes romanos y judíos.

El día de hoy, encontramos a la Iglesia en un nuevo tumulto. El creciente secularismo, los escándalos de abuso y la falta de verdadera fidelidad nos ubican nuevamente en un momento que no es fácil. Un amigo mío le gusta decir que cualquier desafío de pecado que encontremos en la Iglesia tiene su origen en la falta o la incomprensión de la forma de vida de corresponsabilidad. Creamos nuestras cargas al no usar nuestros dones sabiamente y al volvernos egoístamente hacia adentro.

¿Podríamos usar la historia de la Iglesia primitiva en Hechos para ayudarnos hoy? Si comenzamos con la decisión de entregarnos por completo a Dios y a su pueblo, ¿nos convertiremos en agentes de cambio? Solo hay una manera de descubrirlo.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
SPECIAL OBSERVANCES | INTENTIONS | READINGS
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**Saturday, Apr 18**
St. Wicterp  
Viola Archuleta+  
Gloria Moreno+  
Frances Viana+
*Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15*

**Sunday, Apr 19**
*Divine Mercy Sunday*
The People of St. Pius X  
Ruben Moreno+  
Altar & Rosary  
Alex Purta+  
Ben Cisneros+  
Rodolfo E. Martinez+  
Gualuppe Galvany+  
SPX Youth Ministry  

**Monday, Apr 20**
St. Marian  
Danny Niemant+
*Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8*

**Tuesday, Apr 21**
St. Anselm  
Juan Marasigan+
*Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1abcd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15*

**Wednesday, Apr 22**
*Earth Day*
Vena Family  
Gaby Payan+
*Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21*

**Thursday, Apr 23**
St. George  
Emy Torres+
*Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36*

**Friday, Apr 24**
St. Fidelis  
Edgar S. Salmingo, Sr.+  
*Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15*

**Saturday, Apr 25**
St. Mark  
Gregory Hoverter+  
Larry Kerns+
*1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20*

**A Prayer for Our Earth**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace.

-Pope Francis, Laudato Si

“Restore all things in Christ.” - Pope St. Pius X

“Restaurar Todas las Cosas en Cristo”. - Papa San Pio X
SPIRITUAL CONFESSION

“Do what the catechism says. It’s very clear. If you don’t find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He’s your Father. Tell Him the truth: ‘Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.’ Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, ‘afterward I will go to confession.’ You will return to God’s grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the Catechism teaches us, to God’s forgiveness, without having a priest at hand.” - Pope Francis

CONFESION ESPIRITUAL


ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

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Be sure to invite family and friends, and SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel: “Saint Pius X Catholic Parish”

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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Un Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Creo, Jesús mío, que estás verdaderamente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar. Os amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente recibirte dentro de mi alma. Pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, venid al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si ya os hubiese recibido, os abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti. Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti. Amén.
These past weeks have truly been difficult for all of us but the one thing we all have in common is our trust and hope in God. No matter what happens, we know that God walks with us and will guide us through it.

St. Pius X continues to serve the community through live-streamed Masses, emergency food distribution and home delivery, virtual classrooms, drive-through palm distribution and confessions, etc., thanks to your generous giving to help maintain these essential operations. We have even had new pledges to the Living Stones Campaign, and a $4,300 donation towards the roof.

It was obvious on Good Friday that our Church roof is in need of replacement, when several buckets were in the sanctuary including three on the sacred altar of Christ. It has been repaired over the years and now is at the end of its life. We are presently securing bids for the roofs. Two have been received, and we will have a few more.

The roof replacements were part of our Living Stones Campaign goals and we will proceed with the project immediately. Parishioners have asked about giving to certain projects (i.e. the roof) without pledging to the campaign. You may go to our online giving site and find designated funds for capital projects or send/drop-off a check with the project designation.

Thank you for your generosity, sacrifice, and support during this time. If you are in need, especially of prayers, please call or email the parish office. Messages are being listened to and read daily.

Peace,
Bill Smirniotis

From Father Corey’s Desk

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

In her published diary, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska recounts the many encounters she had with Jesus and her mission from Him to bring His mercy to the people of the whole world. She received many words from Jesus which she shares in this beautiful diary. Saint Faustina was privileged on one occasion to see into a conversation between Jesus and a sinful soul. During that conversation Jesus says to the sinful soul:

“Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish his graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon my hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart.”

Let us be encouraged by these words of Jesus our merciful Savior. “Be not afraid of your Savior.” He is for us, not against us. Turn to Him today, and every day, and experience His merciful love.

Del escritoio de Padre Corey

**Domingo de la Divina Misericordia**

En su diario publicado, Santa María Faustina Kowalska relata los muchos encuentros que tuvo con Jesús y su misión dada por Él para llevar Su misericordia a la gente de todo el mundo. Ella recibió muchas palabras de Jesús que comparte en este hermoso diario. Santa Faustina tuvo el privilegio en una ocasión de ver una conversación entre Jesús y un alma pecadora. Durante esa conversación, Jesús le dice al alma pecadora:

“No temas a tu Salvador, alma pecadora. Hago el primer movimiento para venir a ti, porque sé que por ti mismo no eres capaz de elevarte hacia mi. Hija, no huyas de tu Padre; Estad dispuesta a hablar abiertamente con tu Dios de misericordia que quiere hablar palabras de perdón y derrochar sus gracias sobre ti. ¡Cuán querida es tu alma para mí! He inscrito tu nombre en mi mano; estás grabada como una herida profunda en mi corazón”.

Alentémonos con estas palabras de Jesús, nuestro misericordioso Salvador. “No tengas miedo de tu Salvador”. El está para nosotros, no contra nosotros. Dirígete a Él hoy y todos los días, y experimenta Su amor misericordioso.
PARISH INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:
Yasmin Massis-McIntyre +
Jimmy Fernando +
Mary George +
Ann Tabano +

THE INTENTIONS OF:
John Willett
Alex Gomez
Edward Lutchko
Claribel Santos
Aurora Mendoza
Patricia Nepomuceno
Michael Anthony Minjares
Betty Baca
Tarra Moore
Dean & Jeannie Haslam
Steve Padilla
Oscar Valencia
The Unborn
The Sick
The Elderly
Youth & Young Adults
Law Enforcement
Clergy & Religious

Prayer Requests
Please make your requests at the Parish Office or by submitting them via email to: bulletin@saintpiusx.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

OUR TROOPS:
SSgt Kyle Goode, USAF
Sgt James M. Gonzalez, USAF
SSgt Trevor R. Moore, USAF
LtCol Deric W. Prescott, JAG USAF
Capt Eryn Nyre Raborn, USAF
Capt Grant Raborn, USAF
HM3 David Johnson, USN
IT2 Samuel Hodge, USN
E5 Allan M. Kerns, USN
MT Tyler A Moore, USN
P01 Diana Padilla, USN
LT Ralph E. Roe III, USN
Sgt Dominico Castillo, US Army
PVT Eulogio N. Vazquez, US Army
PFC Julian Whetton, US Army

Prayers for our Troops
If you have loved ones who are currently deployed, please contact the Parish Office with their name, rank, and branch of the armed forces to have them added to our prayer list. The St Pius Community takes pride in those that serve and the families that support them. With gratitude, we would like to acknowledge their heroic efforts and sacrificial love throughout the year.

"May the world see hope when it looks at God's people."
-Author unknown

Twas late in '19 when the virus began, bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.
People were sick, hospitals full, doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.
As winter gave way to the promise of spring, the virus raged on, touching peasant and king.
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.
April approached and churches were closed. “There won’t be an Easter,” the world supposed.
“There won’t be church services, and egg hunts are out. No reason for new dresses when we can’t go about.”
Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest. The world was focused on masks and on tests.
“Easter can’t happen this year,” they proclaimed. “Online and at home, it just won’t be the same.”
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.
The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.
“They’re finding out now that no Easter is coming.”
“They’re just waking up! I know just what they’ll do!
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two, and then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.”
“That noise,” said the world, “would be something to hear.”
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.
And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.
But the sound wasn’t depressed. Why, this sound was triumphant!
It couldn’t be so! But it grew with abundance!
The world stared around, popping its eyes.
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!
Each saint in each nation, the tall and the small, was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!
It hadn’t stopped Easter from coming! It came! Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine, stood puzzling and puzzling.
Just how can it be?
“Just how can it be?”
“It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies. It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money.”
Then the world thought of something it hadn’t before.
“Maybe Easter,” it thought, “doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more.”
And what happened then? Well....the story’s not done.
What will YOU do?
Will you share with that one or two or more people needing hope in this night?
Will you share of the source of your life in this fight?
The churches are empty - but so is the tomb, And Jesus is Victor over death, doom, and gloom.
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer, as the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God’s people.
May the world see the Church is not a building or steeple.
May the world find Faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection.
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.
May 2020 be known as the year of survival. But not only that - Let it start a revival!
Prayer
Lord, help me forgive those who hurt me.

John 20: 19-31
2nd Sunday of Easter

Puzzle
Copy the picture, square by square.

Mission for the Week
I will pray for those who hurt me and forgive them.

Sharing the Gospel
Jesus gave the power to forgive sins through his apostles. Today the priests are his apostles. They remind us of how God forgives our sins. You have the power to forgive those who hurt you. It is your choice to forgive as Jesus has forgiven you. It is healthy for you to forgive. Anger makes your body tense and your muscles ache. When you forgive others, God sends his love to fill your body and soul with peace.

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