



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:45-46

ST. MARK PARISH



Third 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.

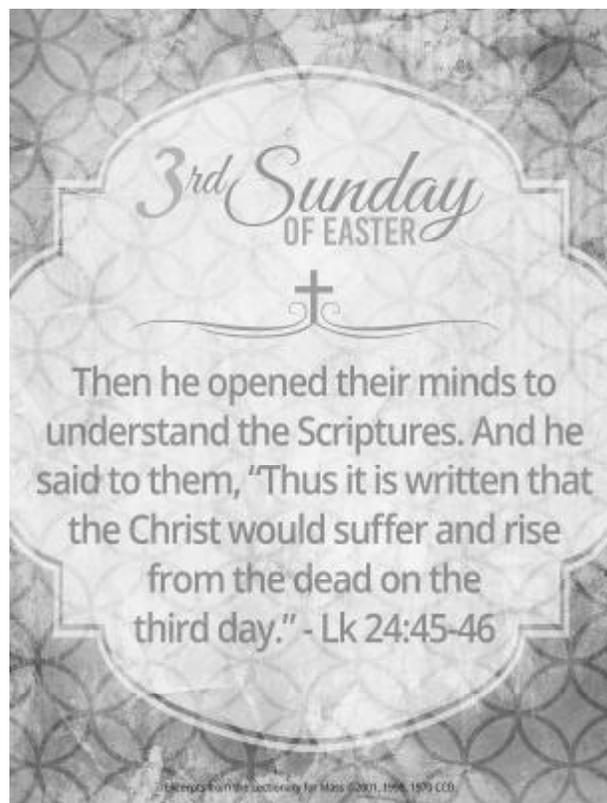
Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."

(Mark 1:15)



REFLECTIONS

LIVE THE LITURGY

When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

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Easter People on Mission

Easter is the season for joyful missionary disciples. It begins with the celebration of the Lord’s resurrection from the dead and culminates in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The readings from Acts of the Apostles give us a window into the early Church and help us to see how a small group of disciples in Jerusalem transformed into an empire-wide movement of people who committed their lives to Christ.

What started in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago, continues with us today. After his resurrection, Jesus presented himself alive to his first followers, and he is still alive today! The same Spirit that propelled the mission of the early Church continues to move us to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Acts gives us the blueprint for how to do it.

Join us for a seven-week journey through Acts of the Apostles to walk with the first disciples and be inspired by what the Holy Spirit did through them to build the infant Church. Beginning on Easter Sunday, you will receive a weekly email with a reading guide, a brief commentary, and reflection questions to help you apply these readings to your life. To sign-up visit www.unleashthegospel.org/easter-people-on-mission/



Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group

The Office of Priestly Vocations’ discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its next meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 –7:00-8:30pm. New members can join at any time, as there is no requirement to have been at the last meeting. The previous nights have been a great success with many men excited to talk about their possible vocation to the priesthood. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, and will include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments, and fellowship with other-like-minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/>.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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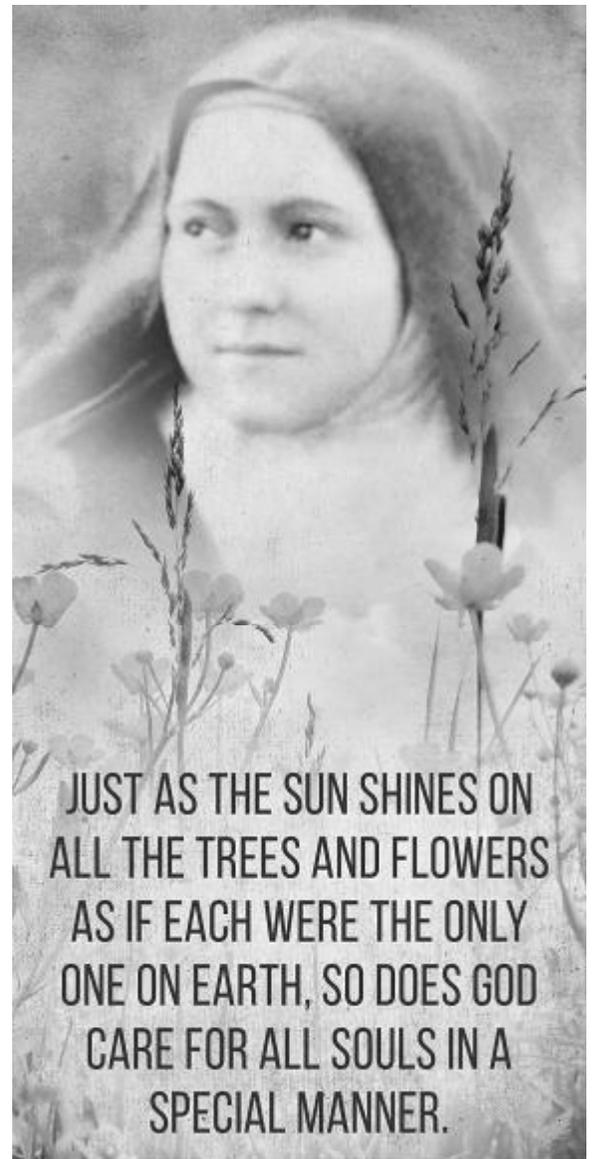
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ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS
AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY
ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD
CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A
SPECIAL MANNER.

— St. Therese of Lisieux

THE WORD

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- 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 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/
Jn 10:11-18



Saturday, April 17

- 4:00 pm Christopher Gharaeb
- Ashley Montgomery
- Virginia Williams

Sunday, April 18

- 8:30 am Jim & Mary Ann Stevens
- Harry Tyldesley Sr.
- Richard Nye

- 11:00 am Ray Kusza
- Nancy Peterson
- George Sandau
- Richard Prentis
- Dominic Lanni
- Walter Prapotnik

Wednesday, April 21

- 9:30 am The People of St. Mark

Saturday, April 24

- 4:00 pm Edward Pelc
- Leonard & Sophia Misiak
- Frances Szpont
- Maxine Grgold
- Eleanor Madajczyk

Sunday, April 25

- 8:30 am Henry Root
- 11:00 am Ray Kusza
- John & Nancy Peterson
- Linda Galindo
- Karol Lipinski
- Angeline Lipinski
- Richard Lipinski
- Irene Lipinski
- Donald Krynski

ST. MARK OUTREACH



THE PANTRY NEEDS:

- Pork-n-beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

Gospel Question:

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Julia Dehring

Michele Kropik

Ed Podgorny

Deacon George Posavetz

Walter Prapotnik

Eve Smith

Only immediate family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

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AND WOMEN WHO SERVE
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



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Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in 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.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.
Amen.

POPE TWEETS

"Jesus is the Risen One, the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety. Even before we begin to seek him, He is present beside us. He lifts us back up after our falls. He helps us grow in faith #Easter"

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (April 12, 2021)



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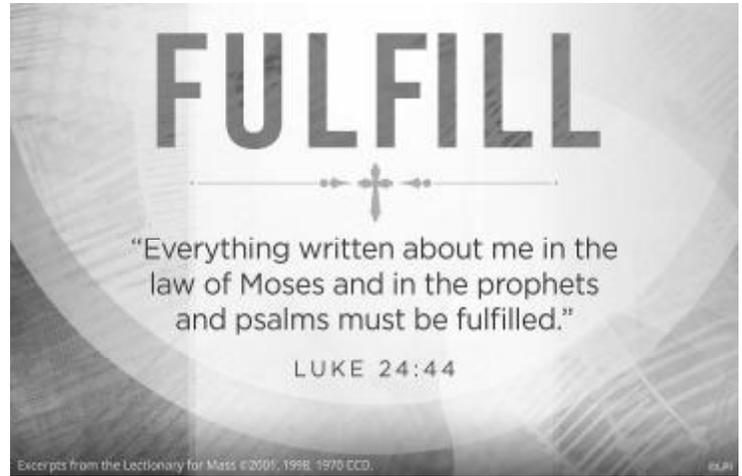
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BAPTISMS

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MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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