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**SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021**

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48



# PARISH LIFE



Monday 8:00am	4-19-21 <b>Alice Barry</b> rq by Friends from the Morning Mass <b>Janet Collins</b> rq by Loving Family
Tuesday 8:00am	4-20-21 <b>Eileen Walters</b> rq by Theresa Earl & Family
Wednesday 8:00am	4-21-21 <b>Mary Wilson</b> rq by Mark & Donna Wendland <b>Ester Ester</b> rq by Mark & Donna Wendland
Thursday 8:00am	4-22-21 <b>Thomas Sauickie Jr.</b> rq by Loving Family
Friday 8:00am	4-23-21 <b>Joseph Martin</b> rq by Elizabeth Kelly
Saturday 5:00pm	4-24-21 <b>Thomas Sauickie Jr.</b> rq by Loving Family <b>James Patrick Sidoti</b> rq by Patti & Glenn Stott
Sunday 9:00am	4-25-21 <b>Marie Walker</b> rq by Loving Family <b>Jack Gibney</b> rq by Sheila Gibney <b>Ailie &amp; Gale Byrne</b> rq by Loving Family
10:30am	<b>Alice Barry</b> rq by the Deegan Family
6:00pm	

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# PARISH LIFE

## CONFIRMATION 2021

Congratulations to all our Candidates for making their Confirmation on April 6th!

Many thanks to their families and our religious education catechists who have shared their faith with these Candidates through the years. May the Light that they have kindled continue to burn in the hearts of our young people. And with the guidance of the Spirit, may they renew our Church and build a new world united in peace and love.

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Rainbows is a free support group for children 5 - 14 grieving loss due to death, separation, divorce, deployment, incarceration, illness or other painful family transition. Rainbows is not counseling or therapy, but a nurturing environment created to allow children & families to share their experiences and support one another. Facilitators lead discussion time, games, art projects, and journal writing. Ultimately, children have an opportunity to work through their grief and heal in a supportive atmosphere. Parent support sessions available also. Sessions are currently being held here are St Ann's. If you or anyone you know might be interested please contact [thereskelly.rainbows@gmail.com](mailto:thereskelly.rainbows@gmail.com) or call 732-787-5744 & leave a message.

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- Lk 24:45-46

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

<b>SUN 4/18</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
<b>MON 4/19</b>	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
<b>TUES 4/20</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
<b>WED 4/21</b>	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
<b>THR 4/22</b>	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
<b>FRI 4/23</b>	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
<b>SAT 4/24</b>	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
<b>SUN 4/25</b>	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

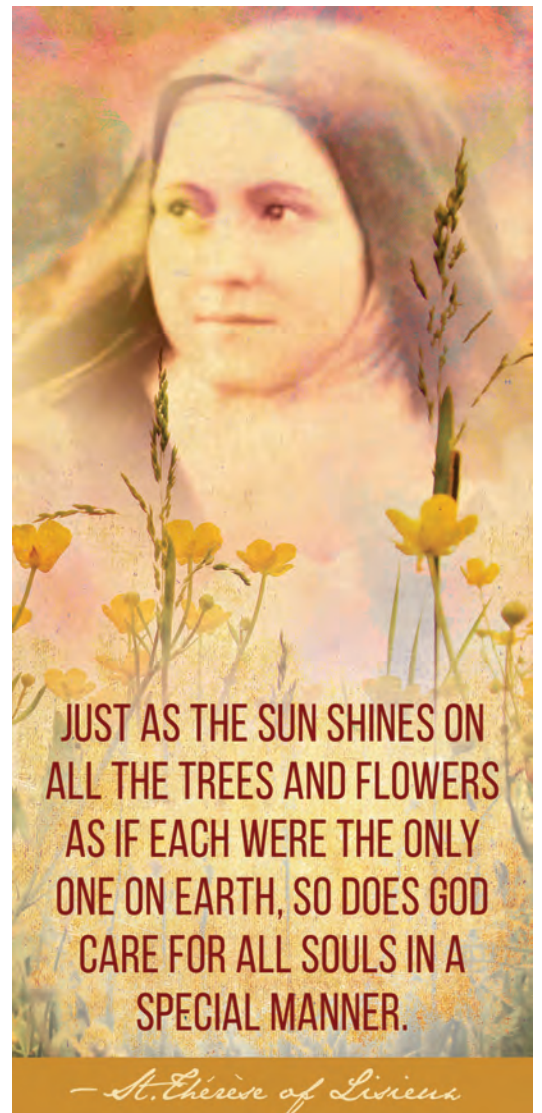
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Wednesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday:	Earth Day
Friday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

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.



These  
are my  
words

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are  
witnesses. (Acts 3:15)



## PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)  
Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING:

He is expiation for our sins,  
and not for our sins only but for those of the  
whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)



## GOSPEL:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day  
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### 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

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

##### Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child’s “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.



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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### 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?

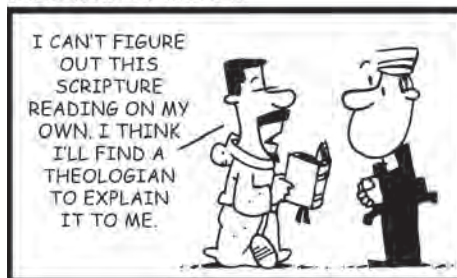
#### Gospel:

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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—LUKE 24:48

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