

May 4, 2014: Third Sunday of Easter



They returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. — Lk 24:33-35

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MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 4 (Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Lou Kubena, Anton & Agnes Kubena
(First Holy Communion)



Monday, May 5 (Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29)

7:00 am- Alfons, Dorothy, Evelyn & Ervin Grahmann
10:00 am- Adela Pohl, Benefactor (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 6 (Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35)

7:00 am- V.L. & Rose Rainosek

Wednesday, May 7 (Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40)

7:00 am- Tyler Bludau
8:05 am- Frank & Agnes Polansky

Thursday, May 8 (Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51)

7:00 am- V.C. & Alois Labay
10:00 am- Robert & Lorene Vasek (Stevens)

Friday, May 9 (Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59)

7:00 am- Robert Klekar
8:05 am- Vernon Supak

Saturday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster, Priest (Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69)

5:30 pm- Josephine Matejek

Sunday, May 11 (Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10) Mother's Day

8:00 am- Hubert & Bunny Dornak; Carl & Hilda Buss
10:30 am- Mother's Day Novena (SHS Baccalaureate)

Church Bulletin & Radio Broadcast: Bob Kubena in memory of Lou Kubena, and Anton & Agnes Kubena.

Vigil Light: Special intention for Karen Steffek.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,455.50; Holy Land-\$20; Home Missions-\$248; Rice Bowl-\$1,301; Education of Seminarians-\$1,800; Manna Food Pantry-\$1,610; Loose-\$1,705; Children's-\$62.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Julia Kallus* and *Barbara Gummelt* of our parish family; and, *Evelyn Doubrava*, wife of Emil Doubrava. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Tommy & Deborah Tumis	40 years	May 4
William & Judy Mozisek	35 years	May 5
Clarence & Diana Wenske	35 years	May 5
Dennis & Sheila Jansky	25 years	May 6

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 4

-First Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

MONDAY, MAY 5

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-Parish Advisory Council Mtg., 6:30 pm, Mary's House.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

-CCD: K-12th Grades, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Cry Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

-SHCS Student Council Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Family Center.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Wilbert Kalinec, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Melissa Pilat, Becky Pekar, Kyle Stellige, Victor Vasek, Louise Tesch, Robert Butschek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Doris Anders, Kynlee Klekar, Jack Crandall, Georgie Meyer, Theresa Hemmi, Kevin Tesch, Karen Steffek, Gary Trojcek, Georgie Henke, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Welcome to the Parish: Allen & Allison Machicek, children Bryce, Cullen & Zoe.

April Baptisms: London Brooks, son of Kyle & Brittany Wagner; Isaak Thomas, son of Gabriel & Melinda Chapa; Karter Landon, son of Kevin & Lara Haas.

Calendar Membership: **Apr. 24:** Joe & Ana Henke-\$100; **Apr 25:** Lois Nelson, Jersey Village-\$100; **Apr. 28:** JoNell Janecek-\$50; **Apr. 29:** Mary Leopold-\$50; **Apr. 30:** Brandon Grubert-\$100.

"Thank you!" to all CDA members who baked so many delicious treats and worked so hard to make our annual CDA Bake Sale at the Fiddler's Frolics a success! Thank you, too, to those individuals who gave cash donations and to the community for supporting our bake sale. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Cash donations are still being accepted and may be mailed to Anita Steffek, 549 C.R. 186, Hallettsville.

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale Committee

If you had your picture taken for the directory and did not purchase any additional pictures, you may pick up your complimentary picture at the Rectory.

Area Church Picnics-

May 4: Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn. Mass 10 a.m.
May 4: Holy Family Festival, Victoria Com. Center.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We have now entered the month of May, the month of Mary, the mother of Jesus and our spiritual mother. During this month, let us pray daily to Mary to ask for her intercession and to honor her.

We congratulate our 52 young people who are receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion today, Sunday, for the very first time. They are: Ella Amsden, Zoey Armstrong, Trayc Barcak, Lillieanna Bludau, Rory Bludau, Madilyn Camarillo, Ethan Cazares, James Cesarz, Klayton Chance, Tyler Cortez, Chloe Cowell, Peyton Cull, Olivia Etzler, Jamie Evans, Kenadie Feril, Layla Gaitan, Allyshia Grahmann, Elena Grahmann, Joshua Griffin, Brady Haas, Luke Henneke, Kayla Immekus, Kathryn Ivey, Amanda Janak, Macie Jansky, Avery Jernigan, Landon Koehne, Jillian Koerth, Raegan Koncaba, Brent Kostelnik, Alexandra Kraatz, Ava Grace Lackey, Maryn Machac, Ava Grace Matias, Gage Matula, Elisa Myers, Wyatt Mudd, Anneliese Noska, Haley Noska, Kaylie Olivarez, Joseph Phelps, Carson Pustka, Yeslin Rangel, Cole Rother, Rebecca Satsky, Wade Shimek, Braxtyn Sitka, Dawson Smith, Anna Steffek, Adam Stock and Breylon Swoboda.

CCD News ~~

May 4: First Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

May 14: Closing Mass, May Crowning, Rosary and awards ceremony, 6:15 p.m. (5th Grade participates)

Sacred Heart School News ~~

May 4: Spring Band Concert, 6:00 p.m., Gym

May 7: Booster Club Fried Chicken plates to go, 5:00-6:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

May 11: Senior Baccalaureate, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

May 12: School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

May 14: All Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

May 16: Senior Graduation, 8:00 p.m., K.C. Hall.

Sacred Heart Youth News ~~ We thank everyone who participated in all the Youth Group Easter activities! We had great donations to our bake sale, and the Easter hunt was a huge hit! We now look forward to our final Youth Night of the year featuring a "**Farewell to Seniors**" cook-off. Seniors from Sacred Heart School and Hallettsville High who are members of Sacred Heart Parish are invited for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church, as well as a special "going forth" blessing, on **Sunday, May 18th** beginning at **5:30 p.m.**

Catholic Daughters Painted Churches Guided Tour, Monday, May 5. Car pool leaves Sacred Heart Church parking lot 8:45 a.m. Open to anyone wanting to tour the churches in Praha, High Hill, Ammansville & Dubina. Cost \$10. Call Kay Steinocher 798-4817 or Joyce Machicek 798-5874 to make arrangements.

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic – May 25th

It's picnic time! If you have cattle, antiques, or unique items to donate to the auction, please call the Rectory as soon as possible so that we may begin advertising!

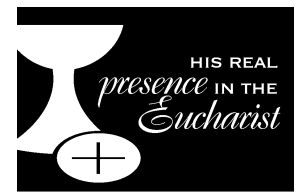
Auction: BigGameGear.com-Ron Ridgeway Family-30 gal. Pro-Hunter Tripod Feeder & pink trim 40" rifle case; Brandon, Christie & Eve Roberts-antique table w/6 chairs; Jimmie & Jeanette Jahn-standing cross; Chuck & Cheryl Pavliska-pool table; Wayne & Cynthia Migura Family-antique ice box.

Cash donations are being accepted at the Rectory or you may place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. **Raffle books** will be mailed soon...please buy or sell as many books as possible.

Truck Raffle Tickets (\$100 each) for a 2014 Chevy Silverado LT 1500 4x4 crew cab truck are available for purchase at the Rectory. The truck is on display at Grafe's and will be given away at the picnic.

3rd Sunday of Easter – "Jesus Himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him." Can you imagine this scene? Jesus comes up next to these two disciples, walks with them, talks with them, even goes so far as to explain the Scriptures about Him to them, and they still fail to notice who He is. Understandably, they were sad, "looking downcast" because of Christ's death. Maybe their eyes glumly watched their feet as they trod along instead of taking in the sights around them. But at some point they must have looked at their companion's face. Why didn't they recognize Jesus until "He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them"?

In everything else during their encounter, Jesus had appeared to be just another man. But when He broke the bread, in fact celebrating the Eucharist, they realized who He was. And then, He "vanished from their sight." Could it be that the risen Lord wanted to teach His followers about the new way in which He was present? He may have vanished from sight, but He did not leave them. He was there, as we Catholics profess, through His real presence in the Eucharist.



We are not so different from the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We may at times become downcast, wishing that Jesus was with us in a more obvious, traditional way. But in fact, the risen Lord comes to join us every time we go to Mass, remaining with us through His presence in the Eucharist. We only need the eyes of faith to believe that it's true. This is not the same as physical sight, to be sure. But He is there. As Jesus Himself said in last Sunday's Gospel, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!!

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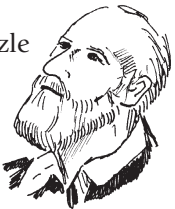
Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Philip Neri

Philip Neri was a puzzle of contradiction – popular but pious, jubilant and holy, firm but kind.



Born in Italy in 1515, he became a priest after spending many years devoted to prayer. As a priest, he had a gift for seeing through pretenses in the Confessional and became known for creative penances.

He arranged talks, discussions, and prayer sessions - the beginnings of a religious institute he founded called the Oratory. He was sought for his holiness and joy.

The highest goal

It doesn't make sense to pursue pleasure or pleasant things; they don't last. Chasing pleasure draws us away from true joy. Instead, seek the lasting wonders of Heaven as the highest goal.

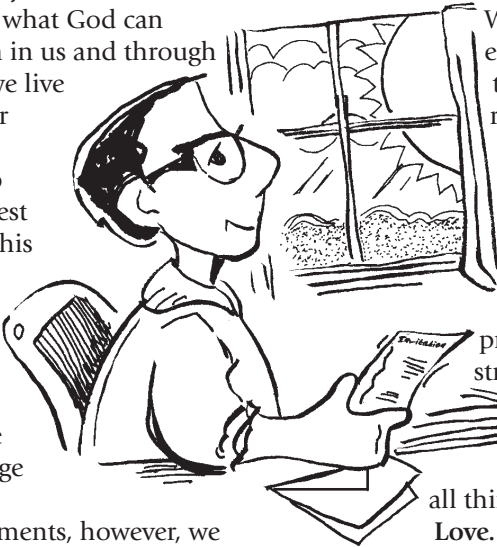
Universal love

Love wills the good of another. *"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"* (Romans 12:9-10).



Accept God's invitation to be his

The Ten Commandments are divine laws but they are also invitations to discover what God can accomplish in us and through us. When we live them as our personal response to God's request to become his children, we begin to merit eternal life. To help us live the challenge of the Commandments, however, we need to practice the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.



Faith. God reveals himself to us through Scripture, through his creations, through the Catholic Church and through Jesus. Faith is our response

to that revelation - a belief in the One Triune God as a reality.

We practice faith when we entrust ourselves completely to God. Our trust is in God rather than in human beings.

Hope. When we have confidence that God walks with us each day and guides us to life with him, we have hope. Hope means believing Jesus' promises and relying on his strength instead of our own.

People of hope have no use for despair or discouragement because all things are possible with God.

Love. Our greatest response to God's love for us is to love him. In fact, Jesus made love the greatest of the two great commandments (Matthew 22:37). We love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is a "Liturgy"?

Liturgy is a public work or service done on behalf of the people. To Catholics, it means publicly participating in the work of God. Liturgy can refer to divine worship, the proclamation



of the Gospel or acts of charity. Through the Liturgy, the people continue the work of God. "Christ, our High Priest, continues the work of our redemption through the Church's celebration of the Paschal Mystery by which he accomplished our salvation" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1067-1069).

Don't give up on God's mercy

Throughout our lives, we all have choices we wish we hadn't made or missed opportunities to do good. They add up as we get older. We may even fear our transgressions are so many or so serious that we are beyond forgiveness but nothing could be farther from the truth. Learn a lesson from Judas.

Judas' fatal mistake. There's no doubt that Judas' act of betrayal was horrible. It is inconceivable that he could know Jesus' friendship



for three years, be among his closest and most beloved friends and then deliver him for judgment and probable death. Yet, that wasn't Judas' worst sin. Doubting God's mercy was worse. God will always forgive us if we ask. It's we who don't ask. Jesus waits. Jesus never abandoned Judas. It was Judas who abandoned hope in Jesus when he killed himself in remorse for his part in Jesus' death. Peter betrayed Jesus, too, by denying him. But Jesus forgave him just as he will always forgive us if we give him the chance.

from Scripture

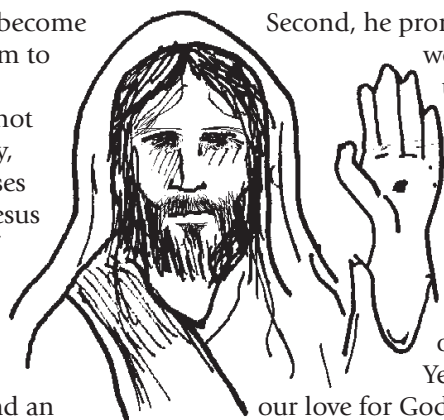
John 14:15-21; I will not leave you.

In this, one of his farewell speeches to his disciples, Jesus laid the foundation for them to become his Church. He was preparing the Apostles to become the people who carried him to the rest of the world.

Pope Francis said, "It is not easy to follow Jesus closely, because the path he chooses is the way of the Cross." Jesus knew that what he asks of his followers is difficult without him there as a guide, so he made two powerful promises to us.

First, he promised to send an Advocate – the Holy Spirit – who would always be with us. The gift of the

Holy Spirit would be poured out on all his followers and help us to see the truth of God's love for us.

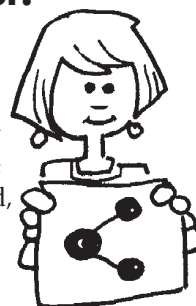


Second, he promised that he wouldn't leave us even though he was going away. When we are absorbed by the world, we can't "see" Jesus because we are too focused on ourselves.

Yet, when we live our love for God by obeying his commandments and loving others, we show Jesus to the world.

Q & A Are Catholics required to spread the Gospel?

Yes, Pope Francis has said it is the responsibility of every Catholic to spread the Gospel. And Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). While not all have the gift of preaching, there are other ways to share the Good News.



Social media. New media can be a great evangelization tool. We can post Gospel verses, inspiring stories of others who live virtuous lives, encouragement for friends. What we don't do can also be inspiring – choosing not to gossip or brag, for example.

Be a friend. Most people who leave a church say it's because they don't feel connected. Try welcoming newcomers to your church or anywhere, for that matter - neighborhood or workplace - and let your faith show as the friendship grows.

Lend a book. Share something you have read that moved you. Studies show that Catholics who left the Church often read their way back. Often non-Catholics enter the Church the same way.

Feasts & Celebrations

In May we celebrate mothers and honor the mother of all, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We can grow closer to Mary by praying the Rosary, honoring her feasts, and praising her to others.

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century). Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917). The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children near Fatima, Portugal. Mary asked the children to pray the

rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. She became an Augustinian nun known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

May 29 – Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven by his own power. *Note: In some dioceses, observance has been moved to the following Sunday.*



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