



Third Sunday of Easter

April 30 / May 1, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:

Saturday

5:00 pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help:**

Sunday:

8:30 am Confession

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday & Thursday:

5:30 pm

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of the Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rev 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



[Jesus] then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
JOHN 21:16

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Do You Love Me?

Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know..." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by

the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *What have you learned about yourself from your mistakes?*
- * *In what ways have you been given a second chance?*

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>April 30 / May 1 Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	NO Mass	
<i>Thursday</i>	NO Mass	
<i>May 8 / 9 Fourth Sunday of Easter May Crowning Mother's Day</i>	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	May 1	May 8	April 30	May 7
Lector	Amanda Hall	Amanda Hall	Mary Jo Leygraaf	Jerry Nowak
Server	Norma Jones	Joe McNaughton		

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
April 30 / May 1	† Fr. Kiran Varaparla	Parishioners Intentions
May 8 / 9	† Mitzi Karen Steely	Parishioners Intentions

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
April 23 / 24	\$225.00	\$100.00

May God bless you for your generous contributions to our Church.

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall
immediately after Mass.*

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Reading I

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger lasts but a moment;
a lifetime, his good will.
At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;
O LORD, be my helper.
You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Reading II

Rev 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels
who surrounded the throne
and the living creatures and the elders.
They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice:
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing."
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea,
everything in the universe, cry out:
"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor, glory and might,
forever and ever.”

The four living creatures answered, “Amen, ”
and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, creator of all;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.

He revealed himself in this way.

Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus,
Nathanael from Cana in Galilee,

Zebedee’s sons, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.”

They said to him, “We also will come with you.”

So they went out and got into the boat,
but that night they caught nothing.

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore;
but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?”

They answered him, “No.”

So he said to them, “Cast the net over the right side of the boat
and you will find something.”

So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in
because of the number of fish.

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.”

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord,
he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad,
and jumped into the sea.

The other disciples came in the boat,
for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards,
dragging the net with the fish.

When they climbed out on shore,
they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."

So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore
full of one hundred fifty-three large fish.

Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast."

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?"
because they realized it was the Lord.

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them,
and in like manner the fish.

This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples
after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

He then said to Simon Peter a second time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

Jesus said to him the third time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time,

"Do you love me?" and he said to him,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger,
you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted;
but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,

and someone else will dress you
and lead you where you do not want to go.”
He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.
And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

REFLECTION

Today’s Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented, and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. The Gospel also shows us God in search of man, even when man tries to evade Him.

The risen Jesus in Galilee: The primary purposes in recounting this appearance of the Risen Christ to his Apostles were to rehabilitate Peter who had denied Jesus three times, but then had repented, and to stress the actual conferring of Primacy in the Church on Peter. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus appears to the women saying, “Go tell my brethren that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.” It seems that the risen Christ had a specific purpose in seeing his apostles in Galilee. It was there that he had begun his own mission and recruited his apostles. It was his purpose to confer the Apostolic mission on Peter and the apostles in Galilee. We realize that the risen Jesus was the One who planned and directed the missionary activities of the early Church. We can be certain that the Risen Lord Himself leads and directs his Church today, through the encouragement, guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit, as He did for the Apostles and has done for their successors, down through the ages in their missionary endeavors.

The triple confession and commissioning of Peter: Peter denied Jesus three times on the night of Jesus’ arrest and repented; now, Jesus is offering him three chances to redeem himself. Jesus first dealt with Peter’s sin and then commissioned him to work on His behalf. By this triple confession, Peter is restored to the leadership position from which he had fallen by his triple denial. Furthermore, it is proclaimed that Peter is indeed a pastor, who is to show his love for Christ in feeding Christ’s sheep, a recycling of denial into affirmation. Peter’s rehabilitation is a celebration of Divine Grace. As the shepherd appointed by the True Shepherd, to do as

He did, to care for the sheep, Peter also symbolizes leadership. "Feed My lambs," will continue to be the agenda of the post-Resurrection Church until the risen Lord appears in glory. Peter was called upon to prove his love: "If you love me, feed my sheep." The same Risen Lord reminds us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments"

Let us compensate for our moments of weakness by genuine acts of love, compassion, and service.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church ~ Memorial

May 2

Saints Philip and James, Apostles ~ Feast

May 3

PRAYER REQUESTS

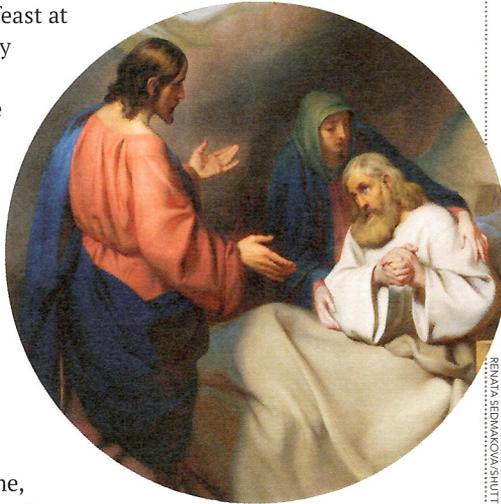
Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold & Geneva Couch, Deana Vanover Monhollen, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry (born at 24 weeks), Fiona York, Norma Jones, and Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown and Eric Vore.

Dear Padre,

Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?

It's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus' baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1-12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46-49, Mark 3:32-34, and Luke 8:19-21).

Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary. Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services....Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

PATRIS CORDE, DECEMBER 8, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MAY 2

St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

MAY 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52
Rv 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

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the Padre?**

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