

Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish

South Holland, IL

Third Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
"Feed my sheep."*

John 21:17

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday: 8:30 AM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

MASS AND ADORATION

Tuesday: 8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Thursday: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM

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May 1, 2022

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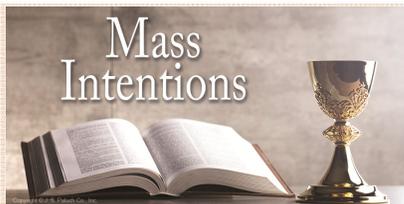
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- **Report any COVID cases** to the parish office if you have been on parish property within 48 hours of symptoms or positive diagnosis so that appropriate communication can be shared with close contacts.
- **Follow CDC guidelines for isolating** if you are symptomatic or test positive. Unvaccinated close contacts must quarantine.
- **If you feel ill** in any way, or if you knowingly have COVID-19, **please do not attend Mass, parish activities or visit the parish office.**
- **Everyone is encouraged to vaccinate, boost, and wear masks.** We support everyone in their decision regarding the use of masks.

Hand sanitizer will be available before the distribution of Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The **10:30 Drive In Mass** will continue, please park in the north end of the parking lot. Tune your radio to **90.7 FM.**



Saturday April 30

4:00 PM Fr. Anthony Talarico by Mary Ellen Quinn †
 Victor O. Okuwobi (Loving Memory) by Okuwobi Family †

Sunday May 1

8:30 AM Henry P. Koval by Mary Simms †
 10:30 AM Divine Ntamere by Ntamere Family †

Monday May 2

8:30 AM Luke Alexander (Thanksgiving for his recovery)
 by Bordenaro Family

Tuesday May 3

8:30 AM Joseph Adducci by JoAnn Adducci †

Wednesday May 4

8:30 AM Luke Alexander (Thanksgiving for his recovery)
 by Bordenaro Family

Friday May 6

8:30 AM In Memory of Fr. Anthony Talarico
 In Memory of Divine Ntamere

Saturday May 7

4:00 PM Marie Pala & Genevieve Sikorski by David Sikorski Family †

Sunday May 8

8:30 AM Loretta & Stanley Rakowski by Carol Wojciechowski †
 Justine A. Bekavac by Family †
 10:30 AM Rose Muszynski by Louise & Richard †
 Irene Devanis by Ivy Drobac †
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The wine used at Mass for the Eucharist for **MAY** is in memory of Mr. Frances Obegolu From The Obegolu Family
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To sponsor the wine or hosts for a month in 2023 you may put a note with a contact phone number in the weekly collection or call the rectory office. The donation for wine is \$65 and for hosts is \$45.



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SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our group strives to develop a deeper understanding of scripture on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in McMahon Hall to reflect the upcoming weekend readings. We will end with a decade of the Rosary. All are welcome!

TASTE OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOR June 12th

Volunteers needed to prepare dishes, setup, serve and clean-up. If interested, please contact Sarah Gula at gula01@msn.com or 219-314-8123.

COFFEE AND May 1st

Sponsored by the Women's Club

Join us for hospitality after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM masses in the gym.
 Spend some time in fellowship with your Christ Our Savior family.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; 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 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

PRAYER OF THE WEEK 3rd Sunday of Easter

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What does it mean to me to have hope in the Resurrection?

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"Smoting" or Non-"smoting"?

Some times I get angry at things that frustrate me. So I have to struggle with the line in our first reading, where the disciples were "rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name" (Acts 5:41).

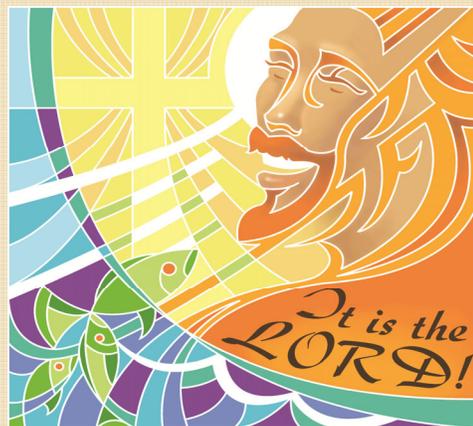
Imagine rejoicing over pain and suffering. These disciples had seen Jesus on the cross. When he rose from the dead, they began to see that his suffering was not a tragic loss, but a sign of his glory. And when they suffered because they believed in him, as in today's reading, they saw that as a way to imitate Jesus on the cross. Those who had followed him in life could also follow him to the cross.

Most of us today find ourselves suffering because we have done wrong. God does not use special interventions to smite sinners. Think of the times we were punished as a child. Think of the times we lost a friend because of a cruel remark. These are the result of our actions. These are sufferings that we would rather avoid.

Jesus, however, suffered for our sins when he was totally innocent. If he could do that, could we not accept suffering for our own sins when it comes? If we behave differently because of it, if we can grow to be better persons, then that suffering can be our way of accepting the cross.

Of course, not all suffering is caused by the sins of the person suffering. The suffering of the innocent is a great mystery, a cause for sorrow and a challenge to help where we can. But like growing pains, all suffering is a step to new life in Christ. And that is what Easter is about.

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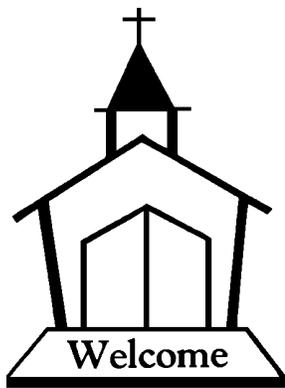


The Easter season provides us an opportunity to reflect upon who we are as Church, in light of the first experiences of Jesus' followers. From today's Gospel, we realize that all we do is founded on our friendship with and trust in Jesus, as witnessed in Jesus' dialogue with Peter. From Revelation, in the image of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb, we can anticipate suffering for the sake of love for God and for others. From the apostles' bold speech in Acts, we remember that when we stay true to the Gospel, even at great cost, we must always embody God's forgiveness toward those who resist God's invitation. The early Church struggled to understand how to live the way of Jesus, and we can expect no less struggle for ourselves. And like them, we may also know the joy of growing friendship with God along the way.

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well.

When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God.

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Our warmest welcome to all those who celebrate with us. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, become a registered and active parishioner.

An "active member" of the Church:

- ◆ Is properly registered
- ◆ Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- ◆ Participates in parish activities
- ◆ Uses parish envelopes for donations

The pastoral staff are often asked to verify that a person is a practicing Catholic in order for them to become a godparent or sponsor. Church law requires a pastor to know a person before he gives permission. We are also asked to provide letters for proof of address. It can only be done for individuals that are officially registered. Registering in a parish shows a commitment to the life of the parish family.

If you have not done so, please fill out a registration card and return with the weekly collection or go to our website www.christoursaviorparish.org. Thank you.



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All praise and glory is yours, Lord, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless them so that they may bear their illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you or a loved one needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put your name on the prayer list. Names are kept on the list for four weeks unless we are notified the person has not recovered. Please contact the parish office at 708-333-3550 and leave a message if you would like to have your loved one on the list for another four weeks.

"Save the Date"

Sunday, May 15th at 10:30 Mass
2022/2023 Rose Award
Scholarship Presentation

Christ Our Savior Parish South Holland, IL
Reception in the gym following Mass
All are invited.

The Rose Award is named after Felicia Rose Horton, a faithful parishioner of Christ Our Savior Parish. Felicia was the Associate Director of Marketing for the Office of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago at the time of her untimely passing in March of 2021. The Rose Award was established by family, friends, and work colleagues of Felicia Rose Horton seeking to honor her memory and support African American 8th grade girls attending Catholic schools who demonstrate promise, leadership, and service with their high school expenses.

Three recipients are receiving the Rose Award Scholarship for 2022/2023:

Antonette Baker *St. Margaret of Scotland School,
Marcia Cage * The Academy of St. Benedict, the African,
Hannah Melton *Sacred Heart (Chicago).

Please keep the students and their families in your prayers as the start a new chapter in life.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican victory over superior French forces on May 5, 1862 in the Battle of Puebla. Although the Mexican forces were outnumbered and not as well armed, they were able to defeat the French army, which at the time was considered one of the best in world. Although the conflict continued, it was a moral victory for Mexico and gave them hope, determination and encouragement and unified the people.



Dear God of all nations, we come to you today on Cinco de Mayo as we celebrate this victory over superior forces.

We pray for our own times of struggles against forces that are much bigger than our own strength and power.

We remember the Bible account of David and Goliath and how David defeated a giant with a slingshot and a stone.

We pray that we will have David's confidence and trust in you when he said,

"Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

(I Samuel 17:32 NIV)



Simon, son of John, do you love me?

Some people refer to the Gospel story of this Sunday as Peter's Conversion. Others call it Peter's Confession. Peter's Confession is appropriate whether we understand confession to mean a declaration of faith or an admission of guilt. It is easy to see Jesus' triple question to Peter "**Do you love me?**" and Peter's triple answer in the affirmative as Peter's confession of faith in Jesus.

In the Greek Bible, there are three different words translated by the one English word love. There is *Eros*, which means sensual or erotic love, the kind of love that leads to marriage. Then there is *philia*, meaning love of the likeable, the admiration and devotion we have for a worthy person or thing, such as love for a hero, love of parents, and love of art. Finally, there is *agape*, which means self-sacrificing and unconditional love, even for a person who may not deserve it and when there is nothing tangible to be gained. You know the joke about the difference between a dog and a cat. A dog looks at his owner who feeds him, protects him, and cares for him, and says to himself, "He must be a god." A cat looks at his owner who feeds him, protects him, and cares for him, and says to himself, "I must be a god." This is not a propaganda against cats. On the contrary, it is a compliment to cat lovers for their selfless and unconditional love for these undeserving creatures.

Back to the Gospel story. Jesus asks Peter, "*Agapas me? Do you have agape love for me?*" meaning "Do you love me in such a manner as to sacrifice your life for me." Peter knows that he has not lived up to this standard of love. He knows that he disowned Jesus in order to save his head. So, what does Peter answer? He answers, "*Philô se. Yes, Lord, I have philia love for you,*" meaning, "Yes, Lord, you know how deeply I like and admire you." You see why it is a confession of failure? Peter is saying to Jesus, "Yes, I like and admire you, but no, I have not been able to love you with a self-sacrificing love as you demand."

The Peter we see here is not the loud-mouthed, boastful man who thought he was better than the other disciples but a wiser, humbler man who would not claim more than he can deliver. Peter's confession here can be likened to that of the father of the possessed boy who confessed to Jesus, "**I believe; help my unbelief!**" (Mark 9:24). What Peter is saying is "I love you, Lord; help my lack of love." So today, let us join Peter in his confession and say with him: "I love you, Lord; help my lack of love." Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL



I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and thank all those who took part in our scripture class on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians and the Passover Seder. Your faith and generosity are signs of your love for our Lord. I pray that our future scripture classes will be as successful. I would also like to thank Fr. Gosbert for his support and encouragement.

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon Mel



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