

Mass Intention
17 April - 25 April 2021

- 17 April 2021 - Saturday - Easter Weekday
4.30 pm: +Jerome Bauer by *Louise & Ernest Bingel*
- 18 April 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER
8.30 am: Dedication of Rock Valley Spirit by *Jim & Terry Milk*
11.00 am: +Robert Lewis Jr by *Ramona Lewis*
- 19 April 2021 - Monday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am: +Katherine Sawyna by *Renee Ozomek*
- 20 April 2021 - Tuesday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am:
- 21 April 2021 - Wednesday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am: No Mass
- 22 April 2021 - Thursday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am:
- 23 April 2021 - Friday - Easter Weekday
8.30 am: +Georgina Peter by *Lydia Stewart*
- 24 April 2021 - Saturday - Easter Weekday
4.30 pm: +Jean Burns Kane
- 25 April 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER
8.30 am:
11.00 am: Healing of Tim Stein by *Bob & Rose white*

“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things pass away, God does not change. Patience, all things come to pass. He who has God lacks nothing. God alone is enough.” - St. Teresa of Ávila

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk, Vincent McCarthy, Billy Smith and all sick and needy.
To submit a name please call the Rectory



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Were not
Our
hearts**

**Burning
Within
Us,**

While



**HE talked
with us
on the
road and
opened**

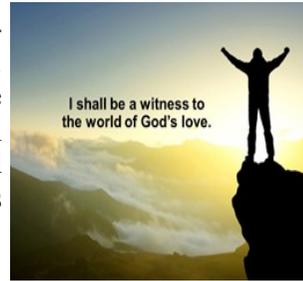
**The Scrip-
tures
to us?**

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing
Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church
Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church
11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

**“The Church, as the house and school of communion,
is the house and school of prayer.” - Pope Francis.**

Witnesses of the Resurrected Christ in our Word, our Life, and our Action

The apostles were witnesses of the resurrected Christ – they witnessed not only in word but also by their life and action, especially bearing witness of His resurrection; we as witnesses of Christ need to testify of His resurrection in our speaking and our life and action. As believers in Christ we are not called to do a work of teaching or preaching but to bear a living testimony of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and ascended Christ. A witness is one who personally witnesses something; he has a first-hand encounter and then testifies of what he has seen. The Lord wants us to see Him, enjoy Him, be with Him, and experience Him, and then we will spontaneously testify of what we have enjoyed of Him and experienced of Him, and the result is that He is being propagated on earth.



Signposts on the Way to God

How do we know about God's love, God's generosity, God's kindness, and God's forgiveness? Through our parents, our grand-parents, our friends, our teachers, our pastors, our spouses, our children, our grandchildren – they all reveal God to us. But as we come to know them, we realize that each of them can reveal only little bit of God. God's love is greater than theirs; god's goodness is greater than theirs; god's beauty is greater than theirs. At first we may be disappointed in these people. For a while we thought that they would be able to give u all the love, goodness and beauty we needed. But gradually we discover that they were all signposts on the way to God.



Stewardship April 11, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$	1588.50
Easter Offering	\$	270.00
Holy Land	\$	10.00
Lenten Box	\$	22.00
Poor Box	\$	80.00
Candles	\$	35.00

“A Violence-Free Society, Disease-Free Body, Quiver-Free Breath, Stress-Free Mind, Inhibition-Free Intellect, Trauma-Free Memory, and Sorrow-Free Soul is the Birthright of Every Human Being.”

LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: Acts 3:13–15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1John 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48



The common theme of today's readings is a challenge to our *Faith* in the living presence of the risen Lord. That Faith should strengthen our *Hope* in His promises, call us to true repentance for our sins and lead us to bearing witness to Christ by our works of *Charity*. Does our Faith do that for us? The readings also remind us that the purpose of Jesus' death and Resurrection was to save us from our sins. Hence, they invite us to make our bearing witness to the risen Lord more effective by repenting of our sins, renewing our lives, and meeting Jesus in the Word of God and at the Eucharistic Table.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how Peter fulfills the mission of preaching Jesus. In this second sermon, Peter goes on with the preaching mission begun on Pentecost in Jerusalem, and again presents Jesus as the fulfillment of all the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. He also asks the Jews to repent and turn toward God so that their sins may be wiped away. In the second reading, John tells us that true knowledge and love of God consist in acknowledging that Jesus is the expiation for our sins. We make that acknowledgement daily by bearing witness to Him in our lives and by obeying His commandments.

Today's Gospel leads us to reflect on Faith, doubts, and crises. It shows us how Jesus convinced his disciples of his Resurrection and then commissioned them to be his witnesses throughout the world. Jesus prepared them to receive God's power through the coming descent of the Holy Spirit upon them, and commanded them to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennedy MMI

Dn. John Lyttle

18 April 2021