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PARISH NEWS: ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, JOHN DAY

St. Elizabeth parish celebrated Easter 2018 with joy and gladness as an adult joined the Christian faith on Easter Night with the Sacraments of Initiation. This Easter brought abundance of light to the parish life as Kay Cowan Thompson was baptized and confirmed. We are hoping to have many more conversions in years to come.

We also pray and hope for the return of Catholic brothers and sisters who were active sometime back in

the parish.

We celebrated First Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday for Silas Fansler which doubled our joy this Easter season. Silas began his altar serving the following week with Vincent Raschio. St. Elizabeth is a small church but one baptism and one First Holy communion can make a big difference in the faith journey.

—Reverend Christie Tissera, Pastor



PARISH NEWS: ST. HELEN, PILOT ROCK

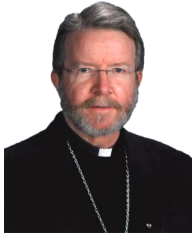
On Sunday April 15th St. Helen's parishioners celebrated the First Holy Communion of Hudson Kennedy during Mass and honored him at a coffee hour reception.



They also honored Aiva Ellis and Riley Kennedy who received the Sacrament of Confirmation the prior week. Congratulations to all three.

— Laura Byrnes





Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

The Afterglow of Easter

This column is based on a homily given at St. Francis Church in Bend on May 13, 2018.

The Easter Gospel stories tell us something quite surprising: The Risen Jesus is hard to recognize. No sooner had the stone been rolled away from His tomb but those He called “friends”—men and women who had walked with Him for years—couldn’t say Who He was when He stood right before them. Only with effort could Jesus convince them it was He.

Had He wanted to make an overpowering impression, our Savior could have come back from the dead as the Transfigured One whose “face shone like the sun” and whose “garments became white as light.” Instead, both the countenance and the clothing of the Risen Lord were so ordinary, so like what the Apostles were used to, that the accounts of the Easter appearances make no mention of them whatsoever. We have no reason to think that Jesus looked appreciably different to His friends after His Resurrection than He had before His Passion. They should have recognized Him instantly. But they didn’t.

Mary Magdalene was the first to be affected by this apostolic amnesia. She came to the tomb before darkness had lifted, but there was light enough to see that the stone had been moved away. Stunned, she ran to get Peter and John, who emerged from the empty tomb utterly mystified and left Mary alone at its entrance to grieve the soul-piercing absence of the One Who drove seven devils out of her disordered life. Turning around, she saw a man she took to be the gardener and thought he had carried her Lord’s body away. Though the man stood close by, sight betrayed her: she didn’t recognize him. But hearing rang true when he said to her, “Mary.” At the sound of her name she felt the knowing gaze of the Master anew. There and then she recognized Him: It was Jesus. She knew Who He was the moment she knew that He knew who she was.

“I have seen the Lord!” Mary told the Apostles. But her testimony failed to shake their disbelief. That evening when Jesus appeared to them, they thought they were seeing a ghost. The Victor over death had to show them His wounds and eat a piece of fish to win their halting recognition.

Even this direct experience of Resurrection did not suffice. A couple weeks later these same eyewitnesses spent a futile night fishing from Peter’s boat in the Sea of Galilee. At the break of dawn, St. John recounts, “Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.” He assured them they would make a catch if they cast their nets on the boat’s right side. They did so and caught more fish than they could haul in. Only then

did John’s cry of recognition ring out over the waters: “It is the Lord!”

An unsettling question emerges from these familiar Gospel accounts: If the Apostles had so much trouble recognizing the Risen Jesus Whom they saw and heard and touched, how are you and I supposed to recognize Him Whom we have never laid eyes on?

St. Luke anticipates this objection in his account of two downcast disciples on their way to Emmaus Easter Sunday afternoon. A traveler “drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.” Nonetheless, He proceeded to open the Scriptures for them in a way that set their hearts burning within. Nearing the village, they asked him to stay. “When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. *And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him*; and He vanished out of their sight.” Going right back to Jerusalem, the two disciples told the Apostles “how He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

And not only to them. According to the Acts of the Apostles the first Christians “held steadfastly . . . to the breaking of the bread.” Millennia later we, their co-heirs in faith, follow the path of apostolic recognition in what came to be called the Mass, because in this sacred memorial action *Jesus comes to be recognized for Who He is*—the Risen Christ in our midst Who gives us indestructible life in His Body and Blood.

As our spiritual sight grows accustomed to recognizing the Risen One under the appearances of ordinary bread and wine, the eyes of our heart will look to find Him elsewhere as well. We will come to recognize Him in the hungry and thirsty, the sick and disabled, the lonely and abandoned, the unwelcomed and imprisoned. We will see and love in them what He sees and loves in us.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

El Resplandor de la Pascua

Esta columna está basada en una homilía dada en La Iglesia de San Francisco en Bend el 13 de Mayo, 2018

Las historias del Evangelio de Pascua nos dicen algo bastante sorprendente: Jesús Resucitado es difícil de reconocer. Apenas la piedra había sido quitada de Su tumba, y aquellos a quienes llamó “amigos” hombres y mujeres que habían caminado con él durante años no podían decir quién era cuando se paró frente a ellos. Solo con esfuerzo pudo Jesús convencerlos de que era Él.

Si hubiera querido causar una impresión abrumadora, nuestro Salvador podría haber regresado de entre los muertos como Él Transfigurado cuyo “rostro resplandeció como el sol” y cuyas “vestiduras se volvieron blancas como

la luz". Sin embargo, tanto el semblante como la vestimenta del Señor resucitado era tan ordinario, tan igual como los Apóstoles estaban acostumbrados, que los relatos de las apariciones de la Pascua no hacen mención de ellos en absoluto. No tenemos ninguna razón para pensar que Jesús se veía notablemente diferente ante Sus amigos después de Su Resurrección que antes de Su Pasión. Deberían haberlo reconocido al instante. Pero no lo hicieron.

María Magdalena fue la primera afectada por esta amnesia apostólica. Ella vino a la tumba antes de que se levantara la oscuridad, pero había suficiente luz para ver que la piedra había sido movida. Asustada, corrió a buscar a Pedro y Juan, quienes emergieron de la tumba vacía completamente desconcertados y dejaron a María sola en la entrada para llorar la deslumbrante ausencia de Aquél que expulsó a siete demonios de su vida desordenada. Dándose la vuelta, vio a un hombre a quien ella consideró ser el jardinero y pensó que él se había llevado el cuerpo de su Señor lejos. Aunque el hombre estaba cerca, la vista la traicionó: ella no lo reconoció. Pero el oído sonó verdadero cuando le dijo: "María". Al oír su nombre, ella sintió la mirada sabia del Maestro de nuevo. Allí en ese momento, ella lo reconoció: era Jesús. Ella supo quién era Él en el momento en que se dio cuenta que Él sabía quién era ella.

"¡He visto al Señor!" dijo María a los Apóstoles. Pero su testimonio no logró sacudir su incredulidad. Esa noche, cuando Jesús se les apareció, pensaban que estaban viendo un fantasma. El Vencedor de la muerte tuvo que mostrarles sus heridas y comerse un pedazo de pescado para lograr que lo reconocieran.

Incluso esta experiencia directa de la Resurrección no fue suficiente. Unas semanas después, estos mismos testigos pasaron una noche inútilmente pescando desde el barco de Pedro en el Mar de Galilea. Al amanecer, San Juan cuenta; "Jesús estaba en la playa; sin embargo, los discípulos no sabían que era Jesús ". El les aseguró que harían una pesca si arrojaban sus redes al costado derecho del bote. Lo hicieron y capturaron más peces de los que podían transportar. Solo entonces el grito de reconocimiento de Juan resonó sobre las aguas: "¡Es el Señor!"

Una pregunta inquietante surge de estos relatos familiares de los Evangelios: si los Apóstoles tuvieron tantos problemas para reconocer al Jesús Resucitado a quien vieron, oyeron y tocaron, ¿cómo se supone que usted y yo reconoceremos a Aquel a quien nunca hemos visto?

San Lucas anticipa esta objeción en su relato de los discípulos desanimados en viaje hacia Emaús. Un viajero "se acercó y se fue con ellos. Pero sus ojos no lo reconocieron". Sin embargo, Él procedió a abrir las Escrituras en una manera que hizo arder sus corazones dentro de ellos. Al acercarse al pueblo, le pidieron que se quedara. "Cuando Él estuvo en la mesa con ellos, tomó el pan y lo bendijo, lo partió y se lo dio. Y sus ojos se abrieron y lo reconocieron; y Él desapareció de su vista." Regresando pronto a Jerusalén, los dos discípulos les dijeron a los

Apóstoles "cómo se les dio a conocer al partir el pan".

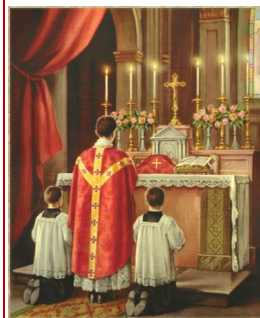
Y no solamente a ellos. Según los Hechos de los Apóstoles, los primeros Cristianos "se mantuvieron firmes . . . a la fracción del pan." Dos milenios después, nosotros, sus coherederos en la fe, practicamos el mismo reconocimiento apostólico en la que vino a llamarse la Misa, porque en esta sagrada acción memorial, *Jesús viene a ser reconocido por Quien es*: el Cristo Resucitado en medio de nosotros, Quien nos da vida indestructible en Su Cuerpo y Su Sangre.

A medida que nuestra visión espiritual se acostumbra a reconocer al Resucitado bajo las apariencias del pan y vino ordinario, los ojos de nuestro corazón buscarán encontrarlo también en otra parte. Nosotros llegaremos a reconocerlo en los hambrientos y sedientos, los enfermos y discapacitados, los solitarios y abandonados, los no bienvenidos y encarcelados. Veremos y amaremos en ellos lo que Él ve y ama en nosotros.

BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

June 6 7:00 PM Confirmation, Prineville
June 10-15 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Meeting, Florida
June 17 11:00 AM Confirmation, Boardman

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS IN BEND



The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered at 1:00 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church.

The next EF Masses will be June 10th and 24th.

Confessions are available prior to Mass from 12:15 to 12:45. The Church's front doors are unlocked at 12:00.



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Take Heart

Jun 22 -23 Powell Butte Retreat Center

A gathering of Catholic Women to celebrate faith and friendship.

Cost of the Conference is \$60
Reservations can be made online at: www.nwcwomen.com.

"I have told you these things so that in me you might have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world."
John 16:33



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For confidential information about Retrouville or to register for the June program beginning with a weekend on June 22-24 call (503) 225-9191 or (800) 470-2230 or email: portland@retrouville.org or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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This year our Diocese of Baker school staff was excited to gather at the NCEA Convention in Cincinnati. Each of us were encouraged and challenged to reflect on what it means to be a Catholic educator with faith in the students we teach and love. Pope Francis challenges us to be missionary disciples and calls us to go forth and bear witness to the Gospel as we educate the students in our care.

We were blessed this year to learn from exceptional leaders speaking at the convention, including His Eminence Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, the Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education at the Vatican, and from, the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport. In addition, there were over 200 professional development sessions offered to personalize each attendees experience and professional growth. We will be sharing what we learned across the diocese in the months ahead.

We thank all those across the diocese who supported our staff to attend the NCEA Conference. Your generosity enabled us to grow in faith and knowledge and rejoice in the work we do for Catholic schools.

— Crystal Nuñez-Mooney
St. Francis of Assisi | Principal