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

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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?***

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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community
Fort Belvoir, VA

New to St Martin of Tours?
Please contact our Catholic Coordinator at FBCCInfo@gmail.com to register and get our email mailing list for the latest Catholic Community announcements!

Mass Schedule

Monday – Thursday, 1205 at Fairfax Chapel

Saturday, 1700 at Belvoir Chapel

Sunday, 0930 at Belvoir Chapel**
1100 at Fairfax Chapel

The Sunday 0930 Mass is live-streamed and can be viewed from this link:

https://www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirRSO/

**Watchcare is available during this Mass for children ages 6months – 4years. Watchcare is located in the Religious Education Center next to Belvoir Chapel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 1600-1645 at Belvoir Chapel or by appointment. Contact Fr. Lindsay directly to schedule.

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Pre-Baptism Class - Saturday, 7 May 2022

Families interested in having their child baptized must attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You must register for the class by emailing: FBCCInfo@gmail.com.

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, cordially invites you and your guests to attend:

28th Annual Memorial Mass
Sunday, 22 May 2022 at 1630
Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Together with the priests of the AMS, please join in prayer as the men and women who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, are honored

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERING
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MINISTRY TRAINING
SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2022

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion & Lector Ministries at Belvoir Chapel

Coffee & Donuts at 0800
EMHC Training will begin 0830
Coffee & Donuts at 0930
Lector Training will begin at 1000

Present ministry members AND those interested in joining these ministries are encouraged to attend. All are encouraged to attend BOTH trainings to experience a fuller appreciation of the responsibilities of each ministry.

Our Lady of Fatima Marian Prayer Service

Friday, 13 May 2022,
1200 at Fairfax Chapel

Please join the Knights of Columbus in recognizing and honoring **Our Lady of Fatima** on her Feast Day with a prayer service and rosary.

Annual Catholic Community Picnic & Ministry Fair
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Join the team to plan our annual summer picnic and ministry fair. We need **YOU** to assist with planning food, decorations, and activities.

First Meeting will be virtual on Zoom:
TUESDAY, 10 MAY 22, 1800

Meeting ID: 838 3040 5538
Passcode: 862991

Email FBCCInfo@gmail.com for more info or text/call 254-449-6417 should you have difficulties logging on to the meeting.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
1 MAY 2022

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." (Revelation 5:12)

The Messiah, written by George Frederic Handel, provides a wondrous musical reflection on today's passage from the 5th chapter of Revelation. The music provides a glimpse of the glorious ongoing celebration of heaven. What joy it must be to be eternally in the presence of God's divine mercy, love and peace. Saint John shares his vision of being in the middle of the heavenly celebration. Handel also must have had a vision and an experience of the heavenly celebration to be able to bring to life the above words of the choirs of heaven. . Through Handel's music, which highlights the words of John's awesome vision, we are given pause to also to experience a taste of the beauty, glory and joy of the ongoing celebration of the saints and angels of heaven.

The experience of God's Shalom, or abiding peace, is the experience of being loved deeply and fully by God. For Saint John and the Apostles, nothing in this world can compare with the abiding peace of God which they experienced in their hearts, minds and souls. Peter and the apostles cannot be deterred from sharing the hope and joy of the saving love Jesus Christ offers. The power of their experience of the Risen Lord was so profound and life changing, that the challenges or obstacles of this sinful world could not deter them. Discipleship is not always easy. The early disciples faced very real difficulties and challenges to their faith. Their experience of God's love gave them great courage and strength.

"No in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

May each of us also have a renewed experience of Jesus's love in this Easter Season.

Fr. Mike

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).

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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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