



Dear Friends in Christ,

On this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate in a more pronounced way the power and meaning of the Resurrection. Luke and Peter, whose words we hear today, were witnesses to the Resurrection and interacted with the risen Christ. They were among the first to grapple with what it all meant, and to share its Good News. We are recipients of that Good News and come together in worship – to be glad and rejoice in it.

Just as we turn to their writings today, Luke and Peter turned to the most sacred texts of their time to make meaning of the Resurrection. As we still do, they sang the ancient psalms of David: *My heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted ... because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.* A thousand years after King David, this verse was sung anew by the disciples who witnessed the Resurrection. After their experience of Jesus and the first Easter, they found new meaning in these ancient lines about salvation.

Prior to Jesus, this psalm was sung in joyful anticipation of a king like David to restore his powerful throne. God's people would triumph, saved from corruption and the netherworld, through this mighty and regal descendant. But when judges, prophets, and kings (like David) failed to turn his people from sin and its destruction, and bring them to repentance, God sent his only Son as priest, prophet, and king. He would reconcile us to the Father, and would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood.

It was difficult for the disciples to understand all the events surrounding Jesus. Cleopas and his companion were debating all that had happened as they walked to Emmaus. It was not until a traveling companion interpreted Scripture for them and broke bread with them that they saw Jesus and comprehended how he had fulfilled the Scriptures.

Fulfillment in Christ was known by God before the foundation of the world, Peter tells us. Salvation through Christ's sacrificial love poured forth was always the plan. The world was founded on it, the disciples witnessed it, and we are all redeemed by it. This is what we continue to celebrate this Easter season: God's love and mercy from the foundation of the world through Christ, broken and shared for us. Let us be glad and rejoice!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Marco

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS On Sunday, April 30 the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. Pray especially for Greg Lawrence, a young man from our parish currently in the seminary.

CATECHISTS NEEDED The Catholic Faith Formation office is in need of catechists (teachers of the faith) for both the Children's Faith Formation and for the RCIA Teens and Adults. If you have a desire to teach the next generation of Catholics or just want to learn more about this calling, please contact Damaritza Ortiz at 301-863-8793 or cff@ihmrcc.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS/SANCTUARY CANDLES If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candles in memory or for special intentions of a loved one, please call the Parish Office or email at cindy@ihmrcc.org.

PERPETUAL ADORATION Did you know our very own Immaculate Heart of Mary offers you the opportunity to participate in Perpetual Adoration? Some may ask "What is Perpetual Adoration?" Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members unite in the adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament with the goal of adoring The Blessed Sacrament perpetually (24 hours a day). If you are interested, please call our adoration coordinator, Jeff Harmon, at 240-538-5017 or email adoration@ihmrcc.org for more information.

LAZARUS COMMITTEE The Lazarus Committee provides funeral repasts for the funerals of active and registered parishioners. If interested in joining the Lazarus committee or for more information, please contact Pat at 240-925-0021 or Linda at 240-298-5264.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF IHM Our food pantry provides food to those who need assistance. We'd like to have you help us bag groceries from the food in our food pantry for our clients, or to pick up food from grocery stores in our area that donate to us. We do this throughout the week, excluding weekends. We have meetings just once a month. If you'd like to volunteer in our food pantry, please call 301-863-8193 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 am, which is when the pantry is open. Leave your name and number and we will work to get you started as soon as you'd like.

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER



April 24 — April 30

Monday	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-29
9:00 am	Dana and Jason Moody and Family (L)
Tuesday	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
5:30 pm	Luz Moreno (L)
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6:35-40
9:00 am	Helen Hautzenroder (D)
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44-51
5:30 pm	Helen E. McDonald (D)
Friday	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Jn 6:52-59
9:00 am	Venilda Norma Sales (S)
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Jn 6:60-69
9:00 am	Francisco Ocado (L)
4:00 pm	José Bonilla (D)
Sunday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6/ 1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
8:30 am	Harry (D) and Corrine Geraty (L)
11:15 am	Ronald Sableski (D)
1:00 pm	All IHM Parishioners

MASS IN THE PARKING LOT As a reminder, during IHM's weekend Masses we have in-parking lot options available. While parked at IHM, if you tune to 99.7 FM you can hear the Mass broadcast live. If you park in the second, smaller parking lot, we will bring out Communion at the appropriate time if you have your hazard lights on.

MASS INTENTIONS may be requested at the parish office during regular office hours (M—F, 8 am—4 pm) in person or by phone (301-863-8144 x11), or by e-mailing julian@ihmrcc.org. Your desired date may not be available. We now have the ability to accept Mass intention stipends online (but only **after** the date has been accepted by the office).

SPRING BAZAAR Our Lady Star of the Sea in Solomons is hosting a Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 29 from 9 am until 2 pm. The Bazaar will take place in their school and will include crafters, vendors, concessions, auctions, a bake sale, and more! For more information or for vendor inquiries, please contact olssbazaarvendors@gmail.com

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS will be here the weekend of April 29 and 30 to sell their olivewood wares after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Events Calendar

April 24 — April 30

Mon:	7 pm	Mass with Healing Prayers
Sat:	after 4 pm	Mass Little Bethlehem Olivewood Wares
Sun:	After All Masses	Little Bethlehem Olivewood Wares
	After All Masses	Fellowship Sunday

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS HEALING RETREAT The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a three-day healing retreat for young adults and adults whose parents have divorced or separated. The retreat includes live music throughout the weekend, presentations by trained retreat leaders and experts; guided small group discussions with peers; silent journaling sessions; prayer and the Sacraments; and more. It will take place on May 26-28 at the Loyola on the Potomac retreat house in Faulkner, Maryland. Registration is \$295 for adults or \$200 for college students or consecrated persons. Cost includes overnight lodging in a single room, meals, a retreat guide, and journal. All info and registration at www.lifegivingwounds.org/marylandretreat.

IHM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY The Next Fellowship Sunday is on Sunday, April 30th. Join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship after mass!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Vince Guerin, Jane Kenyon, Linda F. Gieser, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Joseph Hugh Weiland, Rylee Corliss, Alan Stapanon, Ruby Garcia, Mia Garcia, Matthew Riddell, Marie C. Williams, Kaylee Klier, David Kalil, Wanda Slater, Enedina Melendez, Hector Perez, Josephine, Glenn Thompson III, John Worrell, Jim Makin, Carmen Colby, Gary Green, Grace Miedzinski, Bruce Riddell, Katelyn Corliss, Robert Weaver, Linda Jones, Devlin Rich, Ana Gates, Mike Price, Corrine Geraty, Dennis Berg, Alejandra Spargo, Paul Crowe, Adele Bavani, Violette Ghalbouny

Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting bulletin@ihmrcc.org, or call the Parish Office.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Follow us on



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOCATION RETREAT St. Mary of the Mills in Laurel is offering a one-day vocations retreat for high school girls on Saturday, April 29. It is open to all girls of high school age who may be interested in religious life. If you have any questions, please contact the youth@stmaryofthemills.org, or by calling 301-725-3080.

FORMED To sign up for Formed, the premier site to access Catholic Media online, go to www.formed.org and press "sign up" and then "sign up as a parishioner". Type in the ZIP code of the parish "20653", follow the directions to create an account, and then enjoy!



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or you know a Catholic desiring to learn more about the faith, please contact Tess Crowe via email at rcia@ihmrcc.org or contact the office at 301-863-8144 to register.

MARYLAND HOUSE AND GARDEN PILGRIMAGE The Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage of Charles County will have a tour on April 29 that will include the Brick Chapel at St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church. This chapel is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks and is the oldest, non-renovated, pre-civil war building in Maryland. It was constructed in 1697 and the structure is currently being stabilized and plans are being formulated for its complete restoration. The Brick Chapel will be available to view on the tour at site #6. The cost of the tour is \$35 online or \$40 on the day of the tour. A portion of the tour's proceeds will assist in the restoration costs for the Brick Chapel. You can find more information about the pilgrimage organization and buy your tickets at www.mhgp.org or call (301) 934-2999.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT MASS AND BRUNCH will take place on Sunday, May 21 from 10 am to 1 pm at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. This is an opportunity for young men, college age and up, to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Washington. There is no cost for this event, but attendees must register at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-mens-discernment-mass-and-brunch>.

QUO VADIS CAMP 2023 will be held from Sunday, July 23 to Wednesday, July 26. High-school age young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be plenty of time for recreation, sports, and fraternity. Bus transportation with stops at Lexington Park, Largo, and Rockville will be available. Online registration is open at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-quo-vadis-camp>.

MASS IN TAGALOG IHM invites you to attend a Tagalog Mass on Sunday, May 14 at 4 pm. Please join us after Mass for a potluck Filipino fellowship in the Large Classroom. For more information, contact Joy Gates (240-434-3663) or Ronnie Chavez (26ronchavez@gmail.com).



IHM MUSIC MINISTRY If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with the parish, there is a place for you in this ministry! Please email Mary at mary@ihmrcc.org.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT starts this week! There will be two groups meeting weekly, one group meeting on Mondays at 7 pm and the second group meeting on Wednesdays at 10 am. Both group studies will use *"The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit"* by Fr. Pivonka, TOR. The sessions are in the IHM large classroom, and the study lasts for seven weeks. The Monday group starts Monday, April 24 and ends Monday, June 5. The Wednesday group starts Wednesday, April 26 and ends Wednesday, June 7. All are welcome to attend! There is no cost for the study. If interested, please contact Nancy Baysinger at 240-298-4713.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Please email your submission to bulletin@ihmrcc.org by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.

SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE Saint George Catholic Church in Valley Lee is accepting applications for the Secretary position. All applicants should possess strong computer skills including a solid working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, i.e., Excel, Publisher, Outlook and Google Docs, etc. The position is part-time, 20 hours per week: Tues/Thurs 10 am to 4 pm and Wed/Fri 10 am to 2 pm. For further information or an appointment, please email Father Paul Nguyen at: Fr.paulnguyen@gmail.com

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS This month's Mass with Healing Prayers is at 7 pm on Monday, April 24. After Mass, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and prayers for healing with laying on of hands. Confessions begin at 6:30 pm and continue as long as there are penitents.

HOLY LAND TRIP Our Lady Star of the Sea Travel Club in Solomons is hosting a trip to the Holy Land this coming November. Last year's trip exceeded our expectations, so we have decided to offer it again. The trip dates are November 28 (depart the U.S) to December 6 (return home). The per person cost of \$999 includes hotel, daily breakfast and dinner, bus, and all tours with a private guide. Airfare and trip insurance is additional. (Current airfare is around \$900) Please contact Mary Beth Brown at 443-623-6368, or e-mail marybeth@bytheseatravel.com for more information.



April 23, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' *eyes were prevented from recognizing* it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread – the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to “get it,” but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

PRAY Pray with the psalmist: “Lord, you will show us the path of life.”