

What do the Saints Say?

John 20: 19-25

An Excerpt from The Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture

[20:19a] As he did in regard to Mary Magdalene, John provides insight into the spiritual disposition of Jesus' disciples as they are gathered in Jerusalem. Mary came to Jesus' tomb "while it was still dark" (20:1). The disciples are similarly gathered in the evening darkness, signifying the absence of Christ the light and their own hopelessness. Moreover, the disciples are filled with fear of the Jewish authorities who pushed for Jesus' execution, and thus the doors were locked.

[20:19b] During the Farewell Discourse, Jesus told his disciples that they would "weep and mourn" (16:20) and be "in anguish" (16:22) when he left them. He also reassured them, "I will come back to you" (14:28) and "you will see me" (16:16). Now Jesus fulfills this promise: he came and stood in their midst. And he speaks the words of shalom, the eschatological reconciliation between God and his people: Peace be with you (see Isa 52:7; 57:19). Before he departed, Jesus told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. . . . Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (14:27). The risen Jesus now gives the disciples the gift of his peace, which drives away their fear, for he incorporates them into communion with the Father. Through his cross and resurrection, Christ has "conquered the world" (16:33) and its ruler (12:31), and he has made his disciples "children of God" (1:12). There is, then, no reason for his disciples to fear.

[20:20] The presence of the wounds of crucifixion on the risen Jesus' body is significant. They indicate that the body resurrected to glory is the same one that died on the cross (see Luke 24:39). Resurrection is not the return of a human being to ordinary mortal life but total transformation into a glorified mode of existence. As St. Paul wrote, the natural body is transfigured by the Holy Spirit into a glorified, "spiritual body" (1 Cor 15:44). The wounds on Jesus' resurrected body reveal that he is forever fixed in the act of love in which he died. The love and sacrifice that he offered on the cross are forever present before the Father as "expiation for our sins, and . . . for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). Jesus' wounds also signify that the victory of the resurrection comes only through the cross. Similarly, the Lamb in the book of Revelation bears the wound of his slaughter by which he accomplished the work of redemption (Rev 5:6, 9). In this way, St. Thomas Aquinas, drawing on the Venerable Bede, can speak of the wounds on Jesus' resurrected body as "trophies" of his victory. Donatien Mollat found significance in John's use of the verb "showed." After the temple incident (2:14–17), the Jews asked Jesus to "show" them a sign to legitimate his words and deeds (2:18). Jesus responded with a statement about raising up the temple of his body (2:19). Now, when Jesus shows the disciples his risen body with its wounds, he provides the sign that legitimates his words and deeds: his resurrection. The disciples were in a state of grief, hopelessness, and fear, but they now rejoiced when they saw the Lord. We again recall Jesus' words during the Farewell Discourse: "I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you" (16:22). The risen Jesus fills his disciples with the eschatological gifts of peace and joy, which proceed from sharing in the divine communion. These same gifts Paul counts among the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23), and in this scene, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit upon his disciples.

[20:21–22] After repeating his words of Peace, Jesus draws the disciples into his own mission: As the Father has sent me, so I send you. The Gospel has frequently spoken of Jesus as the envoy of the Father, sent to reveal him and accomplish his saving work (e.g., 12:44–50). Now the risen Jesus commissions the disciples as his envoys and sends them into the world (see 17:18). The fellowship of Jesus' disciples, the Church, is an extension of the work of the Father and the Son in the world. In order to be an extension of Jesus' work, the disciples need to be united to him, as branches to the vine (15:4–5), and receive his divine assistance and power (see Luke 24:49). Accordingly, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the holy Spirit." This scene is John's presentation of the reality of Pentecost: the risen Jesus sending the Holy Spirit upon his disciples (see Acts 2:1–4, 33). As Raymond Brown observes, the Holy Spirit "consecrates" the disciples for their mission, as Jesus himself was "consecrated and sent into the world" by the Father (10:36). Through the Spirit, the disciples are united to the risen Jesus and receive a share in his own life, and thus in the divine communion. The indwelling Holy Spirit is a sign of their having a share in God's eschatological salvation, for the Spirit makes the disciples a "new creation" (see sidebar on p. 47). The Greek verb for "breathed" recalls Gen 2:7 and Ezek 37:9, which speak of God breathing life into his creatures at the first creation and in the eschatological new creation.

[20:23] The risen Jesus connects the Holy Spirit with Church's power to forgive sins: Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. Jesus was first hailed in the Gospel as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (1:29). He declared that his saving work liberates humanity from slavery to the power of sin (8:34–36). By incorporating the disciples into his own mission, Jesus also gives them the authority to take away people's sins, that is, to administer God's mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. As discussed previously (at 20:7), the passive voice ("forgiven," "retained") suggests that here God is acting through his Church. Thus the forgiveness administered by the Church on earth stands in heaven (see Matt 18:18).

[20:24–25] Thomas, however, was not with them when Jesus came. Like Mary Magdalene, the disciples have encountered the risen Jesus, have been brought to the fullness of Easter faith, and now announce to Thomas, We have seen the Lord (compare v. 18). But Thomas is unwilling to believe their testimony. If he is to believe, he requires tangible proof, the mark of the nails in his hands and the wound in his side, which he can physically sense (see and touch with his finger and hand).

St. Ann's Schedule of Events:

Monday, April 25th

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Youth Formation Class

Tuesday, April 26th

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Youth Formation Class

Wednesday, April 27th

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

Thursday, April 28st

6:30 a.m. Confessions

7:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 29nd

6:30 p.m. Praise & Paint

Saturday, April 30rd

3:30 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 1st

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions

10:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass



Mass Intentions

For the Week of April 25th to May 1st

7:00 A.M.-Monday, April 25th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann

Lily Gros (BD)

7:00 A.M.-Tuesday, April 26th

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7:00 A.M.-Wednesday, April 27th

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7:00 A.M.-Thursday, April 28th

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Lily & Elrien

7:00 A.M.-Friday, April 29th

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4:00 P.M.- Saturday, April 30th

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Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Jerry & Matthew Arceneaux, Neva Morris, Mia Bourg, Andrew Jr, Clyde, Edna, Elie & Morris Pitre, Clyde, Elizabeth, Curtis & Vera Lirette, David Naquin Sr., Keith & Coby Dupre, Arthur & Elise Lirette, Joseph Sr., Celma Mae & Annie Ellender, Marie Gaston, Charlene Griffin, Bruce Blanchard, Special Intentions, Kenneth White, Curry Matherne, Cecile Fabre, Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Hebert, Samuel Hebert, Salome & Matthew Matherne, Ray & Nancy Matherne, Raymond, Kory, & Nora Matherne, Richard & Anita Martin, Rickie Rosamond, William & Marian Rhodes, Errol & Sybil Guidry, Sherry & Rhonda Rhodes, Ricky Chauvin, Christine Fontenot, Kenneth & Marcia Porche, Anthony Rhodes

8:00 A.M.-Sunday, May 1st

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann

M/M Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle & Family, Arthur Breaux Family, Gail Boquet Fabre,
Aubrey Lee Boquet, Authur Fabre, M/M Irby Petit, Paul, Eula Mae & Roland Rodrigue,
Cindy Rodrigue Broussard, Erous & Eric Eschete, Loyd Savin, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery,
Veronica Trahan, Amelie Thibodeaux, Terry Lirette, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., A.J. Theriot, Ann & Clyde Hebert,
Carey Naquin, Brad M. Falgout, Selma Plaisance, Quinn Pellegrin (BD), Hannah Authement, Sterling Sr. & Mary Authement,
Sterling Authement Jr., Randy & Mark Naquin, Eugene & Leona Theriot, Sr., Israel & Mae Authement, Marion & Irma Bascle,
Norman & Eunice Falgout, Dean & Dot Bascle, David & Iris Bascle, Tel Meeker, Allen Theriot, Bernard Dupre, Tessa Dupre,
Craig Dupre, Meva Blanchard, Butch LeCompte, Eugene Theriot Jr., Earline Theriot, David Percle, Francis & Iris Theriot,
Patricia Grabert, Becky Gautreaux, Phillip Theriot, David Massey Sr., Jenna Theriot, Brent Giordano, Norman Falgout Jr., Larry
Falgout, Evelyn Falgout, James Bergeron, Margie & Elton Thibodaux, Paul Jackson, Arnold Authement, Angela Authement,
Pamela Falgout, Terry & Lois Chaisson, Wiley & Irene Portie, Dolores & Gene Ventura, Pamela LeBouef,
Harry & Ruth Authement, Carl Authement, Jimmy & Sylvia Authement, Rusty Rodrigue, Celia Bourg,
Vin & Joyce LeBlanc & Family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron & Family, Special Intentions, Kerry & Lee Lapeyrouse,
Clarice & Bobby LeBlanc, Thelma, Alvin, Dennis, Wade, Melvin & Cy Ledet, Faye & Thomas Rogers, Roy & Dean Hunter,
Shara & Dean Ramsier, F. W., Odette, Jody, Janice, Faye, Greg, Van & Celeste Schouest, Geneva Marcel,
Brenda Bateman, Benjamin & Josephine LeBlanc, Ruby Himel, Donaldson & Scott Family

10:00 A.M.- Sunday, May 1st

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann

Living and deceased members of the Naquin, Lajanie, LeBoeuf, & Lapeyrouse Families, KeriLynn Niette, Lillian Theriot,
Arthur "Tony" & Hazel Ellender & Family, Leroy J. Trosclair & Family, Susan C. Ellender & Family, Lois Elizabeth Breaux,
Barry Aucoin Sr., Evan Aucoin, Joan Falgout

6:30 P.M.- Sunday, May 1st

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Picou & Rogers Family, Helen Muriel Fabre (WA)



Memorials for the week of April 24, 2022

The Wine this week in memory of: Michael Clement Sr. by Leslie & Ricky

The Candles this week in memory of: Helen Muriel Fabre by Kirby Fabre

Stewardship of Treasure

April 16th & 17th, 2021:

Regular Envelopes: \$4,911.00 + Loose: \$2,540.00 + \$1,490.46 (online giving) = Total \$8,941.46

Holy Land Envelopes: \$429.00 + Loose: \$282.00 + \$25.00 (online giving) = Total \$736.00

Maintenance Envelopes: \$33.00 + \$58.75 (online giving) = Total \$91.75

Maintenance Collection (July 2021 – April 2022) = \$20,173.97

Maintenance Expenses (July 2021 – April 2022) = \$44,393.37

*In the spirit of giving,
we thank you for
your generosity!*

Announcements

2nd Collection

The 2nd collection this weekend is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection funds a wide range of pastoral services, evangelization, religious education, maintenance of mission parishes, training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups in the U.S. and its territories and 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic diocese.

St. Ann KC - Mother's Day Corsages

St Ann KC Council 8932 will offer Mother's day Corsages at all masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 7th and 8th. The suggested donation is \$5, with all proceeds supporting our local Right to Life organizations, to help mothers in making the choice of life for their babies.

Email bulletins



Anyone interested in receiving the St. Ann weekly bulletin by email, please call the St. Ann office 985-594-3548 or email stannchurch@hdiocese.org to be added to our weekly email distribution.

PRAISE & PAINT

Friday, April 29, 2022 6:30 p.m. at the St. Ann Parish Center. Sunflower will be the theme! \$35.00 per person and payments can be made by Venmo or directly to the St. Ann office. Please RSVP by ASAP to reserve your spot. If you have any questions please call the St. Ann office.



Upcoming Youth Formation Classes

Youth Formation classes 4/25 & 4/26 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

2022-2023 Youth Formation Registration

Our 2022-2023 Youth Formation Registration has begun! Go to our website at stannbourg.org/youth-formation for a registration link and a grade level information page and calendar.

Any questions please contact Mrs. Lisa at 985-852-2007.

Memorial Candles

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”

“In lighting a candle we partake in the powerful life-giving force of Jesus’ words above (John 8:12)

Burning votive candles are a common sight in most Catholic churches. Lighting a candle for someone is a way to both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person the prayer is being made on behalf of. The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayers.

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of a loved one, please contact the St. Ann office for information.

Ministry Schedules



Church Cleaning:

Week of April 25th – Kathie Bascle, Betty Leonard, Johnnie Occhenerrio, Mandy LeBoeuf, Susan Hebert

Week of May 2nd – Leslie Baio, Tim Maronge, Mona Maronge, Darlene Ledet, Kellie Brunet

Homebound Ministry:

April 27th – Marianne, Kathie & Johnnie

May 4th – Cindy, Father Cody

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Commentator/Lector</i></u>	<u><i>Eucharistic Ministers</i></u>
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<u>Saturday, April 23rd</u>		
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4:00 p.m. –	Randolph B. / Cindy S.	Yvonne W. / Randolph B.
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<u>Sunday, April 24th</u>		
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8:00 a.m. –	David B. / Nick P.	Christine R.
10:00 a.m. –	Johnnie O. / Lisa L.	Paula W. / Lisa L.
6:30 p.m. –	Amanda R. / Lisa R.	Ashley D. / Hayes B.

<u>Saturday, April 30th</u>		
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4:00 p.m. –	Cindy S. / Randolph B.	Sue R. / Steve R.
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<u>Sunday, May 1st</u>		
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8:00 a.m. –	Christine R.	Carol B. / Patsy E.
10:00 a.m. –	David L. / Connie D.	Connie D. / Leslie B.
6:30 p.m. –	Alaina L. / Hayes B.	Maria T. / Melody A.

