St. Joseph Church Dover, Ohio 44622

The Third Sunday of Easter April 18 and 19, 2015 18 y 19 de Abril del 2015

Mass Intentions



Monday, April 20

No Mass

Readings: 273: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 21

6:00 p.m. Theresa Doriche

Readings: 274: Acts 7:51–8:1a/Ps 31/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 22

8:15 a.m. Margaret Galbraith

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 275: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 23

8:15 a.m. Sherry Moran

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Eucharist

Reading: 276: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 24 (School Mass)

8:15 a.m. Dan and Assunta Monaco

Readings: 277: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 25 -

The Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Dave Ball

Sunday, April 26 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Tony Longer

11:00 a.m. Members of the Marinelli Family

1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish (Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 50: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118/1 Jn 3:1-2/

Jn 10:11-18

Offertory for Sunday, April 11 and 12, 2015

Loose	\$	1,568.55
Adult (envelopes 270)	\$	9,343.00
Online Giving	<u>\$</u>	210.00
Total	\$1	1,121.55
Contributions needed each week	\$1	2,192.00
Other Funds:		
Capital Improvement	\$	170.00
Youth Ministry	\$	261.00
Poor Fund	\$	60.00
Easter	\$	343.00
Good Friday	\$	27.00
Lighting Project Contributions	\$	444.00

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

Thank you for your generosity.

Ministry Schedules April 25 and 26, 2015

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Janice Cosenza – 1st Reading Anthony Incarnato – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Vicki Wilhelm, Janice Cosenza, MarySu Sorohan,

Sandy Deetz, Jeri Middaugh,

Subs Needed

Hospitality: Pastoral Council Members **Servers:** Anna Rafter, Nathaniel Rafter, Peyton Olson (Alt: Andrea Garcia Paez)

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jack Burnham – 1st Reading Peggy Biancamano – 2nd Reading **Eucharistic Ministers:** Milt Hamilton,

Emily Conrad, Carl Conrad, Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio, Nick Gonano, Cathie Peters,

Subs Needed

Hospitality: Joan Wenzel and Pastoral Council

Servers: Sarah Layton, John Chaney, Tyler Tarulli (Alt: Nathan Peters)

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Mark Clemence – 1st Reading

James Pauley – 2nd Reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda West,

Chris Helbling, Cathy Galbraith, Dan Galbraith,

Marge Onslow, Ron Onslow, Sub Needed

Hospitality: Pastoral Council

Servers: Antonia Gatelaro, Elizabeth Clemence,

Sarah Clemence (Alt: David Finnell)

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request that Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063.

Spiritual Notes:

For Luke, the author of Acts, Jesus' life, death, and resurrection fulfill God's promises made to biblical Israel. In Peter's speech today, we hear that "the God of Abraham... Isaac, and ... Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus." He establishes continuity between the prophecies of Old Testament and the resurrection of Jesus. God "brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand through the prophets, that His Christ would suffer. This, we would say, was God's plan from the beginning. Through this descendant of Abraham, God is bringing blessings to the whole earth. In the letter of John, we read that Jesus is expiation of our sins, and those of the whole world. For our author, things are usually black and white; normally there is no room for sin in a believer's life. But in today's text, He allows that it is possible that a believer may sin, in which case, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ. Though we may not always be successful in keeping His commandments, we should strive to do so as an indication of our love for Him. In Jesus' final appearance to His disciples before the ascension, He reassures them of His identity by inviting them to "touch me and see." Their first response to His appearance had been to think that they were seeing a ghost. In Jesus' day, the expectation of resurrection was associated with the end of the world, so a resurrection before that was not something people anticipated. Jesus further reassures them that it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. Jesus then tells them that "you are witnesses of these things," as witnesses it is their task and ours to announce this world to all the nations, something that continues to this day.

For reflection: Have there been moments in my life when I have doubted the resurrection? Do I take time to reflect on the promises God made to Israel through the stories of the Old Testament?

In Our Parish



The RSVP postcards for Tony Davis' priestly ordination and First Mass will be in the Vestibule of the Church for the next few weeks.

All the information is on the card. Please take one and fill it out if you are planning on attending any or all of these events. They can be mailed as a postcard to the already printed address on the cards. Please return no later than May 1st.

Please keep in your prayers Norina Gold, age 85, who died on Friday, April 10, 2015. May her soul and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. We ask that you keep Norina's family in your prayers.

Also, please keep in your prayers Dolores, age 90, who died on Friday, April 10, 2015. May her soul and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. We ask that you keep Dolores' family also in your prayers.



Areyouinterestedindoingtheannouncements

before Mass? We are looking for volunteers who would like to be scheduled to do the announcements before the weekend Masses. If you would like to join this new ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

Save the Date!

All current high school seniors and families!

There will be a Mass to celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors on Sunday, May 24th at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Family Life Center. More information to follow! Please plan to attend!

Confirmation Candidates: It's time for your interview with Father Jimmy. Please call Brenda in the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

<u>Upcoming Liturgies in the</u> <u>Spiritual Life of Saint Joseph Parish</u>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Confession times are 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; on Sunday mornings from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and from 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass the first weekend of each month, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass the second weekend of each month, and following the 11:00 a.m. Mass the 3rd weekend of each month.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist will be exposed for Adoration every Thursday morning after Mass until 9:30 a.m.

Rosary

Each Wednesday Morning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, join us as we pray the Rosary.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u> in the Life of the Parish

Secular Franciscans invite everyone wishing to attend the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Prayer followed by coffee and donuts.

Men's Bible Study Group: Saturday Mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information, please call 330-343-8008.

Heart of Mary Bible Study: Come and join us the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Isabellas: Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center – Meeting Room A.

Once again, God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage will be presented at the Family Life Center in Dover on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for those couples preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony or for those already blessed to be living it. We often hear the phrase "made for each other." Come and learn more in this program based on Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Cost per couple is \$60.00 and covers materials, breakfast, and lunch. The day covers part of the

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

Diocesan requirements for marriage preparation for

engaged couples. To register, please contact Jack and Judy Burnham at 330-343-9109 by Monday, April 20th.

Everyone is welcome!!

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. If you or anyone else you know lives alone and would like a hot meal to share with others, please feel free to come and have a meal with us.

Below you will find the upcoming schedule. Teams, if you need assistance please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

April 22, 2015 - Team O (Pat Figuly) April 29, 2015 - Team P (Vicki Wilhelm) May 6, 2015 - Team A (Mike Com) May 13, 2015 - Team B (Sue Capozella) May 20, 2015 - Team D (Lisa Weigand)

Thank you for your support and prayers. We ask that you continue to keep all our volunteers in your prayers.



Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School



With the TCC boys basketball team appearance at the State Final Four in the record books; it seems appropriate to recognize with appreciation, the many special blessings that were visited upon the TCC community during this singular experience.

Clearly, our players and their coaches are to be congratulated on a stunning season. School spirit was at an all-time high, as evidenced by an inspiring student cheering section. They were led by the cheerleaders and boosted by the rousing encouragement of parents, staff, Booster Club and Saints Club, alumni, and friends of TCC.

The entire Tuscarawas County Catholic Community championed the cause. Such support was echoed by the administration, staff, parents, and students from our Catholic elementary schools as well as from the Catholic Churches in the county, their pastors and parishioners. We at TCC feel incredibly blessed by this tremendous sense of community and advocacy!

On behalf of the TCC Community, thank you! Scott Power Principal, TCC High School

David Myers Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the \$1,500.00 scholarship are available at Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. This will be the 31st year this award has been given to a graduating senior at TCC. The scholarship is based on Academics, Leadership, Character, Sportsmanship, and Service. Myers was a 1967 graduate of Dover St. Joseph High. All applications must be returned by April 24, 2015.

The Regina Study Club Scholarship

The Regina Study Club of St. Joseph Church is accepting applications for its annual scholarship. The \$1,500.00 scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior of Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. The scholarship is given in memory of the Edward and Margaret Krantz family. Applications are available at TCC High School and must be returned no later than Friday, April 24, 2015.



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School is now accepting registrations for our preschool and pre-Kindergarten program. TCCES offers a safe and friendly environment where your child can learn and grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually. We also offer a convenient child-care program before and after class time. For more information or to arrange a visit, please call 330-343-9134.

You CAN afford a Catholic Education

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School participates in the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program. Families who meet income guidelines and have children entering kindergarten, first grade, or second grade are eligible for the scholarships that pay the full cost of tuition. For example, a family of four with a gross annual income of \$48,000.00 or less is eligible for the EdChoice Scholarship. For more information, please call the school office.

Youth Ministry News



Jr.High Youth Group Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

High School Youth Group Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

This summer, the Jr. High Youth Group will be attending the Catholic Youth Summer Camp. If you are interested in attending, contact Andy.

Other Information To Note:

If you know of a friend or family member who is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, please call the Parish Office and give them the information, and someone will visit them as soon as possible.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Low-Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

Can you help with transportation to Mass?

We often get calls from parishioners in both Dover and New Philadelphia who need help getting to Mass. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Crafty Ladies

Crafty Ladies meet the first and third Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Come share your talents with the group. Join us and have fun! For more information, call Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063 or Mary Pusateri at 330-364-2775.

Motor coach trip to: The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes transportation only. Meals are on your own. Departure will be at 7:00 a.m. from the Wal-Mart parking lot in New Philadelphia. The expected return time to New Philadelphia is 6:15 p.m. For reservations or more information, please call Clare at 330-859-2766.

Masses and Healing Services for Persons

with Cancer: Two special Masses and healing services are planned for persons afflicted with cancer. The first will take place on Friday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation National Shrine and Basilica in Carey, Ohio. For more information, visit www.olcshrine.com or call 419-396-7107. The second will be celebrated on the Feast of Saint Peregrine (patron saint of persons with cancer) on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus. The Mass will be celebrated by Cathedral Rector Father Michael Lumpe, cancer survivor. Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and there will be special prayers for healing and veneration of a relic of the True Cross; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. All are welcome, especially cancer patients, health care professionals and caregivers, cancer survivors, family and friends. For more information, visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org or call the Cathedral at 614-224-1295.

A special thank-you from the Blue Stars of Tuscarawas County, for your donations of travel-size shampoos, body wash, lotion, chap stick, disposable razors, sunscreen, baby wipes, deodorant, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash and shaving cream. They were able to send 97 care packages to service personnel who are actively serving our country! Blue Stars of T-County is a local chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America, a national organization of mothers of past or present military members. May we never forget!



Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information, contact James Anzelmo at the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893 or JAnzelmo@catholic-foundation.org.

Courage /Encourage:

Courage offers spiritual support for Catholic men and women with same sex attractions and is endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. Courage was founded in 1980 by Cardinal Cook to help Catholics with same sex attractions live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings. EnCourage is the affiliate support group for family members, spouses, and friends of men and women with same sex attractions. For confidential inquiries, please contact Father Pat Toner at 614-296-7404. For more information, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or visit www.couragerc.net.

Church of the Holy Trinity in Zoar will be hosting its 5th annual Monte Carlo Night and Golf Scramble fund raiser April 24th and 25th. This year's fund raiser is to support the general operations of the church.

Monte Carlo Night - April 24th at 6:00 p.m. Steak, Chicken, or Fish Dinner served until 8:00 p.m. Tickets available for only \$25.00 Reverse Raffles, Live and Silent Auctions, Texas Hold'em, Showdown, and more.

Golf Scramble - April 25th beginning at 9:00 a.m. \$300.00 entry for four-person team; includes 18 holes, cart, small lunch, and Friday night dinner. Cash and other prizes will be awarded. For tickets and information, contact Holy Trinity Parish Office at 330-874-4716.

Become a "Living Reminder of God's Presence"

That's what Father Henri Nouwen called husbands and wives. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will help your marriage become such a reflection of the divine. The next weekend is July 31 to August 2. For more information or to register, call 614-834-6880.

St. Joseph Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Don in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.



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for their Masses, please check out www. masstimes.org.

For more information, the latest news, bulletins, ministry schedules, Father Jimmy's homilies, and more, please visit our website at www. stjosephdover.org.

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The Meaning of Marriage & Sexual Difference

Marriage: What's a good starting point?

To understand what marriage is, the best place to start is with the *human person*. After all, marriage is a unique relationship between two specific persons, one man and one woman. We must ask, "What does it mean to be a human person, as a man or as a woman?" First, men and women are created in the image of God (see Gen 1:27). This means that they have great dignity and worth. Also, since "God is love," (1 Jn 4:8) each person – created in God's image - finds his or her fulfillment by loving others. Second, men and women are body-persons. The body – male or female – is an essential part of being human. Gender is not an afterthought or a mere social construct. The body shapes what it means to love *as a human person*. To sum up, when we think about marriage, we must think about who the human person is – created with great dignity, and called to love as a body-person, male or female.

Where does marriage come from?

"God himself is the author of marriage". When God created human persons in his own image, as male and female, he placed in their hearts the desire, and the task, to love – to give themselves totally to another person. Marriage is one of two ways someone can make a total self-gift (the other is virginity, devoting oneself entirely to God). Marriage is not something thought up by human society or by any religion – rather, it springs from who the human person is, as male and female, and society and religion affirm and reinforce it. The truth of marriage is therefore accessible to everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs or lack thereof. Both faith and reason speak to the true meaning of marriage.

What is marriage?

Marriage is the lifelong partnership of mutual and exclusive fidelity between a man and a woman ordered by its very nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children (see <u>CCC</u>, no. 1601; <u>CIC</u>, can. 1055.1; <u>GS</u>, no. 48). The bond of marriage is indissoluble – that is, it lasts "until death do us part." At the heart of married love is the total gift of self that husband and wife freely offer to each other. Because of their sexual difference, husband and wife can truly become "one flesh" and can give to each other "the reality of children, who are a living reflection of their love". Marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman is a *sacrament*. This means that the bond between husband and wife is a visible sign of the sacrificial love of Christ for his Church. As a sacrament, marriage gives spouses the grace they need to love each other generously, in imitation of Christ.

Why can't marriage be "redefined" to include two men or two women?

The word "marriage" isn't simply a label that can be attached to different types of relationships. Instead, "marriage" reflects a deep reality – the reality of the unique, fruitful, lifelong union that is only possible between a man and a woman. Just as oxygen and hydrogen are essential to water, sexual difference is essential to marriage. The attempt to "redefine" marriage to include two persons of the same sex denies the reality of what marriage is. It is as impossible as trying to "redefine" water to include oxygen and nitrogen.

What is sexual difference?

Sexual difference is the difference of man to woman and woman to man. It affects a person at every level of his or her existence: genetically, biologically, emotionally, psychologically, and socially. Sexual difference is an irreducible difference. It is unlike any other difference we experience, because it – and only it – allows for the total personal union between husband and wife that is at the heart of marriage. The difference between men and women is for the sake of their union with each other. It is what makes spousal union possible.

Isn't marriage just about love and commitment between two people?

Of course love and commitment are important for marriage – as they are for many relationships. But marriage is unique because the commitment it calls for is better described as *communion*, where "the two become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Only a man and a woman in marriage can become a "one flesh" communion. The unity of husband and wife is so intimate that from it can come a "third," the child – a new life to be welcomed and raised in love. No other relationship, no matter how loving or committed, can have this unique form of commitment – communion – that exists in marriage, between a husband and a wife.

Why does a person's gender matter for marriage?

Gender matters for marriage because the body matters for love. My body is not simply "the shape of my skin." Instead, my identity as a person (my "I") is inseparable from the reality of my body – I am a *body-person*. As John Paul II said, the body *reveals* the person. It is a deeply *personal* reality, not just a biological fact. The body is "taken up" into every human action, including the most important task of all: loving. Loving *as a human person* means loving *as a man or as a woman*. Marriage, the "primary form" of human love, necessarily involves the reality of men and women as body-persons. Marriage is intrinsically opposite-sex. To "write off" the body, and gender, as unimportant to marriage means treating the body as inconsequential or, at best, as an object or tool to be used according to one's pleasure, instead of as an essential – and beautiful – aspect of being human and loving as a human person. Such a write-off would ignore the very essence of what marriage is.

How is the love between a husband and a wife irreducibly unique?

The love between a husband and a wife involves a free, total, and faithful mutual gift of self that not only expresses love, but also opens the spouses to receive the gift of a child. No other human interaction on earth is like this. This is why sexual intimacy is reserved for married love – marriage is the only context wherein sex between a man and a woman can speak the true language of self-gift. On the other hand, sexual behavior between two men or two women can never arrive at the oneness experienced between husband and wife, nor can these acts be life-giving. In fact, it is impossible for two persons of the same sex to make a total gift of self to each other as a husband and a wife do, bodily and personally. For this reason, such sexual behavior is harmful and always wrong, as it is incapable of authentically expressing conjugal love – love which by its nature includes the capacity to give oneself fully to the other and to receive the other precisely as gift in a total communion of mind, body and spirit. Therefore, no relationship between two persons of the same sex can ever be held up as equal or analogous to the relationship between husband and wife.

What is complementarity?

"Complementarity" refers to the unique - and fruitful - relationship between men and women. Both men and women are created in the image of God. Both have great dignity and worth. But equality does not mean "sameness": a man is not a woman, and a woman is not a man. Instead, "male and female are distinct bodily ways of being human, of being open to God and to one another". Because men and women are "complementary," they bring different gifts to a relationship. In marriage, the complementarity of husband and wife is expressed very clearly in the act of conjugal love, having children, and fathering and mothering -actions that call for the collaboration - and unique gifts - of husband and wife.

Why does the Catholic Church care so much about marriage?

The Catholic Church cares about marriage because marriage is a fundamental good in itself and foundational to human existence and flourishing. Following the example of Jesus, the Church cares about the whole person, and all people. Marriage (or the lack thereof) affects everyone. Today, people all over the world are suffering because of the breakdown of the family – divorce, out-of-wedlock childbearing, and so on. Marriage is never just a "private" issue; it has public significance and public consequences. One only has to think of the connection between fatherless families and young men in jail to know that this is true. In addition, the proposal to "redefine" marriage to include two men or two women is really a proposal to "redefine" the human person, causing a forgetfulness of what it means to be a man or a woman. This is a basic injustice to men and women, children, and fathers and mothers. Marriage is truly one of the most important social justice issues of our time.

Where can I learn more about marriage?

Please visit <u>www.marriageuniqueforareason.org</u> for videos and companion guides on the promotion and protection of marriage. For a list of relevant Church documents on marriage, <u>click here</u>. For more information on strengthening marriage, visit <u>foryourmarriage.org</u>.

Iglesia San José Ministerios Hispanos Tercer Domingo de Pascua 18 y 19 de Abril del 2015

Calendario Litúrgico:



Misas en Español

Domingo, 26 de Abril

1:30 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sabados Domingos 4:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Confesiones

Antes d misa de español de 12:45 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Grupo "Corazón de María": Todas las mujeres están invitadas a participar cada viernes, de 11:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m., en este grupo para Oración, Evangelización, clases de Inglés, labores del hogar y consejos prácticos para la vida.

El "Grupo de hombres" se reúne todos los viernes en Family Life 7:30 p.m. (en el edificio nuevo en frente de la Iglesia San José).



Invitación al coro "Guadalupe"

Están cordialmente invitados a practicar en el coro, todos los viernes a las 2:00 p.m. Si tiene preguntas llame a Carmen al tel: 330-432-0811 ó a la oficina al 330-364-6661.

Clase de Bautismo: La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330 364 6661 o a los Ministerios Hispanos al 330 432 0811.

Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Todos somos bienvenidos a venerar en la Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Podemos encender una vela que permanece prendida por tres días, con una donación de \$ 3.00. (2 velas por \$6.00, etc.). Por favor usar sólo las velas de la Capilla.

Notas Espirituales:

Para Lucas, el autor de los Hechos, la vida de Jesús, su muerte y resurrección cumple las promesas de Dios hechas a Israel bíblico. En el discurso de hoy de Pedro, se dice que "el Dios de Abraham, Isaac... y... Jacob, el Dios de nuestros padres, ha glorificado a su siervo Jesús." Se establece una continuidad entre las profecías del Antiguo Testamento y la resurrección de Jesús. Dios "ha llevado al cumplimiento lo que ha anunciado de antemano a través de... los profetas, que su Cristo había de padecer." Esto, diríamos, era el plan de Dios desde el principio. A través de este descendiente de Abraham, Dios está trayendo bendiciones a toda la tierra. En la carta de Juan leemos que Jesús "es víctima de propiciación por nuestros pecados, y... los de todo el mundo." Para nuestro autor, las cosas son generalmente de color blanco y negro; normalmente no hay lugar para el pecado en la vida del creyente. Pero en el texto de hoy, que permite que es posible que un crevente puede pecar, en cuyo caso "tenemos un abogado con el Padre Jesucristo." Aunque no siempre podemos tener éxito en guardar sus andamientos, debemos esforzarnos por hacerlo como una indicación de nuestro amor por él. La última aparición de Jesús a sus discípulos antes de la ascensión, les asegura su identidad, invitándoles a "tocarme y ver." Su primera respuesta a su aparición había sido pensar 'que estaban viendo un fantasma." En los tiempos de Jesús, la esperanza de la resurrección se asoció con el fin del mundo, por lo que una resurrección antes no era algo que la gente esperaba. Jesús les asegura, además, que "está escrito que el Mesías tenía que padecer y resucitar de entre los muertos al tercer día." Jesús entonces les dice que "vosotros sois testigos de estas cosas"; como testigo es su tarea, y la nuestra, para anunciar esta palabra "a todas las naciones," algo que continúa hasta nuestros días.

Para reflexionar: ¿Ha habido momentos en mi vida en que he dudado de la resurrección? ¿Me tomo el tiempo para reflexionar sobre las promesas que Dios hizo a Israel a través de las historias del Antiguo Testamento?