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The Third Sunday of Easter

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 and concerns bearing witness to the "name" of Jesus, and the implications which this witnessing necessarily brings with it. Peter and the apostles answered their inquisitors by stating firmly their faith in Christ, and the lesson ends with reference to their joy at having been found worthy to endure trials for the name of Christ. — A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle by Kevin W. Irwin

The second reading is from the first Letter of Peter 1:17-21. St. Peter says that we are sons of God because of his infinite mercy in sending Christ to us as our brother. So we can rightly call God our "Father." But we must behave as true, loyal sons, during our "time of exile" on this earth, for our merciful Father is also the absolutely just God who will judge each one of us "impartially according to our deeds" when we lay down our earthly life. — A Guide to the Eucharist and Hours - Lent by Kevin W. Irwin

The Gospel is from St. Luke 24:13-35. It is the first day of the week after the great Jewish feast of the Passover and Jerusalem is trying to return to its normal routine. The shop keepers count their profits and the Temple priests congratulate themselves because they were able to kill the 'Galilean'. For the disciples and those who were 'foreigners' in Jerusalem, it is time to start to return to their own homes and their normal lives.

Curtains were closed and lights were dimmed not only due to the celebration of Jerusalem's solemn festival but also because everyone had hope that the man Jesus 'would be the One to redeem Israel' (Lk 24:21). The two disciples from Emmaus are to be found, along their journey, talking to 'Jesus in

person', 'but their eyes were prevented from recognising Him' (Lk 24:16).

Why did the Lord not tell the disciples straight away who He was? Indeed, in the dialogue that the liturgy presents to us today, it almost seems that Jesus did all He could to avoid revealing His true identity. Firstly, He pretended

'our heart is restless until it rests in you' (St. Augustine, Conf. 1,1,1:PL 32,659-661)

There is still one more detail that calls for our attention and raises many questions: why did the eyes of the disciples open to recognise Jesus whilst they were at table with Him? The Eucharistic context is undeniable.

The disciples are at table, the Lord is with them; He took the bread and saying the prayer of benediction, broke it. It was during the last action of the breaking of the bread that the companions recognised Jesus. It was not only the action in itself but finally Cleopas and his friends could see, with their own eyes, the hands pierced by the nails of the passion that until that very movement had remained hidden from them during the long journey on the road. It was in that very moment in which they recognised the presence



Christ on the Road to Emmaus by Jan Wildens

not to know what Cleopas and his companion were discussing and then He went on to 'explain to them the passages throughout scriptures that were about Himself' (Lk 24:27) but without making direct reference to Himself.

At the end of the journey, 'He made to go on' (Lk 24:28). Jesus didn't want to play games with His disciples, but He sought to educate their hearts, and also ours, so that we won't be 'slow'! In fact, when faced with the Lord's Presence, we find that the heart quickly 'burns' upon hearing His words as we are grateful of the fact that we were freed not by 'gold and silver but by the precious blood of Christ' who is the 'blameless and spotless' lamb (Cfr. 1 Pet 1:19).

The Risen Lord uses so much gentleness with us! He doesn't oblige us to 'believe' but He offers us the instruments that enable us to judge based on the infallible measure of our own hearts. As St Augustine extraordinarily wrote in the opening of his Confessions

of the Crucified One, that He 'disappeared from their sight' whilst their eyes remained fixed on the broken bread, that was left to fall 'onto the altar'. Is it not the same experience that every one of us can have every Sunday?

So, 'they set out that instant' (Lk 24:33). They started to understand that death is not the last word on the life of each one of us as we can not be 'held in its power' (Acts 2:24). This is a sign of great hope that gives us irreprehensible joy! In so much as we journey to Jerusalem — each on his own road, it must often seem long and tiring. However, now with our eyes fully opened it appears that we have the privilege to say to all the world, 'the Lord has indeed risen' (Lk 24:34).

~From the Congregation for the Clergy

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Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:**
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- **Those who have died:** Jim Mullooly, Bob Whitehair, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Stephen Lindsey, R. Brody Springer, Justin Stark
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- **Former priests and religious of our churches**
- **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**
- **All diagnosed with Covid 19**
- **All health care workers, first responders, mail carriers and essential employees**

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an "active" member of any parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Active Parishioner Rate of tuition" at a Catholic school), the parish takes into account the following things. First, to receive a discount at a Catholic School or to receive a sacrament, **the children MUST attend weekend Mass.** Second, family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries are taken into consideration. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the appropriate person at your parish. Parishioners over 18 should register as a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Liturgical Calendar & Scripture Readings

April 26—May 2, 2020

- Sunday, April 26, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- Monday, April 27, Monday of the Third Week of Easter, Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday, April 28, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest, Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday, April 29, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday, April 30, Saint Pius V, Pope, Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday, May 1, Saint Joseph the Worker, Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday, May 2, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass

- Sunday, April 26, Good Shepherd Sunday
- Monday, April 27, St. Peter Canisius, Confessor & Doctor
- Tuesday, April 28, St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor
- Wednesday, April 29, St. Peter of Verona, Martyr
- Thursday, April 30, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin
- Friday, May 1, Saint Joseph the Worker
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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

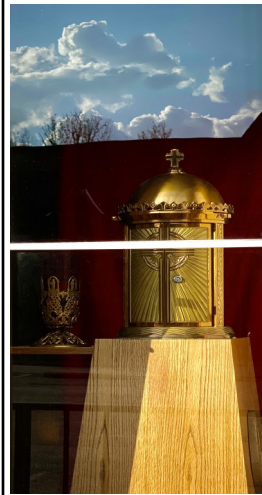
Amen.

Stay In Touch

There are a number of ways to keep in touch with your parish during this time. One is to visit the St. Patrick Church website or the Facebook pages for St. Pat's or St. Boniface. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view these pages.

www.spchurchweston.org/
<https://www.facebook.com/StPatsChurchWestonWv/>
<https://www.facebook.com/StBonifaceCatholicChurch/>

For a bit of online catechesis, visit Father's YouTube channel "The Altar "ed" State" at: www.youtube.com/c/frdeviese



Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is displayed daily, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the side door of the parish office. We hope you will stop by and spend time with our Lord daily. If you wish to get out of your vehicle, please do not go up on the stop as we do not want to block the view for others and please practice the social distancing guidelines that have been issued.

Thank you

Thank you very much to everyone that has continued to support our parishes during the shut down. Envelopes have been mailed in, new people are using online giving and some have sent donations through their bank.

This past week, I recalled a conversation that I had with someone years ago about wanting envelopes and not wanting their donations "tracked" by the church. They told me they didn't give to the church to get credit for it and they didn't use it for taxes so they just put cash in the basket each week. If you are one of those people, but still want to give during this time you still can. Just use one of the ways I mentioned and tell me you want it to be anonymous.

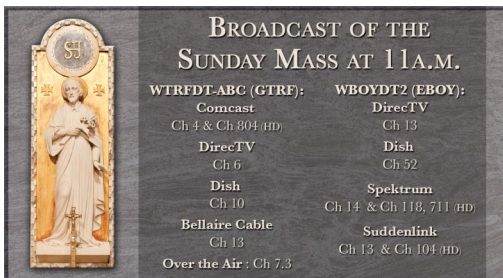
We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. The church depends on the weekly offertory collection to keep things running. If you are able, please continue to give to your church during this time. Donations can be mailed to the church office. Donations received at St. Pat's that are for St. Boniface and Good Shepherd will be given to the people who handle those collections. If you don't want to go out to mail your donation, you can set up a donation directly through your bank. They take care of mailing your donation. Members of St. Patrick Church can create an account at myoffering.com and create an account. Donations can be set up to be a one time donation or can be scheduled to be an ongoing donation.

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The diocese's livestream of daily Mass is offered at 12 noon, Monday through Saturday.

You can also watch Sunday Mass on television on one of the stations in the graphic.



Latin Mass Livestream Options

Livestream Video Schedule For The Priory of the Canons Regular of the New Jerusalem

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High Mass: 10:15 am - Vespers: 6:00 pm

Weekdays

Mass: 8:00 am - Vespers: 5:00 pm

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For those of you following Fr. DeViese on YouTube, you know he has been talking about the Saints and explaining some common misconceptions people have them. If you have ever read the Mass intentions in your bulletins, you may have noticed them. Now, they are on what would be the inside cover (if this were a printed bulletin), next to all the church info. Since Father wants us to learn more about the Saints, here is a little bit of on a few whose feast days are this week. The info for these saints was found at: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>.

Saint Peter Chanel
Saint of the Day for April 28
(1803 – April 28, 1841)
Patron Saint of: Oceania

Anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel.

Born in France, Peter's interest in the missions began in school, when he read letters missionaries to America sent back home. As a young priest, Peter revived a parish in a "bad" district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Obediently, he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years.

Meanwhile, Peter struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death.

Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

Reflection

Suffering for Christ means suffering because we are like Christ. Very often the opposition we meet is the result of our own selfishness or imprudence. We are not martyrs when we are "persecuted" by those who merely treat us as we treat them. A Christian martyr is one who, like Christ, is simply a witness to God's love, and brings out of human hearts the good or evil that is already there.

Saint Catherine of Siena
Saint of the Day for April 29
(March 25, 1347 – April 29, 1380)
Patron Saint of: Europe, Fire Prevention, Italy

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her

evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Reflection

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime.

Saint Joseph the Worker
May 1

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

Reflection

To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.