



3rd

April 30, 2017

Alleluia

*"The Lord has truly been raised
and has appeared to Simon!"*

Luke 24:34

SUNDAY

Of E A S T E R



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Recognizing Christ by John Graveline, Faith Formation

Today's gospel reading is the familiar story of Jesus' interaction with two of his downhearted disciples on the road to Emmaus on Easter Sunday. It has been called one of the greatest literary achievements in St. Luke's writing. Fr. Alfred McBride says the story traces the evolution of the two disciples from despair over Christ's death to faith in his Resurrection. This is a journey we all take during the liturgies of the Triduum.

Similar to many of the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus, those closest to Jesus do not recognize him instantly. Why might this be so? The Risen Christ now lives between our experience of time/space and God's eternity. For theologian Romano Guardini, to "see" the Risen Christ "was different and more than to see a tree or watch a man step through a doorway. To behold the Risen Christ was an experience that burst the bounds of the ordinary." Our human eyes, conceptions, and words falter before the person of Jesus, risen from the dead. The "vision" to see the Risen Christ is a gift revealed through the Holy Spirit. We call that gift: Faith.

Do we have the "vision" to recognize the Risen Christ in the Breaking of the Bread (this was the name the earliest Christians used for the Mass)?

Do we recognize Christ in the gathered community? Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20) This is why fostering community and hospitality is so important to parish life. Beyond just being pleasant, it is a way to express our faith in Jesus' presence in the community of faith.

Do we recognize Christ in the priest? In the liturgy, the priest acts "in the person of Christ the Head." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1548) He presides over the assembled Body of Christ in the liturgy. Through his ordination, he has been given the power to speak in Jesus' name sacramentally: "I baptize you. This is **my** Body. This is **my** blood. I absolve you of your sins." We show we recognize this presence of Christ in the priest by standing when he enters the nave of the church.

Do we recognize Christ in the Scriptures? At the beginning of his gospel, St. John calls Jesus "The Word." (Jn 1) When the gospel readings, which are the inspired Word of God, are proclaimed in the liturgy, we discern the voice of Jesus. The Word of God is living and effective, because Christ, the Word, is Risen and Living. We demonstrate that we recognize Christ's presence in Scripture by actively listening and reflecting on their meaning for our lives.

Do we recognize Christ in the Eucharist? Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:54-56) When the priest holds up the Eucharistic Bread before Communion and quotes St. John the Baptist, "behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world," (Jn 1:29) do we recognize the Body and Blood of the Living Christ? The Eucharist that we receive for food and drink is not the dead body of Christ, but truly the Risen Christ for our lives and the life of the world. **(Continued on Page 3)**

Readings for April 30 - May 7

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday Joseph the Worker

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



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Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (4/30) 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass For Our People Church

First Eucharist of Kayla Perry

9:15 Faith Formation (K-2) Church

10:30 Mass + Betty Schumerhorn Church

Baptism of Raelyn Powell,

Summer Sherwood & Grace Flagstadt

5:30 p.m. Mass GVSU Recent Graduates Church

7:30 Donald Sinta Quartet Concert Church

Monday (5/1)

5:00 p.m. Mass Laborers Church

5:30 Reconciliation Church

Tuesday (5/2)

5:00 p.m. Mass Fr. Brad Church

5:30 Reconciliation Church

Wednesday (5/3)

5:00 p.m. Mass + Jim McCauley, CSP Church

5:30 Reconciliation Church

6:00 Youth Group (6-12) Church

6:15 Young Disciples (3-5) Church

Thursday (5/4)

3:30 p.m. Food Pantry Church

5:00 Mass + Owen Flinn Church

5:30 Reconciliation Church

Friday (5/5)

5:00 p.m. Mass Encuentro 5 Church

5:30 Reconciliation Church

Saturday (5/6)

12:00 p.m. Rosary Chapel

Sunday (5/7) 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass Church

9:15 Faith Formation (K-2) Church

10:30 Mass Church

1:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship Open House

5:30 Mass Church

Ministries for May 7

Lectors

8:00 a.m. Gayle Johnson (1st), Bob Messing (2nd)

10:30 Pat Mitchell (1st), Val Lehti (2nd)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m. Alaina Barksdale, **Server Needed**

10:30 Eve Miller, Levon Gaiser

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m. Fr. Brad Schoeberle, Jessica Oostindie, Deb Buursta

10:30 Linda Mitchell, Jeanne Staub,

Barb & Bruce Grzegorzcyk, Elaine Briar

Ushers

8:00 a.m. Ron Gorlewski (lead), David Boon, Sue Sandberg,

Jerry Casha

10:30 Jeff Staub (lead), Jason Staub, Howard Lehti,

Dan Gaiser



Altar Flowers for Sunday

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Mark & Barb Blankemeier's

25th Anniversary

Recognizing Christ (Continued from Cover)

Do we recognize Christ in the poor? In St. Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus says, “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25:40). Jesus identifies himself with those who have been forgotten, despised, and mistreated. The life of St. Teresa of Calcutta and many other holy women and men give testimony to this presence of Christ, Risen but still Wounded. As we leave the liturgy, we are told to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. What is this Gospel that we are called to proclaim? It is the Good News to the poor found in the Book of Isaiah that Jesus fulfilled and continues to fulfill through our Christian lives of service to the poor and vulnerable.

To have the “vision” to recognize these different aspects of the Risen Christ is not a spiritual achievement, but a gift of faith through the Holy Spirit. Let us pray this Easter Season for the gift of this vision so that we too may come to recognize Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread and throughout every aspect of our lives.



Deacon Steven Petroff, C.S.P. is in his final year in seminary and will be ordained a priest on May 20, 2017. He considers both Clarkston, MI and Los Angeles, CA his hometowns. He earned a MS in Spanish literature and linguistics and studied a year in Seville while in college.

Deacon Steven chose the Paulist Fathers particularly for their “real, grounded approach to faith and to life” and for their “reaching out to the marginalized and alienated; and being forward-thinking about the future.” He believes the Paulists convey a sense of optimism, an active presence of the Holy Spirit, and God’s unconditional love.

Deacon Steven would advise others discerning the priesthood to get a Spiritual Director; be honest and true to both the Director and yourself; and pray and dialogue with God. He learned many things about himself through the discernment process, two being that his life is a bridge to reaching out to others and that God has always loved him. He feels most like a Paulist when he can, “remind others that they are loved and treasured by God — and that they are NEVER alone.”

Please continue to pray for Deacon Steven Petroff, and all our Paulist Seminarians.

SCRIP

Thank-Scrip-ing Day Returns May 8!

What does this mean? - It means 24 hours of awesome bonuses from dozens of retailers.

How does it work? – Make sure you are signed up to receive emails from shopwithscrip.com. If you’re not sure, check with Carol on Sunday at the scrip table and she can double check your account. At 12:00 a.m. on May 8, shop-with-scrip will release their listing of retailers participating in this 24 hour event. Retailers offer many types of bonuses.

How can I participate? – You must have an account with shopwithscrip.com. Then all you need to do is place your order on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com between 12:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. on May 8. Not sure how to place an order? You can call Carol and she will place it for you. You can pay using presto-pay and receive your e-certificates immediately or pay by check and receive your order on Sunday, May 14 (possibly sooner). Don’t have an account? It’s easy to set up. Stop by the scrip table for an enrollment package.

What retailers are participating? – That’s a secret until 12:00 a.m. on May 8.

Stop by the scrip table for a flyer explaining more about this event.

Financial Update

April	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for March	\$ 17,034	\$7,935	\$ 24,969	\$ 23,440	\$ 1,529
Weekly Average for March	\$ 4,259	\$1,984	\$ 6,243	\$ 5,860	\$ 383
April Month to date	\$ 18,982	\$7,545	\$ 26,527	\$ 23,440	\$ 3,087



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

April 2017

Dear friends in Christ,

Approximately, one out of every three Catholics in our diocese is of Latino or Hispanic origin. This means that many of our parishes and communities are directly impacted by the recent executive orders regarding immigration. Pastors tell me stories from our parishes where people constantly live in fear, not knowing if they will return home each night, or of children filled with anxiety because they don't know if their parent(s) will be here one moment and gone the next.

Christ shows us in his life and in his word that we need to welcome the stranger and treat him/her with respect. The Gospels reveal how Jesus answered this call. We are reminded of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the Roman centurion's slave, and the story of the Good Samaritan. These Gospel stories underscore the importance of encountering and embracing others who may not look, dress, or act the same as us.

With this background in mind, I offer the following pastoral letter to all Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, but most importantly to our immigrant brothers and sisters.

How we treat the least of our brothers and sisters is the measure of our authenticity as Catholic Christians. From beginning to end, the Scriptures abound with commands to assist the poor, widows, orphans – and strangers and aliens:

“You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt” [Ex 22:20]. “When an alien resides with you in your land, do not molest him. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt. I, the LORD, am your God” [Lv 19:34]. “You must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt” [Dt 10:19]. “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” [Mt 25:35].

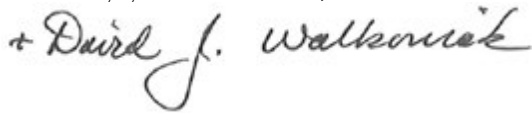
Times have changed since these words were spoken and written. There were no fixed national borders in biblical times, no passports or visas, no checkpoints or immigration officers. What has not changed, however, is the plight of so many people whose desperation moves them to risk a dangerous journey to a new country in order to flee war, violence, crime, or to seek work because they are unable to feed their families in their home country. The United States has become a destination of refuge and hope for millions of immigrants, many of them currently in this country without legal documentation. Our response to our immigrant population must consider people's right to live in peace and to share in the goods of the earth that belong to all God's people.

Our attitude must also recognize the considerable contribution that immigrants, both documented and undocumented, make to this country. Immigrant labor is essential for the well-being of the economy. Immigrants pay taxes; immigrants open businesses; immigrants buy goods; immigrants make our cities safer; immigrants are our neighbors, friends, and family members.

Because of these important contributions, our nation’s response to those immigrants who are undocumented cannot be simply deportation. Deportations create far more problems than they solve. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has long called for a just and equitable reform of the country’s immigration laws that, among other things, would grant those immigrants living in the country without authorization a path to be able to live and work in the United States legally.

The Catholic Church in the United States will continue to advocate on behalf of the immigrant population of our country. In doing so we are being faithful to the biblical mandate to include all in the love, mercy, compassion, and justice of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Thank You

I would like to personally thank everyone who helped contribute to the art and environment fund. We made \$1100 with the Valentine's Day flower sale. We also made about \$450 on the bake sale. Thank you for all your support. Environment is a big part of making God's house beautiful. God bless all of you.

-Elaine Briar

P.S. Look for a flower sale for Mother's Day, more information will be available in the next week.

CCWM's Let's Go to Bat for Kids

Catholic Charities' West Michigan Padres play The Media Giants on Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in this annual charity event. The event benefits the CCWM's foster care and adoption programs. More information, including possible playing opportunities, can be found online at www.ccwestmi.org.

10th Annual Prolife Golf Classic

The Prolife Golf Classic, held at Pilgrim’s Run Golf Club in Pierson, is a great day for golfers of all levels. Don’t miss your chance to golf on this prestigious course and to support the prolife efforts of Grand Rapids Right to Life on Monday, June 5, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. This day of fun and fellowship includes a light breakfast, 18 holes of golf, on-course games, and lunch for only \$125 per golfer. Don’t golf? Consider being a sponsor of this outing. To participate in or to sponsor this event, contact Grand Rapids Right to Life at 616-532-2300, info@grrtl.org, or visit grrtl.org/golf.

Aquinas College Sustainability & Economicology Day

On Friday, May 12 Aquinas College is hosting an AQDay for all high school students interested in learning more about environmental issues, sustainability and Economicology. The immersion experience is organized with hands-on activities and includes four entertaining breakout sessions.

Please visit our website at aquinas.edu/bethechange for more details or to register for the event on May 12.

Pray for our Paulist & Diocesan Seminarians

Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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