

APRIL 18, 2021  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The risen Christ releases us from fear and assures us that he lives anew, and forever.

Today's Gospel follows the encounter the two disciples had with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus, where they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Now, these same two disciples have returned to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place. All of the Apostles are hidden there, staying out of sight for fear that those who killed Jesus will soon be coming for them.

Jesus appears to them in that room and offers the peace that he alone can give. He reassures them they are seeing victory, not defeat – that he is truly risen. He is not a ghost and they are not hallucinating. He eats with them, and then gives them a detailed recounting of how prophecies from the Hebrew Scriptures have all been fulfilled by his passion. The disciples' mission will be to go and tell others the very same truth – God's plan of salvation did not take a detour at Calvary; instead it was the defining moment of victory.

Jesus calls them all witnesses of these things, a point echoed by Saint Peter in the Book of Acts. Peter has indeed become a witness. Before the Holy Spirit came upon him in wind and fire, he, like the others, hid himself from the public eye. Now – his fears replaced by faith in the Resurrection – Peter stands publicly as the rock of Christ's Church, challenging his listeners to repent, and inviting them to be baptized and share in Christ's victory.

Then and now, the resurrection of Jesus is disbelieved by some, and ignored by many. However, for those who have faith in the Lord and lean on the cross of Jesus, the Resurrection becomes an anchor that preserves our hope, even, and especially, during the darkest days of our lives. In the sacraments, Jesus takes our fears away – the same way he did on the road to Emmaus and in the Upper Room. Like his disciples, we are then called to go and free others from their fears, by telling them the Good News that Christ has conquered death.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM      10:00 AM

**ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass:
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 18</b>
8:00 AM	Mass: Rocco Canté
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: For the Intentions of the K of C Council 95 Members
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 19</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Ida Blair (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: For the grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 23</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Teresa Mary Lorain Adamo (RIP)

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## Catechism Program

Peace and grace! That's how St. Paul began many of his letters- "peace and grace." It was his way of saying, "I hope all is well with you and those you love." This hope isn't a mere wish. It's a prayer that you experience the peace which comes from knowing God loves you with no strings attached, no matter what life hands us.

The Covid crisis us caught us unprepared. We canceled our catechism classes and didn't replace them with online classes. Partly because we knew that families were juggling enough stuff with "school at home." And partly because we weren't prepared to offer a meaningful alternative.

We're now ready to start a renewed catechism program. There is a plan; but we need your input to make sure what we offer is what you need to help strengthen your family's faith.

A letter has been sent home with more information. Please let us know if you did not receive a letter and would like to know more!

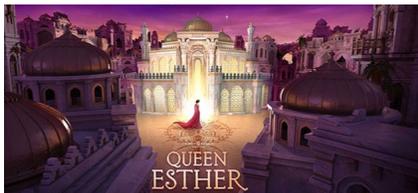
## Calendar Raffle

Each day in May, a drawing will be done to select a lucky winner of that day's prize. **31 prizes – 31 chances to win!**

Calendars are on sale now until the end of April. **\$10 each.** No limit how many calendars you can purchase.

## 2021 Catholic Charity Appeal

The CCA is underway in our parish. Because of the pandemic, our parish goal was reduced to \$15,000 for this year. Your tax deductible gift helps thousands of people in need every year. In addition to supporting the hungry, homeless and those most in need, the CCA also provides funding to vital church programs like Youth Ministry, Health Care Ministry, Faith Formation, Special Religious Education (SPRED), support for Catholic School Tuition assistance, and much more. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support the 2021 Appeal to the best of your ability. Thank you.



## St. Paul's Lancaster Show Trip

We are planning a motorcoach bus trip to Lancaster to see the show "Queen Esther" at Sight and Sound Millenium Theatre. The trip will be October 12—14. It is 3days/ 2 night for \$305. Flyers are available in the entrance with more information.

We need 30 people in order to get this pricing. Due to Covid- all passengers will have to sign a Covid-19 Waiver of Liability and provide a copy of your Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card (Front and back) showing you have been vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the departure date of the trip. They do have trip insurance available as well. Contact Brenda Knox at Bren1a0602@gmail.com for more information.

## Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/ monthly offertory contribution. Or consider the convenient option of setting up an automatic contribution online. Details below.

### Support St. Paul's

Set up a recurring donation (or make a gift at anytime) using our secure, online giving tool by ParishSOFT.

Visit our website at [stpaulsfoster.org](http://stpaulsfoster.org), and click the "Donate Now" button.

## Food Closet Ministry

This month we are in need of **Paper Products: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Napkins.** The Food Closet is open every other Saturday morning 9:30– 11 AM.

### GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - April 10/11  
**\$ 2,693.00**

Monthly 2nd Collection - April 10/11  
**\$ 2,396.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Living the Liturgy

### Inspiration for the week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

## KIDS CORNER

### Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus came to his friends after Easter, they could hardly believe he was real. Jesus told his friends it was okay to touch him. Jesus had bones. He had muscles. He had scars from the cross. Jesus even ate a piece of fish to show that his stomach worked okay. Yes, they had all seen Jesus die, but God raised him to life. Moses and King David and the prophets had all written about the Savior. The Scriptures all came true through Jesus. He really is alive. If you believe in Jesus, don't keep it a secret. Tell your friends that Jesus is their Savior, too.

### Prayer

God, give me the words I need. I want everyone I know to follow you.

### Mission for the Week

Send a letter to the missionaries your church supports. Ask them how your family can help them spread God's love with other people.