



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

OUR OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 12 NOON

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday April 26	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-3	7:00 AM For the People of St. Peter 8:30 AM + Sue Asche 10:00 AM Ania Paloma Soto 11:30 AM Amado Martinez 6:00 PM Dr. Mary Blattner
Monday April 27		Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-2	12:10 PM Shirley Johnson
Tuesday April 28	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest	Acts 7:51—8:1a Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35	12:10 PM Virginia Sorenson
Wednesday April 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Acts 8:1b-8 Psalm 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40	12:10 PM Gwen Neff
Thursday April 30	St. Pius V, Pope	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51	12:10 PM Mary Reis
Friday May 1	St. Joseph the Worker	Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59	12:10 PM + Robert Galindo
Saturday May 2	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-6	9:00 AM + Jeffrey L. Murphy 4:00 PM + Scott Hurd
Sunday May 3	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Allen, Kathleen Alvarado, Kay Anderson, +Sue Asche, Luke Barden, Staci Behne, Lisa Biem, Claudean Boatman, Kathryn Bonar, Diane Brown, +Emma Brown, Mary Ellen and Dick Budd, Ray Burns, Corrina Cantrell, Frani Castaneda, Roman Castaneda, Lydia Castillo, John Casynn, Lea Ciothe, Betty Clark, Mallory Cranwell, Jeremy Cruz, Chad Dunfee, Karen Eicher, Jackie J. and Family, Priscilla French, Heidi Gaiser, Merle Gaspers, Jeanette Gau-Moore, Rodriguez Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Kelly Graybill, Aaron Greber, Gimena Gunderson, Denise Gustafson, Bryce Hares, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Hernandez, Elliot Hitchcock, Marcella Holguin, Frank Holland, Judy Houston, Karen Johns, +Mary Margaret Kauffman, Louise Kessler, N. J. King, Geni Koenig, Rodney Kontz, Estson and Karen and Sherlene Kontz, Randy Koski, Carolyn Lafferty, Gavin Landwehr, Larue Lara, Laronda Leigh, Carla Martinez, Kevin McKenzie, Art Milner, Peter Mongan, Chrissy Moore, Barbara Morales, John Muniz, Phyllis Murphy, Carol Murphy, Nestia Nunez, Luci and Salem O'Leary, Donna Olson, Larry Overton, Carmen and Alvin Padilla, +Rose Pargas, Carlos Pena, +Ray Pierce, +Michael Prieto, Deloris Potterfield, Zachary Quick, Tony Quigley, Joel Redman, Virginia Rodriguez, Andrea Romero, Jackie Rowe, Cheryl Rubino, Kendall Scheiderer, Tyson Schaffer, Fred Sieber, Debie Simonton, Mildred Skonksner, Virginia Sorenson, Pauline Soto, Henry Smith, Eleanor Sneddon, Neva Spencer, Wilmena Stahla, Bob and Lorene Steele, Jon Stoson, Judy Stryker, Sonny Subia, Mabel Tapia, Joe Trujillo, Pauline Trujillo, Sonny Unrein, Mary Frances Villarreal, Patricia Marie Villarreal, Justine Wahlert, Terry Walsh, Majorie Whittington, Tamara Wilkinson, Joe Yates, Bonnie Youngman

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GROUP**



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experience

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FIRST READING

"God raised this Jesus;
of this we are all witnesses.
Exalted at the right hand of God,
he received the promise of the Holy
Spirit from the Father." (Acts 2:32-33a)

PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.
(Ps 16) or Alleluia

SECOND READING

He was known before the foundation of
the world but revealed in the final time
for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

GOSPEL

"The Lord has truly been raised and has
appeared to Simon!" (Lk 24:34)

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

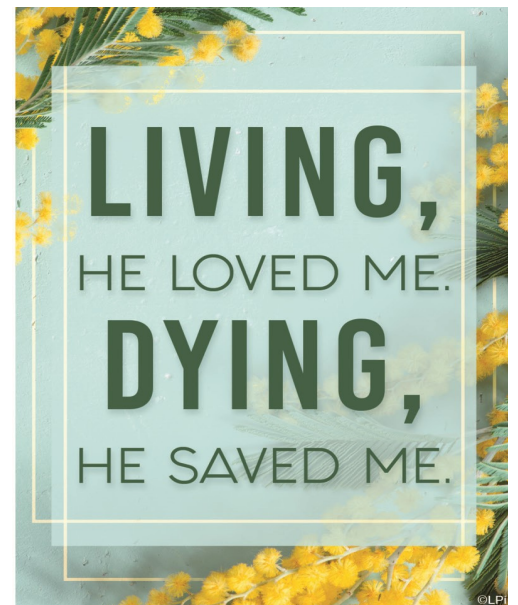
In his first speech in Acts, Peter focuses on God's work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. What do you think the resurrection of Jesus says about God?

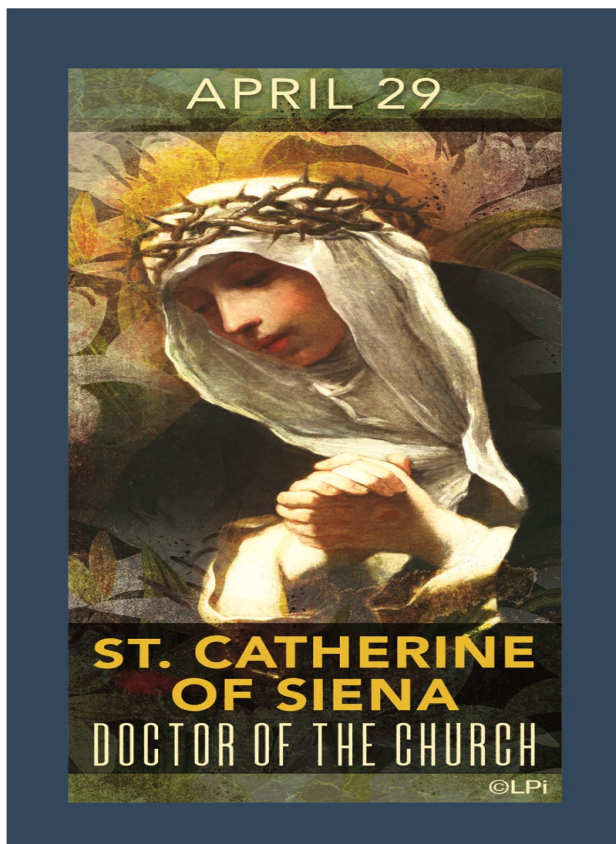
Second Reading

Peter asserts that the resurrection of Jesus should give believers "faith and hope" in God. How do you remain focused on this objective in your spiritual journey?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most well-known and beloved resurrection stories. What do you think makes this resurrection account so appealing?





Catherine lived during a time of great suffering for the Church - the pope was in Avignon in the South of France. Though the Church was struggling, Catherine remained loyal. She referred to the pope as the "sweet Christ on earth." Having heard from the Lord in prayer that the pope must return to Rome in order to begin the needed reforms of the Church, Catherine's heart broke over the divisions in the body of Christ. She persevered in prayer and continued her counsel to all who would listen: the pope, cardinals, kings, princes and bishops.

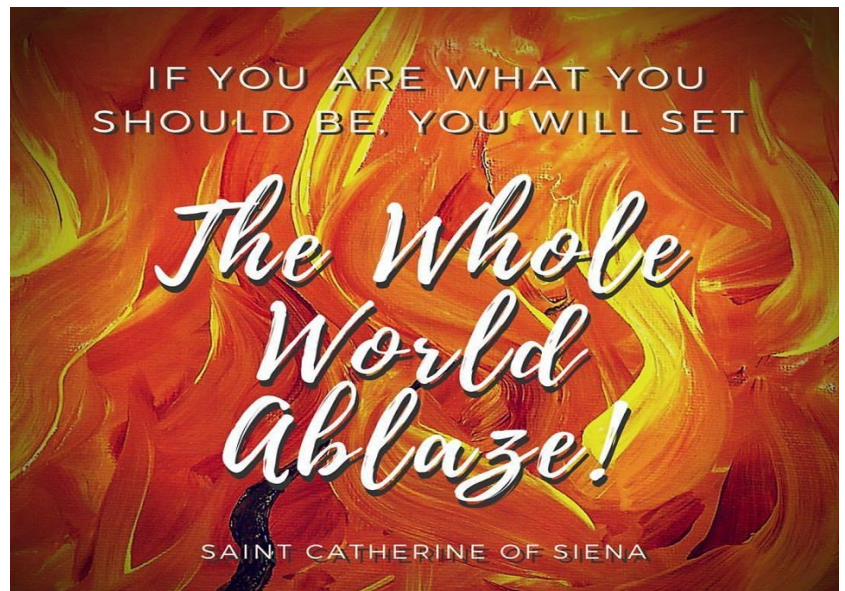
While praying at Peter's tomb, she experienced the great weight of the Church fall on her shoulders, and she offered herself and her suffering as a "victim" for the renewal of the Church. Days before her death, she wrote, "If I die, let it be known that I die ... of passion for the Church." Her deathbed prayer is a model of love poured out for all who follow Jesus Christ and desire the healing and unity of the Church in our day:

"Oh eternal God, receive the sacrifice of my own life on behalf of the mystical Body of Holy Church. I have nothing else to give except what You have given me."

She wrote only one book, *Dialogue*, which is an ongoing account of her intimate conversational relationship with the Lord whom she loved so intimately. She considered herself espoused to Him. At the age of thirty-three, the same age at which Jesus offered Himself on the altar of the Cross, Catherine was called home to the Father.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Thank you to the generous parishioners of the St. Peter's family. Our parish is grateful for your continued financial support. You are reaching to the lonely and homebound, you generously run errands for those in need, you offer your spiritual support for those who are struggling. In many countless ways you are living the true stewardship way of life by offering to the body of Christ, your brothers and sisters, your best and your all. Our parish family, though we are currently apart, has never been closer! God bless you all!



Spiritual Adoption

Your adopted child is 1 Month old:

I have been very active the past month. I am 10,000 times larger than I was at conception. My eyes and nose are starting to form and I already have arm buds and leg buds. I have the building blocks for my brain, spinal cord, and nervous system. My heart is now pumping blood through my own circulatory system and my blood type may already be different from my mother's. Thank you for the prayers that the Lord of Life might help her give me the most precious gift of all – the gift of life.

**"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby
that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Please continue to pray for an unborn child and to pray daily for the child and for their parents and to offer a daily personal sacrifice. Your prayer can make a difference between whether a baby will be born... or aborted. Our prayers are a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Reading today's excerpts from Scripture I come to the conclusion that one can recite the Creed, in the same time not understanding what it means. Things like sadness, grievances, bitterness, disappointment, and self-centered reflection effectively can obscure the truth, distort cognition, close our eyes to God's presence. This was the case with the disciples going to Emmaus. They expected so much from Christ, invested in Him. And what? And nothing. Everything ended.

When the mysterious Wanderer joins them and asks what they are talking about, in their sadness they tell a theologically correct story about Jesus: *who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him ... and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.* They are almost literally the same words that Peter proclaims in the first reading today, in preaching the Good News. The disciples of Emmaus make a profession of faith, but without faith itself. They do not see God in all this, their hearts remain cold.

I wonder if this is often our case as well. One can know the truths of faith and even study theology, but reason alone is not enough. *Fides quaerens Intellectum* – Faith seeks understanding, but also Faith needs a heart - *Fides quaerens Cordium*. *Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?* When the heart remains cold, unconverted, self-centered, then one can witness the greatest miracle and say to themselves: "this is an accident", "no big deal". Who exactly did the disciples on the way to Emmaus mourn? Jesus? Or rather your own disappointed hopes

Jesus draws closer, accompanies them, allows the sadness be heard, hears the confession of disappointed faith. And only when they let their sorrows out does He begin to explain everything to them: "This story is about me. It was me who was crucified. But it was supposed to happen. Suffering and death do not bypass anyone, not even God. You are too attached to your own vision of God that you don't see the reality of God. Meanwhile, Love works through vulnerability. It is ready for anything, even to die. And that's why Love is greater than death."

This story repeats itself in our lives. Suffering sometimes closes our eyes to God, weakens our faith, and kills hope. We then often plead to God in resentment: "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days? Where have you been?" Jesus does not blame us. He knows how pain works. He makes a step, walks with us on the path of our disappointed expectations. And He is still convincing us, that in every human cross, in my cross, it is not about me, but about Him. He was killed for me. His is in the middle of every human pain and that is why we can trust Him.

Will our hearts wake up? Will they ignite? Will we recognize Him?

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Blaise A. Hockel, a graduate of Benedictine College in English Literature and a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from The American College of Education, is the spiritual and intellectual head of the school. He has been working in classical education for several years as a humanities teacher and sees the pursuit of Christ as the most beautiful of tasks. Mr. Hockel is a diligent student of literature, history, philosophy, and languages, recognizing that by study one can better come to understand Truth through the marvels and mysteries unveiled in our striving after Him. It is his express desire to work for the betterment of our students that they may all become saints, and his dedication to that task will not waiver.