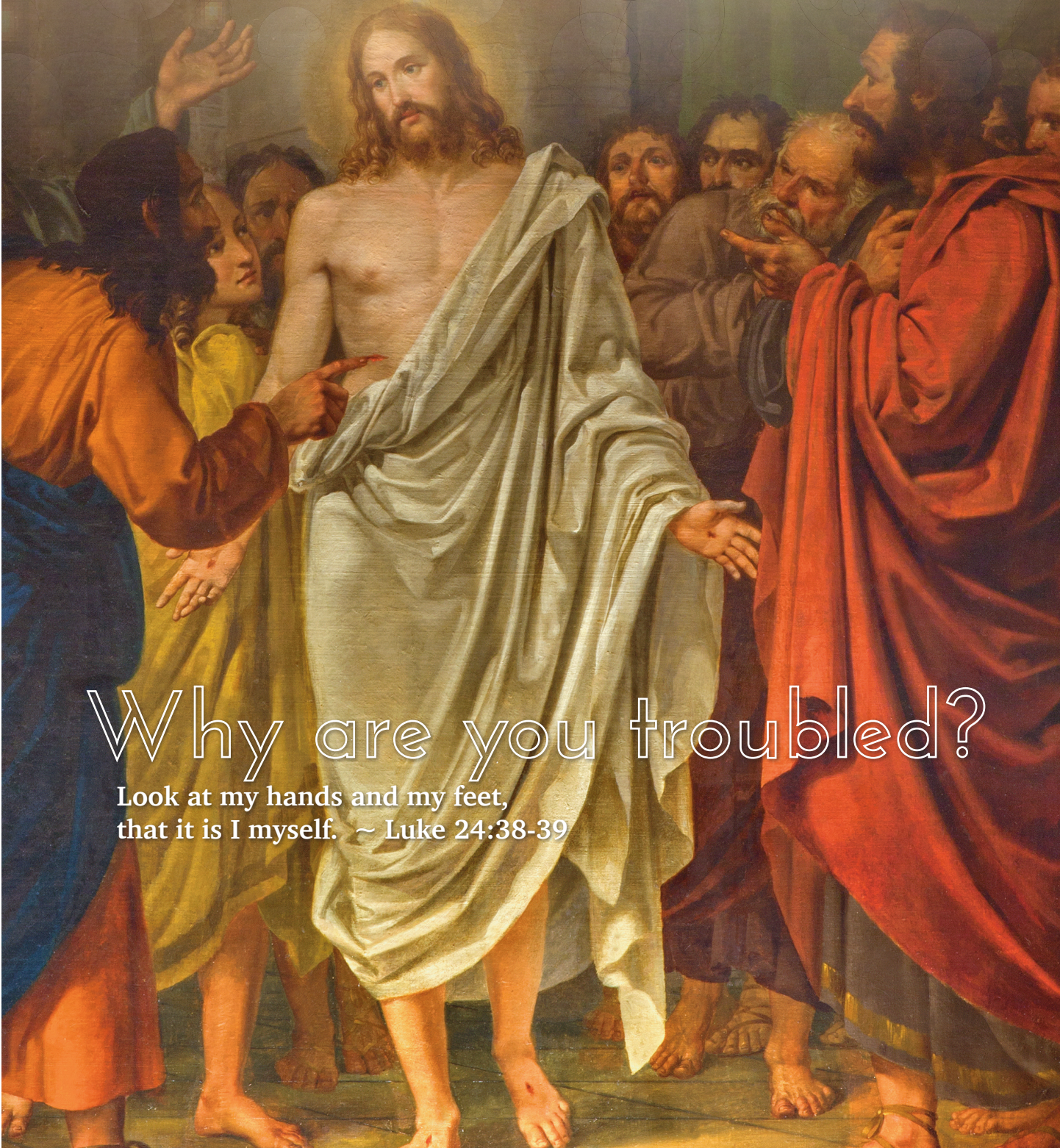


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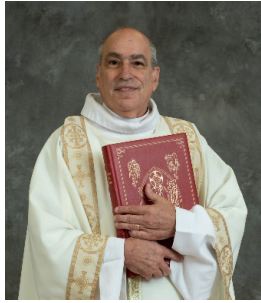
Why are you troubled?

Look at my hands and my feet,
that it is I myself. ~ Luke 24:38-39

From the Deacon's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

As a married deacon, when my kids were little, if they fell and hurt themselves, they would usually run to my wife or me to show us their "boo-boo." And we would swoop them up in hugs and kisses and tend to their bruised egos as well as their skinned knees. For a child to show his or her wound is an act of trust in a moment of vulnerability. It's also a chance for the parent to respond with concern, love, and care. It's a moment that captures the humanity of both the wounded and the one who cares.



In today's Gospel, **Jesus** showed His wounds to the uncertain disciples who had been confused since they first heard about the empty tomb. In showing His vulnerability, He reversed the usual roles. He was taking care of them, tending to their doubts and to their wounded hearts, so full of fear, that they had lost Him. In showing His wounds, **Jesus** made that which had seemed incomprehensible, somehow understandable. As long as He remained only a spirit, they would have no way to understand that He had risen from the dead. He used these physical ways to manifest His presence. Another way He made His real presence known was by eating with them. Our **God** has wounds, and our **God** eats with us. Growing up in a large **Italian** family like most of you where food and the meal was always a great event, it seems as though **Jesus** the **Christ** would fit naturally into any family I know.

Saint John the Baptist pray for us.

Happy Easter!

Deacon Frank

Dear **St. John Parishioner**, join me periodically on **St. Brigid of Kildare Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and **St. Brigid of Kildare Facebook page**.

**Celebrant for Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Mass,
April 25, 2021 – Father Cotton**

**Confessions Heard before Mass
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun. 4/18	9:30 a.m.	Laura Giammarco Cua by Michael Cua
Sun. 4/18	9:30 a.m.	Carolyn Panzera by Nick Panzera
Sun. 4/25	9:30 a.m.	Capt. David Spellacy by Mary Spellacy and Family
Sun. 4/25	9:30 a.m.	Lauren Rita Koesters by Kevin Koesters

Requiescat in pace! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

- **Phyllis N. (Carfagna) Militello**, long time devoted member of **St. John the Baptist** and mother of **Vincent Militello, Jr.** who died and was buried this past week.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Ed Pagnanelli
Euch. Min.:	Antonio D'Alberto
Sunday, April 25, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
Lector:	Antonio D'Alberto
Euch. Min.:	Sharon D'Alberto

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Website: info@sjbitaliana.org*

- Deacon Frank Iannarino** – Administrator
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- Father Charles Klinger** – Weekend Assistant
- Father Charles Cotton** – Weekend Assistant
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- Ms. Aggie Howard** – Executive Assistant
- Ms. Victoria Gammell** – Secretary and Bulletin Editor
- Mrs. Gina Bishop** – Director of Liturgy
- Mr. John Huffman** – Organist and Musical consultant

- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
- Sacrament of Penance** – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)
- Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation** (by appointment)
- Sacrament of Matrimony** (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)
- Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults** (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

- Saint John Italian Festival** (please visit our website for more information)
- Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall** (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)
- Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon**.

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

- Marian Lights:** **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone
- Blessed Sacrament:** **Robert W. Contino, Sr.**
by Louise Masdea

2021 Columbus Italian Festival sponsored by the Italian Catholic Community at Saint John the Baptist: The Executive Board of the Columbus Italian Festival is in the process of planning the 2021 Festival. At the current time, we do not know exactly what it might look like but stay tuned we'll be giving you updates soon.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun. 4/18	KCC, Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim 12:00 Noon, Meeting after Mass in Sala Hall Secular Franciscan Meeting 12:00-5:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall
Fri. 4/30	KCC – Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m. SJB Church

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL
AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS****

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D’Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers Maria Lucchin, Laura Williams, and James Graf.**

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. We need a volunteer to help schedule the Rosary for each month. At the present time, no one has signed up to lead the Rosary. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary, please contact the office at 614-294-5319 for more information so we can put a schedule together and post in the bulletin. Thank you!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S

April 11, 2021

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 26

Reg. Collection:	\$ 1,380.00
Loose Money:	\$ 123.00
Easter Collection:	\$ 445.00
Total:	\$ 1,948.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (116.88)
	\$ 1,831.12
Votives:	\$ 101.00
Saint Anthony Bread:	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 131.00

\$\$\$ HOW IS ST. JOHN’S DOING? \$\$\$

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/20-6/30/21)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	%(
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 1,948.00	(\$ 937.00)	-32%
FYTD:	\$118,285.00	\$110,843.31	(\$7,441.69)	-6%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 19, 2021

Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 26, 2021

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

50/50 Drawing: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Susi winners of the 50/50 Drawing for the month of March, 2021. Thank you for your support!

PAVERS: The front Pavilion of St. John’s Church is covered with Pavers. These Pavers are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of St. John’s at 614-294-5319.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

Catholic Churches	Saturday	Sunday
St. Patrick’s	7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	4:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary Mother of God GV	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi	No Mass	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

AROUND US

The Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of April, 2021: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of April is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The first three days of the month fall during the season of **Lent**, which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the **Easter** season which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).



Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Daily Masses at Sacred Heart will be offered at 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard during the time of Adoration.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS OR ADORATION AT SACRED HEART, APRIL 26-29TH.

St. Christopher Church, located at 1420 Grandview Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, has 3:00 p.m. Adoration, Confession, and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by 4:00 p.m. Mass, Monday-Friday.

Answering COVID Vaccine Concerns: The Catholic Perspective: There are many questions regarding the COVID vaccine. The Columbus Diocese recommends the following websites for guidance:

- 1. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):** <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.
- 2. The National Catholic Bioethics Center:** <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e3ada1a6a2e8d6a131d1dcd/t/5fd3ce39e679895094dd1e49/1607716409962/NCBCVaccineStatementFINAL.pdf>.
- 3. The Ohio Catholic Conference:** <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Portals/1/Bishop%20Statements/Ohio-Bishops-vaccine.pdf?ver=y7OHNpTaGQcG9qd-MaKqhQ%3d%3d>, Making Sense of Bioethics <https://columbuscatholic.org/making-sense-out-of-bionetics>.

CRS Rice Bowls: Thank you for participating in **CRS Rice Bowl** during **Lent**. Donations will help the poorest among us in over **100** countries through **Catholic Relief Services**, and **25** percent will support local hunger programs in the **Diocese**. **Parishioners** can also make an online contribution at www.crsricebowl.org. For more information, contact **Social Concerns** at 614-241-2540 or socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

**Converging Roads Medical Ethics Conference
Health Care and Human Dignity
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Presented by the **St. John Paul II Foundation**, the **Diocese of Columbus**, and the **Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio**. Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. In-Person Registration: **\$69.00-\$149.00** based on **CME/CNE** inclusion.

Online Registration: **\$39.00-\$119.00** based on **CME/CNE** inclusion. For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email sara@forlifeandfamily.org.

Living in the Spirit Seminar: The **Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church** prayer ministry, in collaboration with the **Columbus Catholic Renewal** organization, is offering a free six-week **Living in the Spirit** seminar, which will meet virtually via **Zoom** at **7:00 p.m. every Wednesday, from April 14 to May 19**. The seminar will offer participants the opportunity to stir into flames the transforming power of the **Holy Spirit** in their lives. To register, go to the **Our Lady of Peace website** at olp-parish.org or call **Danny Canlas** at (614) 989-7890.



Saint's Corner

Among many diplomatic achievements, **St. Catherine** is known for effecting a reconciliation between the **Florentine** people and the **Papacy**. This emblem refers to her faith and charitableness.

Easter Season Message from Bishop Brennan: "**Easter Sunday: 'He is truly risen, alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!'**" Thus, starts Bishop Brennan's Easter Sunday homily at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. To read the complete message, go to: <https://columbuscatholic.org/local-news-7>.

Season of Hope Monthly Theme – Prayer: To overcome a poverty of hope experienced by many during these, the **Diocesan HOPE Task Force** has developed helpful guidance and strategies on the theme of prayer. For complete resources, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope.



April's Feast Saints

The winged lion, ancient symbol of **St. Mark**, refers to his **Gospel**, which informs us of the royal dignity of **Christ**.

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards Him. He awaits you with open arms."

~ Pope Francis

Lord, Grant Us Your Peace

Think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. **God** is ready to give **His** peace to you. **God's** peace will make you sleep well tonight and will make you smile tomorrow. You will reframe the way you face your fears. You will learn to talk yourself off the ledge. You will view bad news through the lens of **God's** sovereignty. You will tell yourself the truth. It is not **God's** will for you to live in a perpetual state of fear and anxiety. It is not **God's** will that you face every day with dread and trepidation. **Jesus** spoke to storms. **He** will speak to your own storms, too. **He** calmed the hearts of the **Apostles**. **He** will calm yours, too. **Jesus** told them not to fear. **He** will say the same to you. We are weary of our worry. We are being battered by the storms of life. May the **Prince of Peace** send the spirit of calmness. As we go through the storms of life, help us quench our anxiety and help us stir our courage, in your **Most Holy Name**, we pray.

1. **Rejoice in the Lord always. Celebrate God's goodness.**
2. **Let your requests be known to God. Ask God for help.**
3. **Leave your problems in God's hands... with thanksgiving.**
4. **Meditate on good things.**

From the Columbus Mission's Office



Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I, myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." (Luke 24:35-39)

Prayer

**May your people exult forever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the
day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen**

Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy, Our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of **Eve**,
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious **Advocate**,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, **Jesus**.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, **O Holy Mother of God**,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of **Christ**.
Amen.

Sunday, Apr 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Each one teach one

Each of us walks through miracles eventually. Maybe we know it at the time and praise God heartily. Or perhaps we only look back later, realize the road's on fire behind us, and shiver. Sooner or later, we all experience the mystery of grace that carries us over obstacles, through dangers, and ferries us to safety. We are witnesses of these things. And even if we're reluctant to "talk religion" to friends, coworkers, and strangers, we'll inhabit hours when it's time to tell what we know about Divine Providence. Be attentive for when your testimony is required.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48 (47). *"You are witnesses of these things."*

Monday, Apr 19, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Seek a way to serve

Saint Timon, whose feast is today, is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (6:5) as one of seven deacons chosen by the apostles to assist in ministering to the community of believers in Jerusalem. As the apostles concentrated on preaching, the deacons assisted in providing for the material needs of the community. This focus on both word and deed, or evangelization and service, continues to be the hallmark of Christian discipleship. As the church teaches in *Lumen Gentium*, "Each one of the faithful must willingly hear the word of God and accept God's Will, and must complete what God has begun by their own actions with the help of God's grace." What will you do to continue the work of love that begins and ends with God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"*

Tuesday, Apr 20, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Seek the light in learning

On this day in 1303, Sapienza University of Rome was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII. Sapienza, boasting such famous alumni as Maria Montessori and Federico Fellini, is considered the first pontifical university—an institution approved by the Vatican and committed to teaching theology, philosophy, and canon law. Today, all pontifical universities are governed by the document *Veritatis Gaudium*, a 2017 update written by Pope Francis. It begins: "The joy of truth expresses the restlessness of the human heart until it encounters and dwells within God's Light, and shares that Light with all people." How will you share God's light today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274). *"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

Wednesday, Apr 21, 2021

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Love the questions

How would you define the term *theology*? Google it and you find it described as the critical study of the nature of God or the divine. Saint Anselm (1033-1109) said it another way: "Theology is faith seeking understanding." Every time you try to understand how God allows suffering, or wonder how it is that God loves every human being, or try to understand if God truly hears your prayers, you are doing the work of theology. As a French Benedictine monk

and later archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm was a wise and learned teacher who challenged the secular power of kings. Your life may not seem extraordinary, but the pursuit of knowledge about God belongs to you as well. Don't be afraid of the questions. Ask for grace to allow the questions to help your faith grow.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Everyone who . . . believes in him (the Son) may have eternal life."*

Thursday, Apr 22, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Prepare your heart for encounter

Today's first reading about Philip explaining scripture to a receptive Ethiopian is a beautiful example of something that Pope Francis often emphasizes: the need for openness when we encounter another, especially someone different from us. In homilies, speeches, and documents, the Holy Father tells us we are called to encounter Jesus, to allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by that encounter, and to bring the same attitude to our dealings with people. Pray for the grace of openness toward the people you encounter today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40, John 6:44-51 (276). *"The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."*

Friday, Apr 23, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Be the change

Prior to his conversion, Saint Paul, who earlier in life was known by his Hebrew name Saul, was most definitely no saint. He not only disliked those who followed Jesus, he attacked them. So what happened? He encountered Jesus the Christ. Jesus did not put Paul through what fiction refers to as a "mind wipe," or erasure of former personality and memory. Jesus called Paul to stop and see clearly the truth of his mindset and actions. And then Paul put in the work. This is something we all have to do—put in the work—especially when our dislike of those who are different leads to harm.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"*

Saturday, Apr 24, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Stay the course

Followers of Jesus have been disputing the meaning of the eucharistic meal and Jesus' instructions to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" ever since the words were first uttered. Many could not look beyond a literal interpretation of the words to see the powerful symbolism of the image of the paschal lamb offered for the sins of the community at Passover. So they simply walked away. Now that the sacrifice has been accomplished and Easter season is well underway, will you turn away as well, or are you with those who stayed with Jesus because, like Peter, you have come to believe that he has the words of eternal life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer walked with him."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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