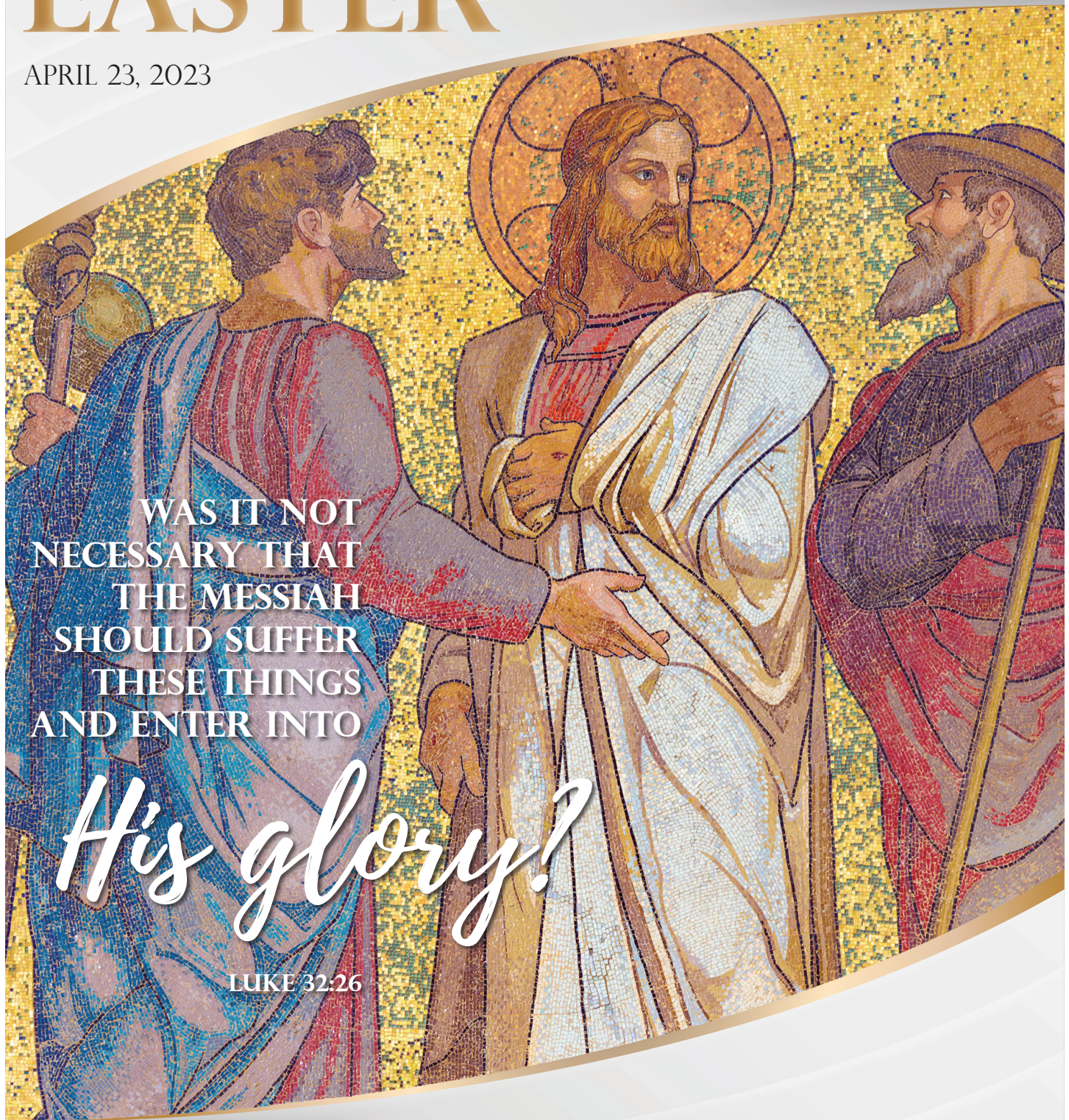


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023



WAS IT NOT
NECESSARY THAT
THE MESSIAH
SHOULD SUFFER
THESE THINGS
AND ENTER INTO

His glory?

LUKE 32:26

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the loveliest stories in the **Gospel** is the story of how the Risen **Jesus** joined two of His disciples on the road to **Emmaus**.

He explained the **Scriptures** to them and revealed Himself in the breaking of bread.

The same thing happens for us when we celebrate the **Eucharist**.

Jesus speaks to us in the **Scriptures** and nourishes us in **Holy Communion**.

The **Emmaus** story is a sophisticated Eucharistic catechesis: a “**Liturgy of the Word**” is followed by a “**Liturgy of the Eucharist**.” The expression “**breaking of bread**” is a technical form of the **Eucharist**.

St. Luke deliberately uses Eucharistic language: **Jesus** took bread, *blessed, broke, gave* it to them. By the time **Luke** wrote his **Gospel**, half a century had gone by since the **Lord’s death and Resurrection**. So, his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the Risen **Lord** with their own eyes. But in this story, **Luke** makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know **Jesus** until the **Scriptures** were expounded and the bread was broken.

The **Christians** of **Luke’s** time had those same means of recognizing the **Lord** – the **Scripture** and the breaking of bread. And so have **Christians** ever since, for the **Scripture** and the **Eucharist** are the essential components of our **Sunday** service. In the matter of encountering **Jesus** with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

“If you wish to have life, do what the disciples did.

They offered **Him** hospitality.

The **Lord** looked set on continuing **His** journey, but they detained **Him**.

At the end of their journey, they said to **Him**:

‘Stay with us, for the day is far spent.’

The **Lord** revealed Himself in the breaking of bread.

Hospitality restored to them what lack of faith had taken away.

So, if you wish to recognize the **Savior**, take in the stranger.

Seek the **Lord** in the sharing of bread.”

(**St. Augustine**)

My friends be positive, keep smiling, God loves us!

Fr. Andrew

The Mass is available on **St. John’s Facebook** page or **YouTube** channel, **Saint John the Baptist, Cbus**. Go to our website: www.sjbitaliana.com under **Livestream Mass**.

Confessions heard before Mass – Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	Sunday, April 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Antonio D’Alberto, Tania Wade
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Margaret Panico-Harn, Sharon D’Alberto
Euch. Min 3 & 4:	Gretchen Heining, Kurt Heining
Sunday	Sunday, April 30, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Gretchen Heining, Kurt Heining
Euch. Min 1 & 2:	Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli
Euch. Min 3 & 4:	Al Iosue, Margaret Panico-Harn

PARISH INFORMATION

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Monday through Friday

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Ms. Victoria Scruggs – Secretary and Bulletin Editor
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Mr. John Huffman – Organist and Musical consultant

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
9:00 a.m. Mondays & Tuesdays

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**.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 4/23	9:30 a.m.	+ Geno Natalucci-Persichetti by Toni Natalucci-Persichetti
Monday 4/24	9:00 a.m.	+ Bill Finissi by Caterina Sestito
Tuesday 4/25	9:00 a.m.	+ Jim Graf by Howard & Beck Mc Aninch
Sunday 4/30	9:30 a.m.	+ Iris Centofanti by Mike & Kerree Susi
Monday 5/1	9:00 a.m.	+ James Graf by Patty Clifford
Tuesday 5/2	9:00 a.m.	+ Bonnie Agriesti by Maria, Teresa, & Family

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**

by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: **Pope Benedict**

by Chris Soteriades

**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, Laura Williams, Guy Williams, John Contino and Tony Caradonna.**

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. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact **Kevin Koesters at 937-902-7446 or via email at k.koesters32@gmail.com.** Leaders for **April** and **May** are:

- April 23 Kevin Koesters
- April 30 Maureen Iosue
- May 7 Gary Bosco
- May 14 Tania Wade
- May 21 Gary Bosco
- May 28 Albert Iosue

EVENTS THIS WEEK

4/23 Sunday	SJB Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski 9:30 a.m. – SJB Church SJB Italian Language Class – Marrapese Hall 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. KCC Religious Education Italian Cultural Room 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. KCC Mass – Fr. Kim – SJB Church, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
4/24 Monday	SJB – Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski 9:00 a.m. Rotary Club Meeting – Marrapese Hall 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
4/25 Tuesday	SJB - Mass – Fr. Andrew Kozminski 9:00 a.m.
4/27 Thursday	Sacred Heart Young Professionals Meeting – Fr. Kozminski, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Italian Cultural Room
4/28 Friday	KCC Mass – Fr. Kim 7:00 p.m. – SJB Church
	Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.
	Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall

Altar Guild Meeting: The meeting for May 14th will be changed to a later date due to Mother's Day and May Crowning. Details to come.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
April 16, 2023
Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 34

Easter. Env:	\$ 1,465.00
Loose:	\$ 236.80
Total	\$ 1,701.80
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ -(102.11)
	\$ 1,599.69
Votives	\$ 48.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 269.40
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 337.40

HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$? \$?
Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/22-6/30/23)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk.:	\$2,885.00	\$1,701.80	-\$1,183.20	-41%
FYTD:	\$121,170.00	\$119,935.56	-\$1,234.44	-0%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 24, 2023
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard
SJB Collection Counters for Monday, May 1, 2023
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard



May Crowning: To honor our **Blessed Virgin Mary** as **Queen of Heaven** and **Mother of Jesus**, the **Altar Guild** will be sponsoring the **May Crowning** on **Sunday, May 14**. The crowning will take place during **Mass**. We are inviting all children who are making their **First Holy Communion** to join us. Please let an **Altar Guild** member know if your child will be participating. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.



**COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER
SUNDAY MASS IN SALA HALL**

AROUND US

The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of April 2023: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by **States** and citizens.

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **April** is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The first **eight** days of **April** fall during the season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color violet or 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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 – SPEAKER FATHER TYRON TOMSON. Join us **Friday, May 5** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon featuring a talk on **The Traditional Latin Mass** by **Father Tyron Tomson**, **Pastor of St. Bernadette Parish, Lancaster** and **St. Mary Parish, Bremen**. If you are interested in sponsoring this or another luncheon, please contact **Jim Gernetzke** at **jimgernetzke@noslumine.com**. **Holy Mass** (optional) begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Fr. Tomson's** presentation. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon is on Friday, June 2, 2023, and will feature Fr. Adam Streitenberger, Vicar for Evangelization, speaking about The Newman Center Today.**

**St John the Baptist
Catholic Church**

Memo

To: Parishioners of St John the Baptist Catholic Church
From: Fr Andrew Kozminski and Columbus Italian Festival Executive Committee
Date: April 25, 2023
Re: Results of 2022 Columbus Italian Festival

For 2022 we were blessed with mostly good weather and a great crowd. All the people who volunteered their services are to be praised for making our Festival a success! Mille Grazie! We wanted to recap the prior years results as a reminder that we have come a long way over the past 19 years.

Year	Income	Expenses	Net Income
2006	\$ 204,708.78	\$ 143,342.33	\$ 61,366.45
2007	\$ 299,657.79	\$ 230,062.74	\$ 69,595.05
2008	\$ 273,117.48	\$ 188,020.30	\$ 85,097.18
2009	\$ 204,152.54	\$ 169,689.48	\$ 34,463.06
2010	\$ 363,172.11	\$ 197,935.63	\$ 165,236.48
2011	\$ 382,109.97	\$ 253,615.31	\$ 128,494.66
2012	\$ 316,097.25	\$ 262,066.70	\$ 54,030.55
2013	\$ 351,973.91	\$ 214,280.52	\$ 137,693.39
2014	\$ 360,829.74	\$ 221,390.36	\$ 139,439.38
2015	\$ 418,591.97	\$ 222,930.87	\$ 195,661.10
2016	\$ 387,715.06	\$ 251,401.75	\$ 136,313.31
2017	\$ 352,992.48	\$ 258,490.09	\$ 94,502.39
2018	\$ 424,140.52	\$ 306,763.14	\$ 117,377.38
2019	\$ 422,369.57	\$ 320,869.06	\$ 101,500.51
2020	\$ -	\$ -24,712.80	\$ (24,712.80)
2021	\$ 566,085.12	\$ 293,698.05	\$ 272,387.07
2022	\$ 605,522.87	\$ 362,521.79	\$ 243,001.08
Total	\$6,803,108.16	\$4,616,271.28	\$2,186,836.88

The distribution of "Net Income", per guidelines, is based on the recommendations made and voted on by the St John the Baptist Finance Committee. Money addressed church needs surfaced by the pastor/ administrator and other suggestions by the parish finance committee.

April is Autism Awareness Month: As **Catholics**, we are called to welcome all persons with disabilities and during the month of **April**, there is a particular emphasis on persons with **Autism**, also known as **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**. **Autism** is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

“All persons with disabilities have gifts to contribute to the whole Church. When persons with disabilities are embraced, welcomed and invited to participate fully in all aspects of the parish community life, the Body of Christ is more complete.”
~ **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

St. Charles Drama Department to present “Almost, Maine” April 27-30: The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is proud to announce its spring production, **Almost, Maine** by **John Cariani**. **Almost, Maine** will be presented **April 27, 28, & 29 at 8:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m.** in the **St. Charles Campus Theatre**. Adult tickets are **\$15.00 each**, and student tickets are **\$10.00 each**. Reservations may be placed by visiting the **St. Charles** website homepage at www.scprep.org – Buy Tickets button. **(Tickets will not be sold at the door).**



Catholic Climate Covenant Film: Join us later this month for a **Catholic Climate Covenant community ONLINE SCREENING of The Letter**, followed by a discussion session. **The Letter** features frontline champions from around the world and offers a compelling new message for our planet and a timely and authentic way to engage our communities. Please visit info@catholicclimatecovenant.org to register for one of these two **April** screenings today: **Tuesday, April 25 – 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pacific)** or **Wednesday, April 26 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern (4:00-6:00 p.m. Pacific)**

Farm Bill Advocacy Workshop is May 10. Learn about the **U.S. Farm Bill**, which is due for renewal in **2024**. This event is **Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** at the **Martin De Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus**. The **Farm Bill** will be debated in **Congress** and shaped this summer. In addition to funding for farmers, the bill also contains important funding for all of our domestic food assistance programs in the **U.S.**, as well as foreign aid funding that assists **Catholic Relief Services** in their important work overseas. In-person registration is requested, online streaming is required. To register, visit <https://zoom.us/join/register/tJAKcuioqzsrEtOs7-LSFgtzEWSLMqBa4t8T>. Online workshops are also available for viewing on **April 27** (presented by the **Archdiocese of Cincinnati**) and **May 4** (presented by the **Diocese of Cleveland**). For more information, contact **Social Concerns** at 614-241-2540.

Night at the Museum (May 20, 5:00-9:00 p.m.): Have you seen the movie **Night at The Museum?** Come **Join** us for a fun night of experiencing history come alive. Learn about the **Catholic Church** throughout the centuries through art and stories. You may be surprised at who you will meet. Located downtown **Columbus** near **St. Joseph Cathedral at 257 E. Broad Street, Columbus**. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact the **Museum** at 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org.

Bus Tour of Seven Catholic Churches in Columbus: Join this fun and educational tour of several churches in **Columbus**. Learn about their fascinating histories as vital places of **Catholic** worship, evangelization, and learning in our **Diocese**. This event is **May 13** and is **\$70.00 per person** (lunch is included in the price). There are **40 spots** available. **RSVP** email is museumtours@catholicmuseum.org. For more information, contact the **Museum** at 614-618-4030 or info@catholicmuseum.org.

Today's Gospel: The **Gospel** of today's **Mass** presents us with another appearance of Jesus on the evening of His **Resurrection**. Two disciples are making their way to the village of **Emmaus**, having lost all hope because **Christ**, in whom they had placed the whole meaning of their lives, was dead. **Our Lord** catches up with them, as if **He**, too, were just another traveler on the road and walks with them without being recognized. These men did know about **Christ's** promise of rising on the third day. They had heard that morning the message of the women who had seen the empty tomb and the angels. This news nourished their faith and their hope; but still they spoke of **Christ** as belonging to the past. They were a living picture of discouragement. **Christ Himself**—whom they did not at first recognize but whose company and conversation they accept—interprets those events for them in the light of the **Scriptures**. Patiently, **He** restores in them their faith and their hope. We, too, meet with discouragement and lack of hope. When this happens, remember to allow yourselves to be helped by **Jesus**. **He** will not allow us to be parted from **Him**. Once we open our souls in all sincerity, we will come to see **Our Lord** again. And with **Him**, there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible: **And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem**. But it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to accept the advice that we receive. ~ *catholicculture.org*



Let us make haste to surmount our conflicts and divisions, and to open our hearts to those in greatest need. Let us hasten to pursue paths of peace and fraternity. @Pontifex



Prayer

May Your people exult for ever, 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

Sunday, Apr 23, 2023**Table manners**

Someone once said we like our heroes dead more than alive. Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers movement but found himself denounced as a communist and surveilled by the FBI during his lifetime. Only after death was his stature recognized, and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Encouraged by a priest who fueled him with Catholic social teaching, Chavez was also inspired by the nonviolent resistance of Gandhi. Along with lifelong co-worker Dolores Huerta, Chavez brought national attention to an abused yet fundamental part of our work force. Support farm workers' rights and remember at every table how your food got there.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

Monday, Apr 24, 2023**Seek what is hidden**

Benedictine sister, best-selling author, and spiritual guide Macrina Wiederkehr was called a "master of everyday spirituality." She lived with the monastic community of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas and died on this day in 2020 at the age of 80. On this anniversary of her passing, let her words infuse your own everyday spirituality: "Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. . . . Real Presence is everywhere, and those with the hearts of children revel in it."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."*

Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023**Mark left his mark**

Mark wasn't a direct disciple of Jesus but was quite active in the Early Church. He was closest to Peter, the latter returning to Mark's mother's house after escaping prison. According to Saint Jerome: "Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome embodying what he had heard Peter tell. When Peter had heard this, he approved it and published it to the churches to be read by his authority." Mark's short, action-packed gospel highlights the immediacy of Jesus' actions; Mark also uses the word *eutheos*—Greek for "right away"—more than 40 times. How might the Spirit be tapping you to act with immediacy?

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). *"Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.'"*

Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023**Don't skip this meal**

The Catholic Church teaches that the "Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." As such, it is essential to feeding our spirit and showing us the way to holiness. The very act of listening to the Word, sharing our gifts, and breaking bread with others during Mass is a foretaste of God's reign, where all are welcome to the table. A U.S. Bishops-sponsored Eucharistic Revival is underway to encourage all to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

and feel healed, converted, and called to spread love of this life-giving experience to others. Learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, which culminates in a 2024 Eucharistic Congress, at eucharisticrevival.org.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Jesus said to the crowds, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.'"*

Thursday, Apr 27, 2023**The real deal**

Today's gospel has a eucharistic theme, with talk of "living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world." One way the church emphasizes the Eucharist is its insistence on the Real Presence, that is, the core belief that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly *are* the Body and Blood of Christ. They are not just symbols but, as Saint John Damascene wrote, the "actual deified body of the Lord." If wrestling with that concept makes your head hurt, know that the church also acknowledges this is a "mystery"—something the mind cannot fully grasp. Leave it to the heart to understand.

EASTER WEEKDAY

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 28, 2023**What's in your wallet?**

Stored in coin wallets, pockets, purses, jewelry boxes, and glove compartments are many hundreds of little beads. Some are held together by string or wire, others fashioned into metal "decade" rings with laminated instructional cards. No matter what form they take, each reminds us of a special prayer of the Catholic Church, the Rosary. Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, known for his love of the Rosary, always made sure to teach people to pray the Rosary in whatever method best helps them enter into the mysteries of the life of Christ. What's your unique way of praying the beads?

MEMORIAL OF LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *"[Ananias] answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'"*

Saturday, Apr 29, 2023**Stand firm in your calling**

Sometimes in the process of growing up you have to stand your ground with your parents. While they love you and are owed your devotion, they don't *always* know what's best for you. Catherine of Siena had to stand firm against the objections of her parents in order to fulfill her deepest calling, which was to the religious life. A wise choice on her part, and the entire church has benefited enormously as a result. The church has expressed its collective appreciation to her by bestowing the rare title of "doctor of the church" upon her.

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, TERTIARY, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"You have the words of eternal life."*

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



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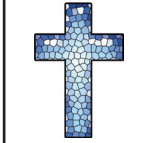
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