

Third Sunday of Easter –May 1, 2022

Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Some people have the Midas touch; everything they attempt turns to gold. Today's readings, however, salute individuals who know success only after traveling the rocky road marked failure.

Psalm 30 is a thanksgiving prayer, a psalm of declarative praise. The poet sings of divine deliverance from catastrophe. After initially expressing overconfidence (Psalm 30:7), the psalmist is stricken with some distress that is likened to the experience of death; he calls to God and finds healing (Psalm 30:3).

The author expresses his rehabilitation by focusing on life and death. Death means going down into the pit, into the nether world. Death also means silence -- the inability to praise. Life means being brought out (Psalm 30:4) and singing out once again (Psalm 30:5). All who have wrestled victory out of defeat (who have brought life out of death) appreciate the line in today's psalm, "You have turned my mourning into dancing" (Psalm 30:11).

Hope is promised in the passage from Revelation. Jesus is the Lamb who had apparently lost out to the forces of sin and death. In death he changed the course of history, conquering suffering and extending the conquest to all who would believe.

The twenty-first chapter of John closes out this gospel. Today's passage features Peter, a man who knew failure along the road of discipleship. Three times Jesus tells Peter to feed and tend the sheep. This is a reminder of Israel's kings who were often cast in the role of shepherd (see Ezekiel 34:2,10).

Peter had denied Jesus. Jesus not only forgave his sin but conferred upon him ultimate responsibility for the flock. Peter learned his lesson well; he would imitate Jesus the rest of his life even to the point of giving that life as a martyr.

Heroes aren't supposed to fail. The psalmist, Peter, and Jesus teach us how that type of hero is fantasy. We live in a real world where weakness and imperfection are the human condition. Even in the face of our greatest failures, there is a new and brighter tomorrow, because we know that Christ is risen!

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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Serving Breakfast. In this third appearance of the risen Lord to his followers, Jesus prepares breakfast on the shore for the disciples toiling in the sea. What an image! Jesus cooks. Jesus feeds them so they can go out and feed and tend the flock.

- ◆ What will this weekly meal of Communion enable me to be?
- ◆ What will this meal empower me to do?
- ◆ How can I then do the mercy work of giving drink to the thirsty and food to the hungry?

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Acts 13:14, 43-52. Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5. Revelation 7:9, 14b-17. John 10:27-30.



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Sundays – 8:00 am
Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

The Good News of the Resurrection

“Christ is risen, and makes all things new.” The resurrection is not just about Jesus rising from the dead; it is about the renewal of all of creation. “Let all the earth cry out to God with joy,” for Christ is risen, and with him all creation.

With the resurrection we are now in the new time, when the sea produces an unlikely catch of fish, and the net is not torn.

The resurrection of Jesus is also about our own resurrection, which we anticipate with hope. We pray that our Easter “joy will come to perfection in heaven.” But we know that there is a life to be lived, a life of struggle for the sake of the gospel.

Like the apostles, who were “full of joy that they had been judged worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the Name,” we have to be willing to suffer pain and persecution before we “rise and come forth into the light of day.”

By persevering in the effort to bring good news to the earth and all its inhabitants, we will one day join in with “the voices of every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea” in a song of praise and honor “To the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

God is preparing a great springtime for Christianity, and we can already see its first signs. In fact, both in the non-Christian world and in the traditionally Christian world, people are gradually drawing closer to gospel ideals and values, a development which the Church seeks to encourage.

Today in fact there is a new consensus among peoples about these values: the rejection of violence and war; respect for the human person and for human rights; the desire for freedom, justice and brotherhood; the surmounting of different forms of racism and nationalism; the affirmation of the dignity and role of women.

Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio, 1990: 86

--Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Site

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Schedule of Masses

Sun May 1 8:00 Mass Billie Anderson
1st Communion

Fri May 6 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sat May 7 8:30 am 1st Saturday Mass

Sun May 8 8:00 Mass Gloria Arado

Birthdays
May 2 Jo Ann Brown
May 4 Erin Garrett
Lonnie Hinton

Liturgical Ministers

May 1	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	1 st Communicants	B Porter	B Palmer	E Zmuda M Bergmann	* Jo Nelson, Je Nelson
		<u>Cantor</u>	J Starrett		
May 8	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	M Slife	P Widowski	A Dueker	M Palmer Bergmann	* S Widowski, J Slife
		<u>Cantor</u>	J Starrett		

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun May 1 8:00 am 1st Communion
9:00 am Parish Social and Reception for
Families of 1st Communicants and all parishioners

Fri May 6 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sat May 7 8:30 am 1st Saturday Mass

Sun May 8 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Adult Bible Study

TODAY WE CELEBRATE CARTER BERGMANN, RUBY WIDOWSKI, NATHAN ZMUDA, AND MACIE ZMUDA’S FIRST COMMUNION. All parishioners please join them and their families for a celebration breakfast following Mass today.

THANK YOU ST. PAUL CCW FOR HOSTING THE BREAKFAST.

THANK YOU BETH PALMER FOR INSTRUCTING OUR 1ST COMMUNICANTS.

MAY CROWNING WILL BE MAY 8TH.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON MAY 8TH TO THANK FR. SAL GONSALEZ, OMI, FROM KINGS HOUSE BELLEVILLE .Fr. Sal provided our three Parishes with a recent March Three Day Mission for Lent. We Want to Show Our Gratitude. Please Be Generous.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IS MAY 8.
Please join our diocese and country in praying for more vocations.

IMPORTANT DATES:

--Sunday May 15 St. Paul Council of Catholic women meeting following Mass. All women invited.
--Wednesday May 18 Parish Council
--Saturday May 21 Pat Kinkead funeral mass at 1 pm. All parishioners invited

MAY HEALTH FOCUS

Exercise is important in all stages of life, but especially for seniors. Staying physically active may help seniors maintain a healthy weight and avoid chronic health problem according to the National Institute of Health. Along with alleviating depression physical activity can improve seniors’ energy levels, memory, and sleep

VOCATION CORNER MAY 1:

Today’s Gospel story is the powerful question of Jesus to Peter: “Do you love me?” Then Jesus charges him to “Feed my Sheep”. This charge is given to each and every one of us. We are all called to tend to the flock in our Parish but also to those who are not among us. We must fulfill this through the living out our own vocation – single, married, religious or ordained. We must encourage and support each other to the max to live our callings. Prayerfully we ask for help to discern our call, perhaps even to the priesthood or religious life.