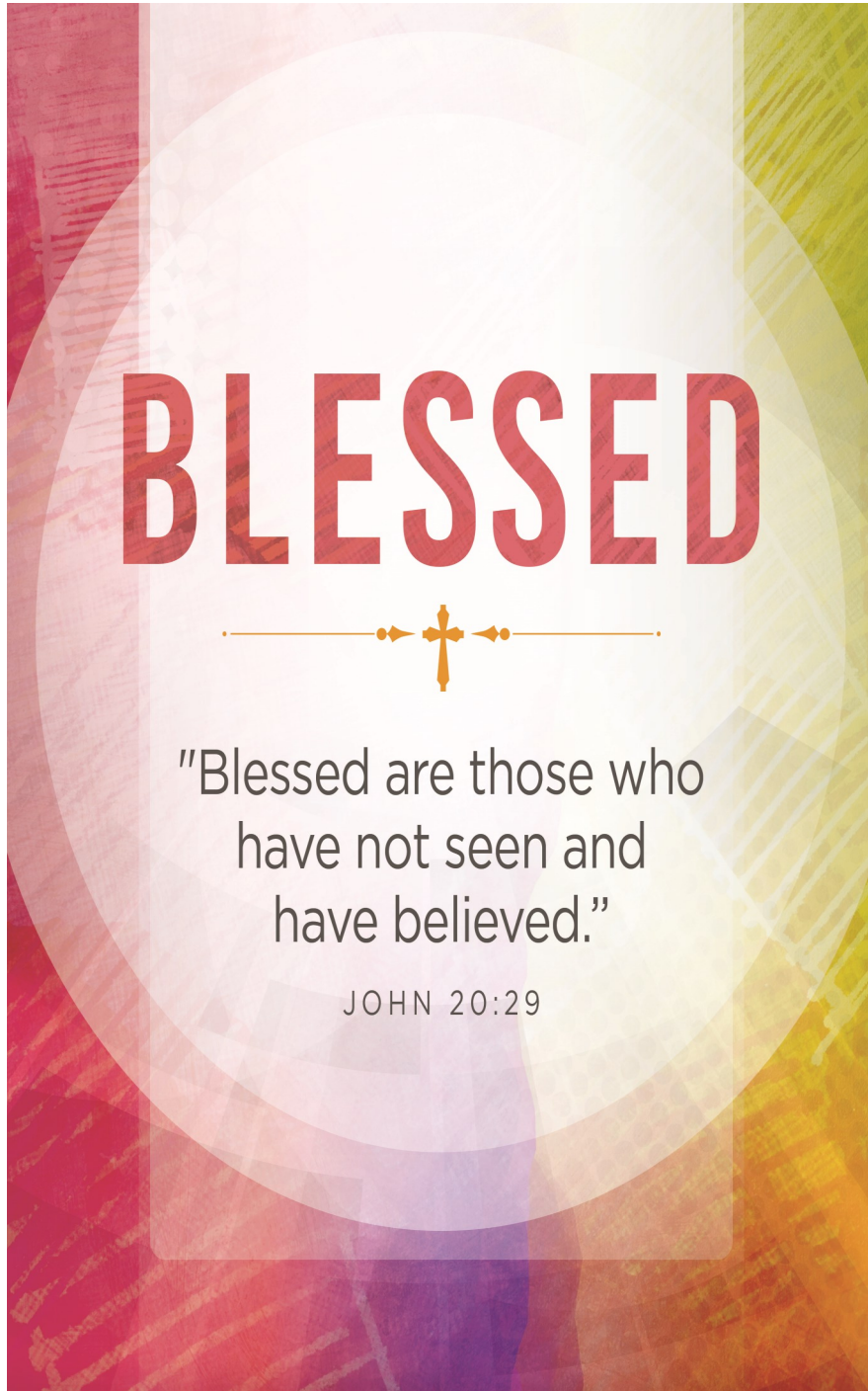


St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake

*Christ Centered + Biblically Grounded + Sacramentally Nourished +
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April 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

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Dear Parishioners;

Our great 50 days has begun; the celebration begins with Christ's Resurrection, through His Ascension into heaven and culminates with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This year, during these very holy days of the Church, we each are navigating in new territory. In the past we showed up for mass, the readings were listened to, the offering given, the consecration at the hands of the priest through the power of the Holy Spirit resulted in the Real Presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Who was then shared with each of us in Communion. We were dismissed with the instruction to go out and be Christ for others.

Now what do we do? I'm hoping that you are able to see and/or hear mass broadcast on TV or the internet through YouTube or Facebook. The onus is on us now to really pay attention to what is going on. One very good way to participate is to read the readings in advance of Sunday. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has the readings laid out for every day of the week. Go to www.usccb.org and see the calendar. Click on the day you wish to see the readings. It's that easy. We can read them quietly or aloud, with your family or alone. Dwell on the parts that really speak to you at this time. Christ is present in His Word always. May each of us be filled with Easter joy and the promise of eternal life because of Christ our Savior.

Peace, Karen

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - Week of April 19, 2020

Sunday ~ Divine Mercy Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday~ Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday ~ Earth Day

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday ~ St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Arbor Day

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

COVID-19 updates

Beginning April 17th, all people in NY who are unable to maintain social distancing of six feet must wear a mouth / nose covering. Also, as of April 16th, "New York Pause" has been extended to May 15th.



We are working diligently to keep church expenses down however we have monthly expenses between \$17,000 and \$20,000. Please try to send your offerings in the mail, in the drop box by the office door, or by e-

giving on line at stmaryscoop.org

We pray that we all may get together soon as one family of God. Bless you!

A few reminders

- April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist.
- Our Church is open for private prayer— Please maintain safe social distance
- Confirmation is canceled until further notice
- Please keep checking the web page www.rcda.org, watch for diocese information to be on line.
- Bulletins are e-mailed and snail mailed. An enhanced version is found on our webpage



The Sanctuary candle still burns in the Church.

It reminds us that Christ is present in the tabernacle. May His light burn brightly in each one of us,



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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Reconciliation/Confession

From the Chancery, with the approval of Bishop Scharfenberger: Where a person is in the painful situation of not being able to receive sacramental absolution, a perfect contrition coming from a love of God, accompanied by a sincere request for forgiveness and the firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible, obtains the forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones.



We thank our sponsors for continuing their support of St. Mary's. We ask you support them during these challenging times and when our community is able to return to full engagement.

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Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:
Fr. Peter Pagonos ~ Ivy Bischof ~ Maureen Brennan ~
David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~ Mary Devenpeck ~
Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~ Stephen Markuson ~
Senator Jim Seward ~ Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military from our families
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow
Please call the Parish Office to add any names.

America needs Fatima is offering free rosaries. If you are interested please call Jean Nicholson at 607 422-1205

Home schooling with Pflaum Gospel Weeklies

Dear Parents;
This year we purchased the Pflaum Gospel Weekly series for your children's Religious Ed. There is a weekly lesson based on Sunday's Gospel. Some of the teachers were using them. We have mailed out the leaflets so that, as a family, you may share the Gospel, have a prepared prayer and activity all customized to your child's age level and lived experience. In addition, you may access additional info on GospelWeeklies.com which has seasonal activities and resources.
Mrs. Walker

Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

*O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son. Amen.*

Holy Father's Prayer intention for the month of April 2020 Freedom from Addiction -

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



GIVE YOURSELF COMPLETELY

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made

all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DISCERN A VOCATION?

The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, meaning “to call.” A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God’s grace and witness to God’s love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God’s guidance. We listen for God’s message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

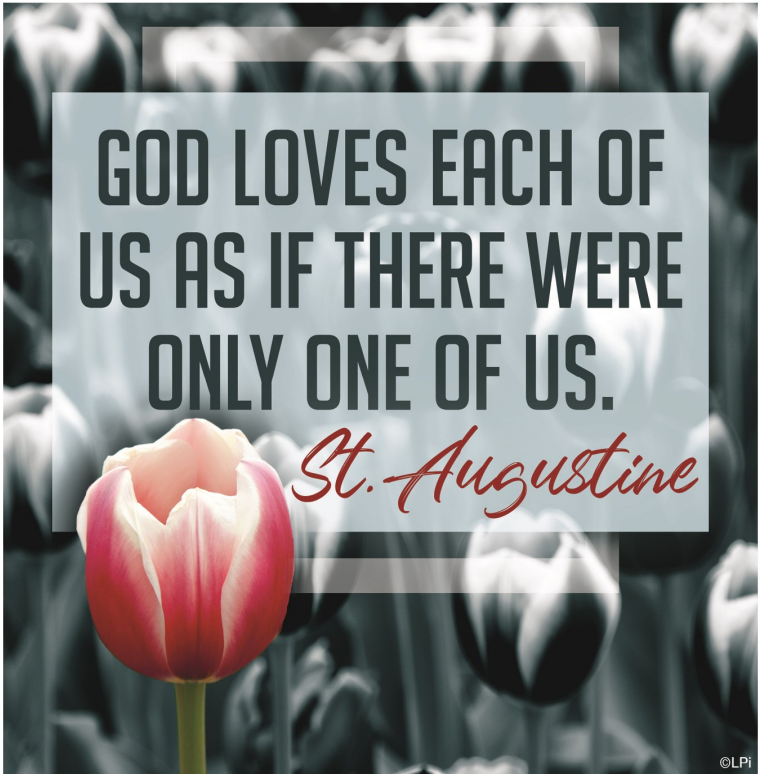


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LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever experienced awe? Awe is commonly defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. A moment of awe has the ability to lift us up out of ourselves and immerse us into something that causes us to wonder about ourselves, the meaning of life, and truth. Awe is an experience of connection that links us to something that is beyond the normal happenings of life. For us who believe that the resurrected Christ is present in all of life and the totality of the universe, being touched by awe can lead us to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!" Pondering the vastness of God's presence also brings us to a profound sense of God's mercy, which is the showering of His unconditional love on each of His daughters and sons. When we internalize this mystery, we may find ourselves standing in awe once again and feeling an intense sense of peace.

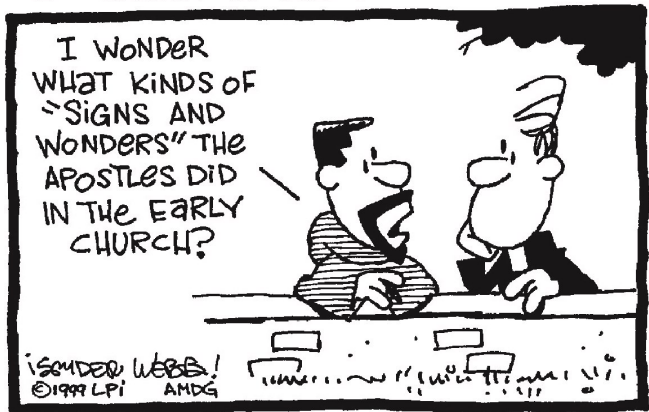


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Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



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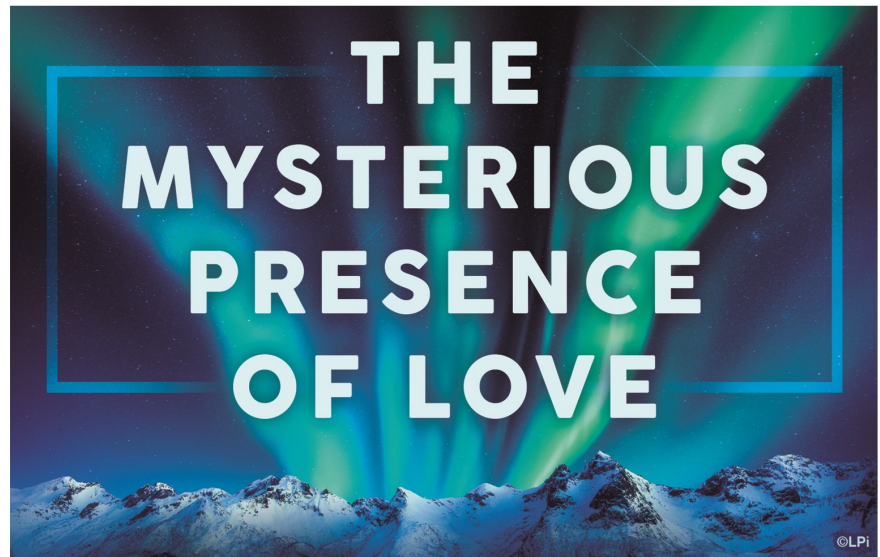
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome



truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and

silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy. God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



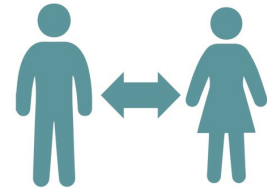
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

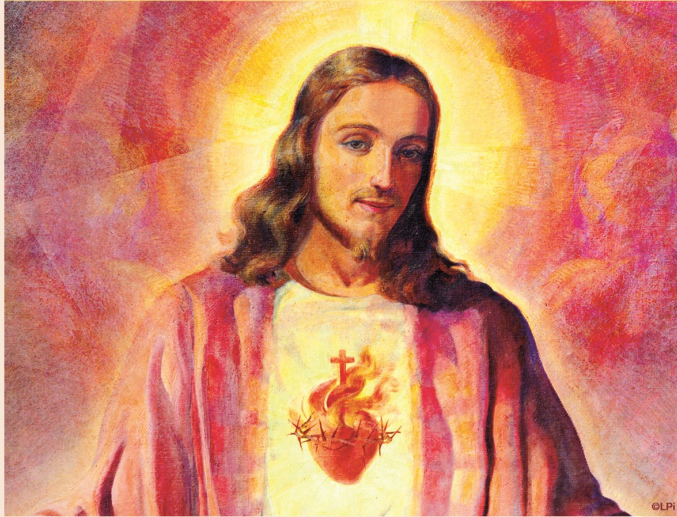
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

“I WILL NEVER
FORSAKE YOU OR
ABANDON YOU.”
GOD

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

*“Put your finger here and see
my hands, and bring your
hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but
believe.” Thomas answered
and said to him, “My Lord and
my God!” Jesus said to him,
“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.” -
Jn 20:27b-29*

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