

# *St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake*

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April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

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# RAISED

“The Lord has truly  
been raised!”

LUKE 24:34

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Dear Parishioners;

We found out this weekend that we were using an abbreviated email list and most of you were not getting the notices, I am so very sorry! We have been sending out notes, lots of notes, of which so of you may already have received and I apologize for the duplication. But, in case you didn't have time to read them before, here we go again.

- Letter dated April 17 -

I have recently discovered that our emails are not getting to everyone; please ask your friends and neighbors, from a safe distance, if they are receiving the e-mails or else getting the bulletin in the mail please. If not, please call the parish office, 607 547-2213 so you or they can be put on the distribution list.

The weekly bulletin is in regular form in church and an expanded form on line at <https://stmaryscoop.org>. If you are not able to view the bulletin, please let us know. In the bulletin we have listed ways to view the mass on TV or on-line; some masses are live streamed and others can be viewed in the archives (list is attached).

Each week Father Ken Doyle, Deacon Randy Velez or Deacon Richard Brown have recorded the Gospel readings and prepared homilies for us. We have been putting the YouTube codes out. Last week, for Easter, see the Gospel for Easter 12 April 2020 at <https://youtu.be/5TBI750cioE> and the Homily for Easter 12 April 2020 at [https://youtu.be/GL8zgy\\_0YKo](https://youtu.be/GL8zgy_0YKo)

The Facebook Page has also been reactivated **St Marys Roman Catholic Church Cooperstown, NY**

This is not the way any of us would want to celebrate Holy Week or Easter but given the current pandemic in our country and world, we are being as safe as can be for the greater good. St. Mary's is open 24/7 for private prayer. I have the sexton going in every day to wipe down doors, pews, and clean bathrooms to further insure your safety.

Unfortunately, we also have to continue to pay the bills and have had to use some of our savings to do so. We are not receiving enough offerings to cover all our expenses, and haven't been for months. We are very concerned about everyone's financial future this year given the situation. All we can ask is that, if you are able, please continue to support your church.

Offertory donations, including e-giving, made to St. Mary's the week of	
April 4	\$1,831.01
April 12	\$2,802.21
April 19	\$1,675.94

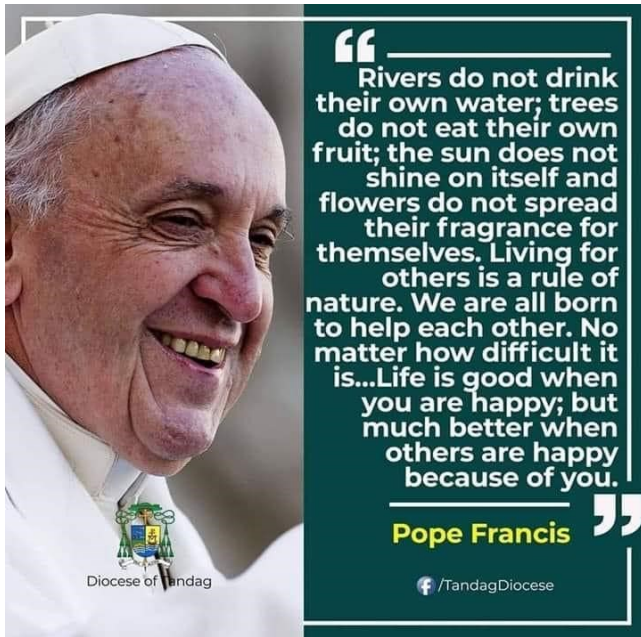
Given the current situation neither a priest nor parish leader has been assigned yet. The Diocese notified us this morning that ordination for priests and deacons has been postponed until September.

I have been delighted to know that the food donated at the beginning of Lent has been distributed to the area food pantries. We have a great team of people checking in on fellow parishioners to make sure they are ok or if they need groceries or RX's.

The Diocese has been putting out daily updates for all parishes, especially where sacraments are effected and our employees who may have been furloughed during this time. Our Faith Formation Coordinator is one who has on furlough.

We have to remember, we are an Easter people! This not the first storm the church has weathered and I'll bet it is not the last. But the Church is the Body of Christ - us. We have a lovely building so that we can come together as the body to worship and pray but remember we can do that at any time and any where, Christ is here. We are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, God never forgets us.

Happy Eastertime and peace be with you.  
Karen



### Run for Otsego

Let's Run or Walk "together" for our community! This is an unprecedented time for our country - we are hoping everyone is doing their part to stay safe and support the community...and continuing to run!

Looking for a way to stay active and give back to the local community during this time? No problem! Clarks Sports Center has created a **virtual race** in which **all the funds raised are given to the local churches**. All you have to do is sign up and complete a 5K between now and May 31st.

What is a virtual race?

A virtual race is a race that can be ran at any location. You can walk, use the treadmill, run outside or participate in another race. You can run your race at your pace wherever you like.



How do I participate?

1. Register  
(<https://celebratecooperstown.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=13490>) for the 5K run or walk between now and May 31st
2. Run or walk anywhere you choose - following the guidelines of shelter in place / social distancing
3. Post any photos of your run to our Facebook page using hashtag #ClarkSportsCenterEvents #RunnersStayStrong
4. Log back on to the website (<https://celebratecooperstown.itsyourrace.com/Results.aspx?id=13490>) and update your time before the end of the day on May 31st

Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:  
Fr. Peter Pagones ~ 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.

**As soon as we are able to have Masses we will be contacting people to reschedule mass intentions that were made after March 16.**

B I B L E	
EMERGENCY NUMBERS	
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE	
Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalm 23
Sinned	Psalm 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In danger	Psalm 91
Depressed	Psalm 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalm 73:21-26
Seeking peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a trip	Psalm 121
Struggling with loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalm 37
Discouraged with work	Psalm 126
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DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD	

*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.*



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### 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)

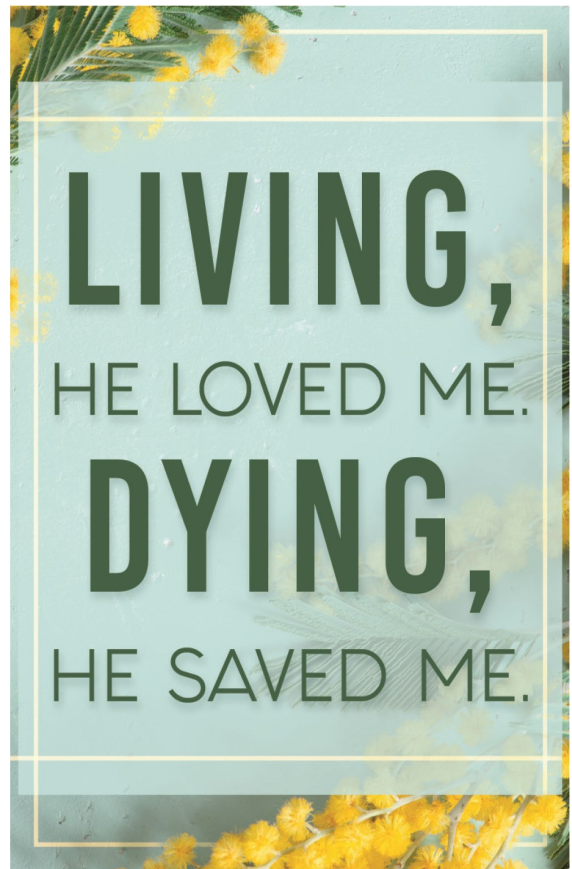
### GOSPEL:

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

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter  
Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon  
de Montfort, Priest  
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope  
Friday: St. Joseph the Worker  
Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



## REFLECT

### 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?

## MEAN WHAT YOU SAY

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone

truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## AS THE GODFATHER FOR MY NIECE, WHAT MUST I DO AS SHE GROWS UP? ARE THERE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES I HAVE?

The biggest responsibility you have as a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in your parish teaches by deed and shows your godchild how to live a life of faith. Next to the child's parents, your role can be one of great influence in her religious formation and education.

What else can you do? A special remembrance on the day the child was baptized can highlight its importance. As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith, and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Celebrate first Penance, first Communion, and Confirmation as key moments in your godchild's faith journey. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. Your obligations do not end with the ceremony of Baptism, but are just the beginning.



"WE ARE  
THE EASTER  
PEOPLE AND  
*hallelujah* IS  
OUR SONG."

ST. JOHN PAUL II

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.



#### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## GOSPEL MEDITATION THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different.



What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been

with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a "Eucharistic" encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

*And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. - Lk 24:30-31*

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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.



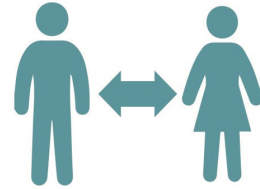
#### WASH YOUR HANDS

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.



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3<sup>RD</sup> 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.*

*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!” Then the two  
recounted what had taken  
place on the way and how  
he was made known to  
them in the breaking of  
bread. - Lk 24:33-35*

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