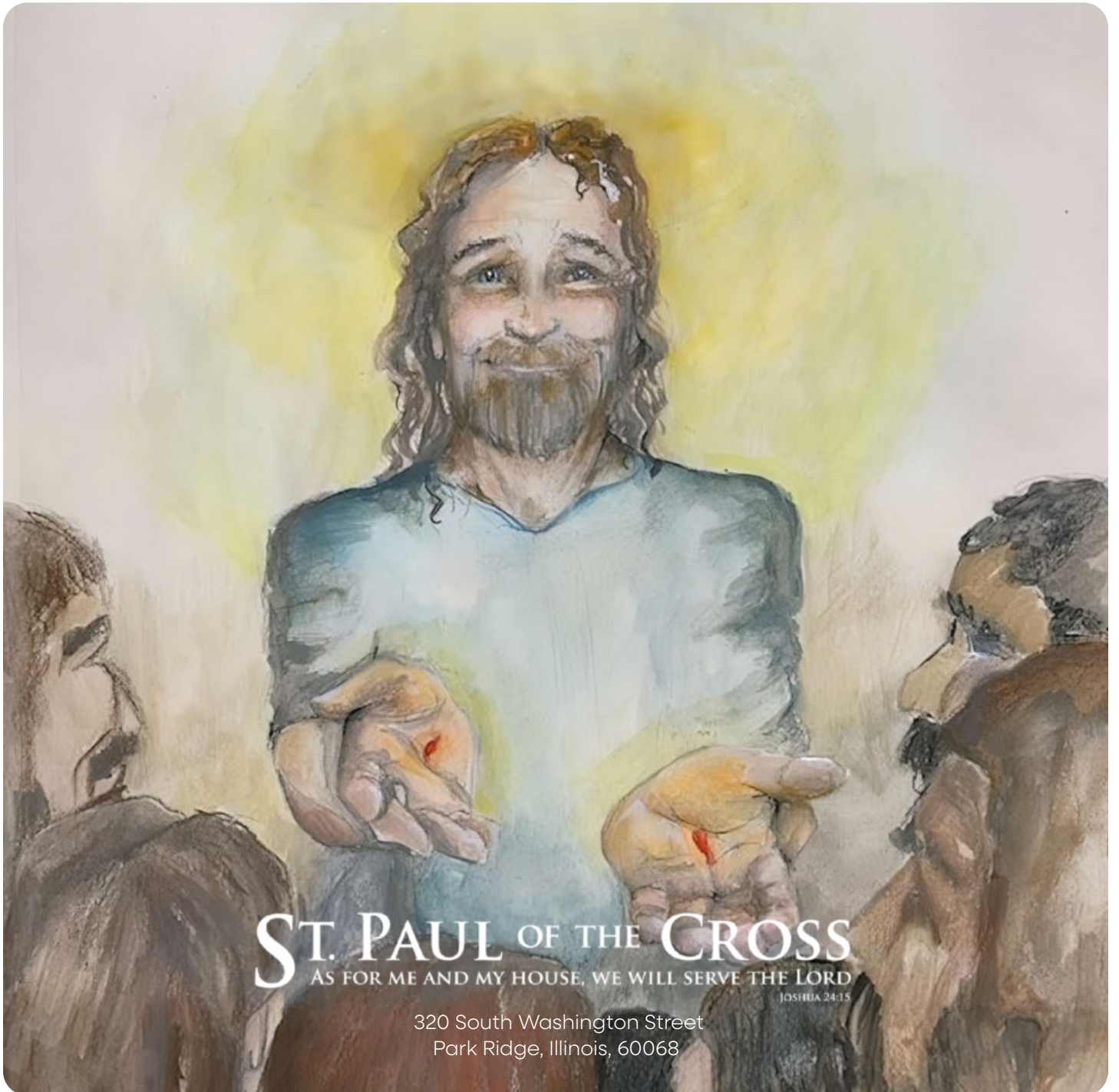


APRIL 07, 2024

# CRUCICIS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS  
AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

320 South Washington Street  
Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Schedule

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

*Upper Church*

Monday through Friday 6:25 am  
8:30 am  
Saturday (weekday Mass) 8:30 am  
Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
10:30 am  
12:00 pm

### MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

*Holy Family Chapel*

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

### TEEN MASS (open to the public)

*Upper Church*

Sunday, May 19th @ 12:00 pm

### CONFESSIONS

*in vestibule of Upper Church*

Monday through Friday 8-8:15 am  
Saturday 3-4:00 pm

### FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

### WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

### BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday



## Pray for our Sick

Names Stay in Bulletin for 2 months

Delaney Bartz  
JuliDelaney Bartz  
Julie Benedetto-Wilcox  
Ray Benedetto  
Joe Garvey  
Stanislaw Kazmierczak  
Laura  
Baby Oliver Letcher  
Vince Ross  
Carole Zachary

## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed in our SPC community.

Kathleen Joyce  
Edmond Burke  
Kathleen Mary Pasquale  
Wladyslawa Kinel  
Santi Lucchesi  
Glenn Philips

## Wedding Banns

Ill Jesse Racine  
&

Joanna Nagle

I Thomas F. Didier  
&

Tara Ann-Marie Woodford

I Declan Mulcrone  
&

Maureen O'Donnell

## About the Cover Artist

Linda Swoboda is a practicing pediatrician at Lutheran General Hospital with a passion for art since her childhood. Initially an art major, Linda was eventually pulled into the sciences and medicine.

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY OFFERING (March 24th - March 30th)

Envelopes	\$12,277.01
Loose	\$6,286.06
Electronic Giving	\$11,025.10
<b>Total Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$29,588.17</b>

### LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Through March 30th	\$57,473.10
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### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (through March 19th)(goal: \$145,569)	\$75,546 paid (52%) \$87,366 pledged (60%)
Sunday Giving FY24 Year to Date (July 1st through March 30th)	\$1,393,659.90
Sunday Giving FY24 vs Budget (July 1st through February 29th)	\$6,141.85

## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
Thursday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
Friday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
Saturday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

# Letters from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

About a month or so ago I attended an event on criminal justice reform. I randomly (and providentially) sat next to one of the featured speakers of the evening, a woman named Jeanne Bishop.

Jeanne Bishop is a public defense attorney from Winnetka (my home town) who attended

New Trier (my high school alma mater). In 1990 Jeanne's younger sister, Nancy and husband were murdered in their home by a 16-year-old New Trier student, David Biro. Nancy was 25 years old and pregnant. Biro had broken into their home to rob them.

Jeanne was a lawyer at a private law firm at the time of the murders. She would quit her job, sign on to work for the state making a fraction of her previous salary, and become an advocate for abolition of the death penalty and abolition of juvenile life-sentences without parole. She wrote a book in 2015, *Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer*. It tells the incredible story of the murders and conviction, and how Jeanne ultimately forgave the killer and found her passion in life. To this day Jeanne visits David Biro in prison every few months. (Jeanne gave me a copy of her book, which is now in the Adoration Chapel library.)

This weekend is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Other than God himself and the Blessed Mother, if there's a better image of mercy than Jeanne, I can't think of it. Let me repeat: Jeanne lost her sister, her brother-in-law, and her niece tragically to murder. She forgave the killer. And she advocated for the killer's life.

In the book Jeanne talks about a pivotal moment in her own healing and coming to forgiveness. She was asked by her minister, "Wouldn't it be amazing, if God used you to bring this young man into relationship, if he joined you in heaven one day?" Jeanne goes on to write...

*I felt my heart, hard and rigid, cracking open. I had always made a divide between Nancy's killer and me. Him: bad murderer. Me: innocent victims' family member. The truth was that we were the same; there was no division between us before God. We were both flawed and*

*fallen. We were both God's children. I could no longer draw a line between us that put me on one side and him on the other.*

When we are struggling to forgive, struggling to exercise mercy, and holding on to anger, we have unknowingly placed ourselves above the perpetrator. We have a right over the person (the right to be angry), which means we think we are better than the person. But we are not better. No one is better than someone else. Our Lord himself said, "Let he who is without sin be the first to cast a stone." He also said, "So will my heavenly father do to you unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

When we exercise mercy, we are making ourselves equal with the other. Think of that. God, who exercises mercy on us, has made himself equal to us. And equals can truly begin to love one another.

Jeanne's mercy toward David didn't take away the pain of having lost her family. But it has certainly relieved her of a far greater pain that would have come from harboring a grudge.

Everyone of us has someone in our life to whom we need to exercise mercy. The perpetrator's offense is most likely not as grave as David Biro's. Often the offender isn't even aware that they've hurt us. But we need to forgive them nonetheless. The Holy Spirit will give us the grace to forgive if we ask for it, and our lives will be that much better for it.

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We will hold a **Divine Mercy Prayer Service** this Sunday at 3pm in the church. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, along with a few other prayers, including a Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Our SPC School Students return this Monday from spring break. This Saturday is the second installment of the **First Communion Retreat** for our second graders.

Once again, a blessed Easter season to all of you. Thank you for your support of our parish.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. James Wallace*

# Community Reflections



It's nothing new to discuss prayer in this space because it is central to who we are as Christians. We often wonder if we are doing it right or if it will make a difference. Jesus taught us how to pray giving us the "Our Father," and the saints over the course of time have built a library to offer example and their own creations. It is upon this foundation we stand grateful; yet eager to offer our own volumes. God has blessed our hearts with the gift to author prayers, if only we let it be unchained to share our hopes, dreams, desires, fears and everything in between. We should never be ashamed to voice our quirky thoughts, frustrations, or skepticism at how things have unfolded in our lives. But for every dreary day at least some will bring the sun. I have not found God to want me to put on airs in my personal prayer but to articulate the truth as my heart sees it. Better to voice angry emotions in all sincerity, then to simply stop reaching out to him whom I love who built me fearfully and wonderfully made. Better to weep at his feet, then to turn my back on him and abandon hope. Tomorrow is a new day and contains an invitation to begin anew. Jesus, Radiant Dawn, illuminate the path that leads to union with you.

Yours Truly,  
*Fr. Nick Cavallari*

# Adoration Chapel

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!


*Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am until 11 pm.*

Our current adorer schedule is pictured below. Red boxes indicate where there are no committed adorers. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed to fortify the schedule. Green indicates two or more adorers are present.

If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call the parish office at 847-825-7605 or email [adorationchapel@spc-church.org](mailto:adorationchapel@spc-church.org).

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
12:00 AM	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
1:00 AM	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red
2:00 AM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
3:00 AM	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
4:00 AM	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red
5:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
6:00 AM	Green	clean	Green	clean	Yellow	clean	Yellow
7:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
8:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow
9:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
10:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
11:00 AM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
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9:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
10:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow
11:00 PM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Red

# Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>MON, 4/8</b> The Annunciation of the Lord	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Mary V. Moran, Blessings for Andrea and Mike, Blessings for Greg and Jocelyn, Healing and Blessings for Paul		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Healing and Blessings for Cayden Ingram		
<b>TUE, 4/9</b> Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Marie Karasiewicz		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Dorothy Fialkowski, Birthday Blessings for Harrison Plencner, Blessings for Dave and Gabi, Blessings for Dawn Connolly and Family, Healing and Blessings for Cayden Ingram		
<b>WED, 4/10</b> Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Mary DeMichael		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Christine Grabowski, Amy Ingram, Frank Tomasiewicz, Louise Sottile, Rev Daniel Smilianic, Birthday Blessings for Frances Mazzula, Healing and Blessings for Cayden Ingram		
<b>THUR, 4/11</b> Saint Stanislaus	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Holy Souls in Purgatory		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Donald Zimmer, Dominic Morris, Blessings for Karen and Tom, Healing and Blessings for Cayden Ingram, Julie McCracken		
<b>FRI, 4/12</b> Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Bill Eddy		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Blessings for Ellen and Scott, Blessings for Dani and Gus, Healing and Blessings for Cayden Ingram		
<b>SAT, 4/13</b> Saint Martin	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Philomena and Hugh McCormick		
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. Nick			Ursula M Wegrzynowicz, Mary Grace Oliver	Joanne Cichon-Feeney, Joseph Feeney, Mary Fran Cashman, Paul Ziegenhorn	Catherine O'Leary, Jane-Ann MacKenzie. Helen Kwasniewski, Carde Williams, William R. Mooney, Mari-Donna Ekstrom-Roy
<b>SUN, 4/14</b> Third Sunday of Easter	7:30 am UC	Fr. James			Izabella Stachowicz, Eugene Cooney	John Humm, Michael Angelini, Kathy Jarosch, Shirley Patras	Lottie Janota, Walter, Sylvia and Alan Pryka, Lorraine Kieser, People of the Parish
	9:00 am UC	Fr. James			Matthew Steward, Frances Johnson	Sandra Hernandez, Mary Hester-Tone, Geri Weissmann, Kevin Buggy	John Reckert, Tom Burian, Carl Drammis, Helen Sparkes, Chester Pozdoll, Barbara Stack
	10:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Patty Beaudet-Frances, Dan Hogan	Kim Soifer, Chris Poindexter, Gloria Peisker, Virginia Underwood	Gregory Ginex, Maria Kociuba, Luis LaBoy, Deacon Al and Bette Memmel, Marion Waterman, Healing and Blessings for Cayden Ingram, Birthday Blessings for Vernon Blessings		
	10:30 HFC				46th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Steven and Kathleen Miro		
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. Nick/MN*	Chris Paoelli, John Haley	Neda Naum, Susan Clifford, Kevin Wiley, Ann Solari-Twadell	Delia Spizzirri, Birthday Blessings for Ron Dolatowski, 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Ron and Chris Dolatowski, Byron Janis		

\*LEGEND: /MN = Deacon Martin Nyberg preaching

# Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross

## NEW PARISHIONER

### WELCOME

SUNDAY, APRIL 07TH  
8:30 am  
Parish Life Center



Our NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MINISTRY will be available on April 07th from 8:30 am until noon to register new parishioners, answer questions, and distribute welcome packets. DONUTS will be served after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday April 07th  
@3PM  
Upper Church

### Chaplet, Devotions & Benediction

For the sake of His  
sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us  
and on the  
whole world.

## SCRIPTURE SEMINAR *with* FATHER JAMES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH  
9:00 am  
Holy Family Chapel

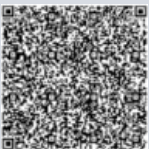
Please join Fr. James at the next SCRIPTURE SEMINAR on Wednesday, APRIL 10th at 9:00 am in the Holy Family Chapel. The group will discuss and pray over a scripture passage, and try to use the sacred text to deal with some questions we all may have. Sessions are not dependent on one another, so attend at your leisure. No fee or registration or prior knowledge of the Bible required.

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED AT OUR PARISH BLOOD DRIVE ON PALM SUNDAY!

On behalf of the Holy Family Guild and Vitalant, we would like to thank all those who came to the 2024 Parish Blood Drive! We were able to collect 72 units of blood! That means that the blood we collected will help about 216 patients in our area. What a wonderful accomplishment!

Vitalant was thrilled with the number of units collected since the blood shortage is so critical. We had many first time donors and many younger donors who had a great experience, so hopefully we will increase our participation even more next year.

If you missed the drive, you can still help! Please make an appointment at any of the Vitalant donor centers using the link below or the QR code during the month of April and your donation will count toward our total.



Thank you to all who came to the drive. Your willingness to give your blood and help those in need is to be commended. What an amazing way to give back to others. We thank each and every one of you.

You are all heroes! See you next Palm Sunday!

With thanks and appreciation,  
The Holy Family Guild

## NEW PICK-UP BASKET BALL TIME

Starting April 11th, pick  
up basketball will be  
held on Thursday nights  
from 8-10PM. Please  
contact Gerry Brett  
[geraldbrett@gmail.com](mailto:geraldbrett@gmail.com)  
or Doug Mahoney  
[dmahone1@gmail.com](mailto:dmahone1@gmail.com)  
to get added to the APP  
list to ensure availability.

# Announcements

## MONTHLY SPC WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERINGS!

The SPC Women's Group, also known as the Apostolate of Women, will now gather monthly to meet new and old friends and to provide all women of the parish with updates on recent activities of our pillars (Spiritual, Service, and Social) as well as our guilds (small groups). We'll also share opportunities for you to get involved and, most importantly, enjoy each other's fellowship.

You don't have to be a member to attend, although of course we would love you to join the group.

Tuesday, April 9th at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or topics you'd like included in these meetings, please send us an email at [aow.spc@gmail.com](mailto:aow.spc@gmail.com).

## WORD ON THE STREET

Tuesday April 23rd  
with Fr James and  
Fr. Tim Anastos!  
Starting at 7:30 pm,  
but come early.

See you all there at  
the Harp & Fiddle (110  
Main St, Park Ridge)

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP MEETING

Friday April 12TH  
@ 6:30pm  
Kinane Center

# Father James' Easter Reflections

## Easter Sunday

"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."  
Colossians 3:3

Saint Peter was told by God in a vision to visit Cornelius. Peter was hesitant, for Cornelius was a pagan and a Roman soldier. A Jew could not come in contact with an unclean individual, let alone an enemy of Israel. But God broke Peter out of this old way of thinking with a sign. Certain foods, people, objects and places were no longer profane. The period of fear and isolation was over. Life could be lived. The news given to Peter brought him great joy.

This is the context for our first reading from Acts of the Apostles this Easter Sunday, which is an excerpt from Peter's speech to Cornelius. Christ has set us free from burdens and impositions. We are able now to live in ease and peace and freedom.

When the two Marys traveled to the sealed tomb on Easter Sunday morning, they were worried about how they would enter the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with the spices, for

the stone was so large. Their burdens were lifted when they arrive and see the stone rolled away.

We need no longer be anxious about the heavy stones in our life. What's the worst that can happen? We die? Well, death no longer has power over us. It is our entry to Heaven.

Directed Prayer: Jesus, you removed the obstacles from Peter and Mary Magdalene. Remove them from my life. Your resurrected body can pass through locked doors and be in two places at once. Breathe your freedom and lightness into me.

## Monday in the Octave of Easter

"Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."  
Matthew 28:10

The disciples were afraid when they saw the risen Lord. There is precedent for this. The Israelites were frightened when God revealed himself for a split second in the desert on Mount Hermon. They asked Moses to tell God to never again show his face to them. The shepherds were afraid when they saw the glory of the Lord in that field outside

# Father James' Easter Reflections (continued)

Bethlehem. Peter, James, and John were frightened when they saw the divine radiance at the Transfiguration. The whole apostolic cohort was frightened on the boat when God walked on water to them.

We all would have some modicum of fear if Jesus were to literally appear to us today. As much as we love the Lord, there is a part of us there is a part of us that fears we might be judged. There is part of us that wants Jesus to stay at a safe, spiritual distance. There is something within us that fears Heaven. Gazing upon a loved one does take to us an amazing place beyond ourselves. It is so rapturous it is frightening.

Whatever be the source of that fear in us, our Lord tells us to let it go. Trust that we can indeed see the face of Jesus, and expose our hearts, and live.

Directed Prayer: Lord, I am afraid to see you because I put so much pressure on myself to be perfect and to have you figured out, so I can say something proper to you. I surrender all that. You don't need me to be perfect or say the right thing. All those people to whom you appeared in the scriptures were sinners, just as me.

## Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

"Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'"  
John 20:16

It is when Mary hears the voice of Jesus calling her name that her eyes are opened and she recognizes the Lord whom she earlier thought was the gardener. Thomas will require touch and sight of the wounds. Peter needs something of the mind: an acknowledgement of his past and affirmation of his future. John needs something of the heart: the folding of the garments that he had two days earlier folded over the dead body of his beloved.

Our souls are triggered by the Lord in various ways. One of those ways, which we highlight today, is the way of Magdalene: voice. "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me." The sheep recognize the shepherd by not by the clothes he wears or the staff in his hand. It is his voice. His voice that calls the sheep by name, lovingly and confidently. When Jesus speaks to us, we follow.

If we are called to be like Christ, called to be good shepherds, then we are called to speak like Christ. We are to know the names of the people in our lives. When we call their names, we are to do so with a power and love that Jesus called to Mary.

Directed Prayer: Jesus, you gently and confidently speak my name. I listen. I follow. I open my heart to you and love you. Jesus. I speak your

name. I speak the names of the people in my life (name them). May they be set free.

## Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"  
Luke 24:32

The disciples on the road to Emmaus had Christ in their midst but they did not see him. "Their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." They were too focused on the past--why had this had happened? They were too focused on the future--what will this mean?

When we are pulled away from the present moment, we miss the risen Lord.

"What are you discussing as you walk along?" Jesus asked Cleopas and his companion. It is the same question Jesus asked the apostles when they were debating among themselves who was the greatest in the kingdom of God. The apostles were similarly out of the present moment.

We stay grounded in the here and now because the moment is actual union with God. He is before us, and he wants an exchange of love to occur. If we are thinking about the past or future our eyes and heart are elsewhere. Right now Christ wants to show us he is faithful and caring and proud of us. "Today you will be with me in paradise," he told the good thief.

At Emmaus the disciples' eyes are opened for a split second when they receive the broken and blessed bread from Christ. That's all they needed, and they never again had downcast eyes.

Directed Prayer: Jesus, I acknowledge my past and my hopes for the future. I know you affirm me. But you invite me to let go of the burden. Right now, with you before me, is lovely, and that is where you invite me to remain.

## Thursday in the Octave of Easter

"Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."  
Luke 24:44

According to the Scriptures. It's a phrase we encounter often, be it in the Scriptures or in the Creed we say at Mass ("He rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures"). Everything is part of a plan. Nothing is arbitrary or random. Not that we are determined and fatalistic, but, rather, that God has beautifully orchestrated every moment of our lives.

When Christ appeared to the apostles after the Resurrection, he explained to them the Scriptures. It might have appeared incredibly



desolate when Peter denied Jesus or when Jesus was abandoned on the cross, but all of that was needed to make the beautiful harmony.

The story is not over. We are living in the existing edifice built from the blue-print of the Bible. Each season of Easter Christ comes to us and opens our minds a little more to receive this cosmic symphony and invite others to hear it.

There was a loud thunder clap when God appeared before Moses on Mount Sinai. It painfully shook the ears of those hearing. Now God provides a string quartet to soothe our heart.

Directed Prayer: Lord, my mistakes from the past and my weaknesses right now I bring before you. They are painful, but you tell me that you have blessed and anointed them. May I hear the beautiful music you are producing with my life and the lives of those around me.

### Friday in the Octave of Easter

“When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.”  
John 21:7

Why did Peter jump into the sea? Was it for a good reason or a bad reason?

If we are to spin it positively, then we would say Peter jumped into the sea because he was eager to be near the Lord. It was why he ran to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. Perhaps now Peter thought he could run on water to Jesus, as he had walked earlier toward the Lord in the midst of the storm.

If we are to take the negative spin, then we would say Peter jumped into the sea because he was eager to turn away from the Lord. Just as he had once told the Lord at the initial catch of faith, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man,” now Peter was once again ashamed of his sinfulness. He ran away from the Lord like he ran away from Calvary after he had denied Jesus.

Maybe there was a little bit of both good and bad in Peter, both a turning towards and turning away from the Lord. Perhaps it is the same for us, we who would both run towards and run away from Jesus.

Either way, Christ will be waiting for us on the shore. He will be with a fire to dry and warm us, and set us on our way.

Directed Prayer: Lord, I love you. I don’t understand all that is my heart. There are parts of me I can’t fix, parts of me that lead me away from you. But I love you all the same, and I know you are patient with me. When I jump into the water in prayer today, please cleanse me and make me a new person, one who trusts entirely in your mercy.

### Saturday in the Octave of Easter

“He appeared to them and rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed those who saw him after he had been raised.”  
Mark 16:14

To believe in the resurrection we have to want to believe in it. We have to want Jesus to be alive. We have to want our relationship with Jesus to continue and progress. Part of the reason for the apostles’ unbelief with the news of the resurrection was their initial lack of desire to want. If we want something, it will happen. We will believe and it will be true. The apostles thought the life of Jesus was over. Their three-year run with the Lord, while enjoyable, had come to an end and it was time to move on to something else. When they hear this might not be the case, they are reticent to believe. They have moved on in their hearts. Jesus will have to refashion their hearts and give them a second calling. “Follow me” becomes “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

Each of us are in need of an experience of the resurrection. A part of our lives that is fallen needs to be raised up. But do we want it? If we do, the resurrection will come.

Each of us know someone who needs to be resurrected. Each of us has someone with whom we struggle. If we believe that they too can be raised, and that we can live in love and peace with this person, then that individual will be raised up. The empty tomb is waiting for us.

Directed Prayer: Mary, give me the desire to want the resurrection. Pray that I may let go of my need for comfort and go out to the margins. Make my heart receptive as yours was. Holy Spirit, rush into me and raise me up.



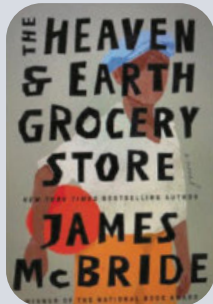
**BOOK CLUB**

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH

7:30 pm

Parish Life Center AB Room

Please join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride



## SPC SCHOOL KID'S SUMMER CAMP IS ALMOST HERE

Our summer camp schedule is as follows:

JUNE 10-14

JUNE 17-21

JUNE 24-28

VISIT: <https://www.spc-school.net/parents/summer-camp> TO LEARN MORE.

## IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR EASTER DONATION!

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# Disciples in Mission Seeks Your Help with Refugees

Disciples in Mission is partnering with Exodus World Service to sponsor an event to support refugees arriving to the Chicagoland area and ready for placement into a permanent home. We will collect items that are generally needed when a family establishes a home for the first time, a “Welcome to America” Package. You can assist us in one of 2 ways:

1. Purchase items from a pre-defined Amazon “Welcome to America” Registry List or
2. Make a financial donation for the purchase of items.

If you are interested, we invite you to read further for additional details.

## Who is a Refugee?

A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave his/her homeland and is unable to return because she or he has experienced persecution or has a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution can be related to race, nationality, religion, political opinions, or membership in a particular social group. After seeking refuge in a second country (not the United States), refugees apply to be resettled in a third country. Refugees are approved by a country for residency status and are to be differentiated from asylum seekers, migrants, humanitarian parolees, immigrants, or unauthorized immigrants.

## Who is Exodus World Service?

Exodus’ mission is to mobilize the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees, believing it is God’s call to welcome refugees. They partner with agencies who help refugees resettle in the United States so they can connect our new neighbors, who have been vetted and invited by the U.S. government, with caring volunteers.

## How Can You Help?

Purchase an Item from the “Welcome to America” Amazon Registry List or Make a Financial Donation to the Disciples in Mission Fund. Access the “Welcome to America” Amazon Registry List @ <https://tinyurl.com/Disciples-In-Mission-Registry> or scan the QR code here. **Purchase your items, have them delivered to your home, and drop them off at the St. Paul of the Cross Campus Kinane Center (Building C), at 215 Ridge Terrace on Sunday, April 14 between the hours 8:30 - 11:30 AM.** Financial donations will be accepted through April 21, 2024 and can be made on the Amazon Registry, as a selection item in the registry. If you prefer to make a cash donation, you may send a check to the Rectory with the designation, Disciples in Mission Refugee Fund.



## What will we do with your donations?

Volunteers use financial donations to purchase items not purchased from the Amazon Registry. Exodus World Service will notify Disciples in Mission when a refugee family is to arrive. Volunteers will deliver the items and stage them, greet the family when they arrive to their new home, and welcome them to their new country.

Disciples in Mission asks that you pray for resolution to the conflicts creating a need for refugee services and would like to thank you for considering a donation to this cause and reading all the way to the end!

*Disciples in Mission is a collaboration between Immaculate Conception, Mary Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Ransom, St Julianna, and St Paul of the Cross to provide services to those in need within our communities. **Inquiries can be made to: [disciplesinmission@spc-church.org](mailto:disciplesinmission@spc-church.org)***



# Social Service Ministry Corner

## THANK YOU MARGARET!



Special honor and many thanks to Margaret Teich, who recently announced she is retiring as the leader of SPC's **Bereavement Ministry**. She will continue to serve as a bereavement minister, but will hand over the leadership role to her colleague, Kathy Jarosch effective April 15, 2024.

As one of the first at St. Paul of the Cross to be in contact with a family who has lost a loved one, Margaret has spent over 25 years praying with and consoling families while helping them plan a funeral liturgy. Over the years, her leadership role extended to performing many administrative responsibilities that helped grow and refine SPC's bereavement ministry program. Thank you, Margaret, for your dedication, commitment and leadership!

## THE MINISTRY OF CARE



The Ministry of Care is an active ministry at St. Paul of the Cross with more than twenty friendly volunteers ready to bring Communion to parishioners at home. Whether you reside in a house, apartment or senior living community, they are happy to work with your schedule and bring Communion to you. The relationship can be short term or long term; either way participating will make you feel more connected to the St. Paul of the Cross Community.

For more information or to request a visit, please contact Ann Vidovic, our coordinator and lead for this ministry at [viddesign4@gmail.com](mailto:viddesign4@gmail.com) or (224)436-4646.

God Bless You!  
Leni Duffy, SSM Director

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## PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

- \* Crackers
- \* Cookies
- \* Strawberry jelly
- \* Shampoo (no bottles of conditioner-only please)  
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When: June 17 through June 21 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: St. Paul of the Cross Campus

Cost: This adventure is \$65 for one child / \$95 for two children / \$105 for three or more children

Who: Students entering 4 year old Preschool through 5th grade this coming school year 2024-2025

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## Archive Corner with Mark Miller

The recent movie about Mother Cabrini has sparked interest in the first American Saint and her connection to Saint Paul of the Cross. The Archive Corner would like to offer a 2-part series on her. This week we will share this amended article and photo that appeared in the 50th Anniversary celebration.

One of the greatest Heroines of Christianity is Sister Francis Xavier Cabrini who became the first United States citizen to be canonized on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1948. Born in Lombardy on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1850, she formed the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and in 1889 came to the United States. Her Accomplishments are well-known: the establishment of schools, hospitals, and orphanages in different parts of the world. The Columbus Hospital in Chicago was a monument to her work. It was little known that she was a parishioner of Saint Paul of the Cross and worshipped in our first Church many times. She purchased land on Northwest Highway between Potter and Oakton. There she established a Farm where she along with other Nuns would work to provide fresh vegetables for the sisters and patients at the Hospital. Many of our first Parishioners would tell of her visits to their homes and they marveled at her charm and honesty, serious and industrious Character. Mother Cabrini passed away on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1917. To find out more about her life go to the Arch Diocese website and search Mother Cabrini.



# Kid's Corner

## GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE B



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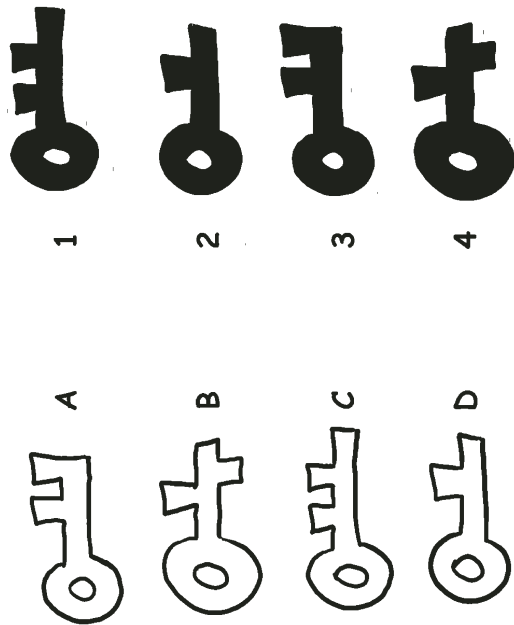
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31

### PUZZLE

Find the matching shadow.



### MISSION

I will ask Jesus to help me and my family when we are afraid.

# Ministry Corner

## The Young Adults Ministry



“The Young Adults Ministry nourishes and supports the spiritual growth and personal balance of people in their 20s and 30s (married or single) by fostering relationships, serving God and others, and exploring their faith journey.

The group typically meets once a month, on a Friday at 6:30pm in the Kinane Center. During the Summer the meetings are usually more frequent and on different days of the week. The group gatherings include having food, refreshments, time to socialize as well as time to pray, reflect and have open discussions. We also organize a few larger events during the year in coordination with other young adult groups from the nearby parishes, the archdiocese and beyond.

We would love to have you join the group and attend one of our gatherings. If you would like to learn more, please email [beshare@hotmail.com](mailto:beshare@hotmail.com)

Yours in Christ,

*Beshar Bahjat*

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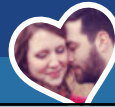


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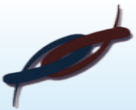
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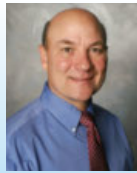
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(Upper Church)

Monday through Friday 6:25 am - 8:30 am\*  
Saturday 8:30 am\* - daily Mass  
4:30 pm\* - vigil  
Sunday 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
10:30 am\*  
12:00 pm

\* Livestreamed services. Our 10:30 am Sunday Mass is also simulcast to our Upper Church vestibule and Holy Family Chapel

**MONTHLY FAMILY MASS**

(Holy Family Chapel)

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

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(Upper Church)

Sunday, May 19th, 2024 12:00 pm

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Friday and Saturday

Call rectory office at least 6 months in advance

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Saturday and Sunday

If this is your first child, baptism prep class is required and provided on the fourth Thursday every month at 7:00 pm. Please contact the parish office at 847-825-7605 to register.

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