



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, “Peace be with you,” that’s the sort of peace he’s talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God’s love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it’s genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that’s God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it’s not easy to know if that’s God’s peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you’re at peace when everything else around you is not, that’s when you know it’s the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?



Jesus asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43



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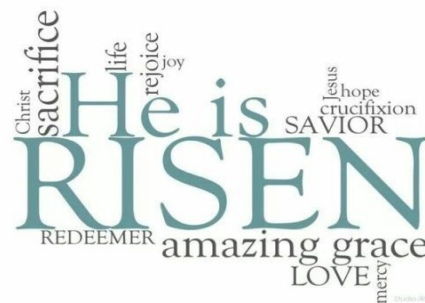
Confessions: Saturday at 5:30pm or by appointment

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. April 13th	6:30pm	+ William DeSilva Sr.
Sun. April 14th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	+ John Amaral Sr, Jose Cunha, Jeremias Baganha, Miguel Baganha, & Antonio Mansinho
	11:30 am	+ Theresa & Joe DeCouto
	6:00 pm	+ Erlinda Patricio Placedes
Mon. APR 15th	7:30am	+ Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes, & Maria Encaracao Martins
Tues. APR 16th	7:30am	+ Doris & Albert Ramsay
Wed. APR 17th	7:30am	+ Aniceto Lazaro (Birthday in Heaven)
	12:10pm	+ Antonio & Deolinda Carvalho, Maria Ruggiero & Vito Lovecchio
Thurs APR 18th	7:30am	+ Maria Stella Raynaldo
	12:10pm	+ Maria de Fatima & Adelino de Sa Medeiros
Fri. APR 19th	7:30am	+ Chris Whetherhill
	12:10pm	+ Fr. Julio Blazejewski CR
Sat. APR 20th	6:30pm	+ Jeffrey Mark Medeiros & Joao Veloso
Sun. APR 21st (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Josephine Iannacci
	10:00am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz
	11:30am	+ St. Theresa's Parish Family
	6:00pm	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: April 20th & 21st, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	L. Scarth	V. Turner	B. Mandocdoc
Communion	C. Johnson	E. Cabral	J. Alcantara	Volunteers
Ministers:	J. Judd	H. Cabral	A. Cannonier	Needed
Song Leaders:	D. Mutch	F. Wohlmuth	M. Gravito	Edz Cabral

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060-482732100 and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. Thank you for your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral.

FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7PM 1st Friday of the month (usually)

St. Joseph's Church

11AM 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7PM Last Wednesday of the month

LECTIO DIVINA: Monday evenings at 7pm online via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9:00am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – 10:00am - Benediction




WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure		
	Date	Actual
Collection:	Apr. 6th /7th	\$4,100.00
Electronic offering:	April 6th/7th	\$1,310.00
To Date:	Week 15	\$110,541.00

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
April 7th-13th, 2024
Donation Given for
Two 7-Day Votive Candles And 2 Roses
In Memory of Fr. Charles Schoenbaechler, CR

HOLY IMPORTANT DATE:



Please be aware that on Sunday, 28th of April, during the 11:30am Mass, six children of our Parish will receive their First Holy Communion.

It means that the front pews in the church will be reserved for them and their families.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

As Bishop Wes will be away attending the Annual Plenary Meeting of the Antilles Episcopal Conference, there will be **NO** Portuguese Masses at St. Theresa's on **Saturday, April 13th and 20th**, nor at St. Patrick's on **Wednesday, April 17th**.

The Portuguese Mass on Sunday, April 14th and 21st, will be a "hybrid" English-Portuguese Mass.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BINGO!

Sunday, April 28th, 2024 3-5PM

Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses from St. Patrick's Parish Council Members.

Desserts, Tea & Coffee will be served.

Soda and water will be available for sale.

\$5.00 per ticket (includes ONE Bingo Card)



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

Please stop by and see their many selections for gifts and, or personal mementos.

Do support our little Gift Shop!

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

It was supposed to be called "Al di là di ogni circostanza" (Beyond any Circumstance) to emphasize the fact that, for the Catholic Church, every man, woman, child, in any culture or condition of life, is "created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed in Jesus Christ" and is the bearer of his or her own "inalienable dignity." Instead, the title "Dignitas Infinita" was chosen for the document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published on Monday, April 8, 2024, after five years of work, to re-launch in a more direct manner the always impactful message of Christianity, namely that "God loves everyone... with infinite love. "For the Church, "the primary right is the original one: the right to life." So the Church "insists that the dignity of every human person, precisely because it is intrinsic, remains "in all circumstances. The recognition of this dignity cannot be contingent upon a judgment about the person's ability to understand and act freely; otherwise, it would not be inherent in the person, independent of the individual's situation, and thus deserving unconditional respect."

Pope Francis expressly asked the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith to focus on several areas; in fact, the document highlights topics closely connected to the theme of dignity, such as poverty, war, the situation of migrants, violence against women, human trafficking, abortion, marginalization of those experiencing physical or mental limitations, surrogacy, euthanasia, gender theory, sexual orientation and digital violence.

As the document notes, the very idea of human dignity "helps to overcome the narrow perspective of a self-referential and individualistic freedom that claims to create its own values regardless of the objective norms of the good and of our relationship with other living beings."

For the official text, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3uy9hwru>

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes



Congratulations to **Mikre Zeidan Cadangan Pace**, son of Mikre & Michelle Pace, who is being baptized this Sunday, April 14th, 2024.

Welcome to the Church Family!

Also, we extend our sincere condolences to the families of the late **Marco Montarsolo** and **Michael Martin Jacques** who's funerals were this past week, and a Funeral mass for **Mr. & Mrs. Gil DeSouza and William Baum**, who passed away in the states.

May they all rest in peace with the angels!

Dear Padre,

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

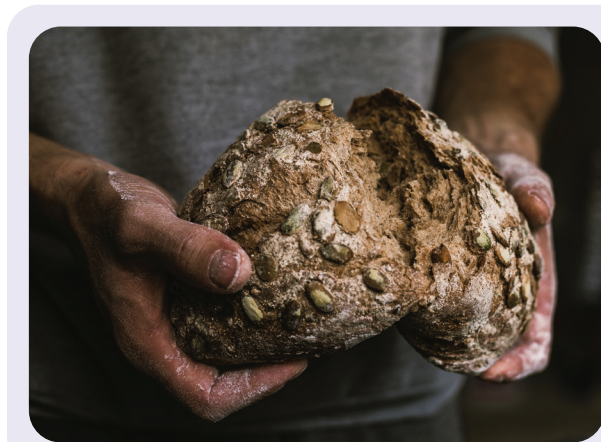
Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 4:8–12
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	1 Jn 3:1–2
						Jn 10:11–18



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration. How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021

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