



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.

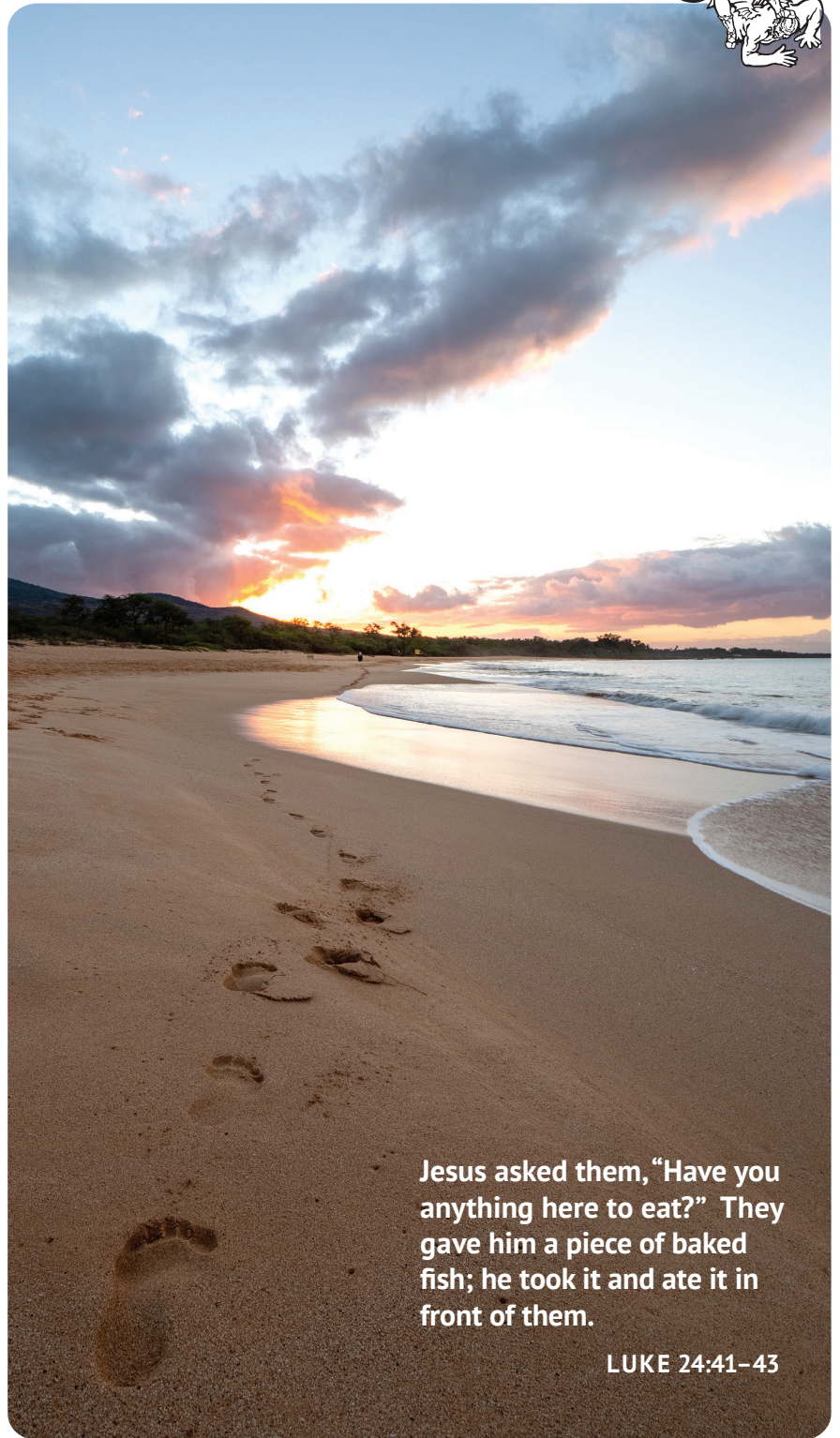
Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without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

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MINISTRIES ...

April 13/14th - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Alberta Canonair
10:15AM Lector: LaVerne Lau EM: Pat Robinson
 Collection: The Almeidas

April 20/21st - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Y

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Peter Marsh
10:15 AM
AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: Madelena Almeida
 Collection: Karen Marsh

MASS INTENTIONS ...

April 13/14th - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Veronica & Herman Tucker ++
10:15AM The Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

April 20/21st - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Manuel & Maria Soares Moura ++
 Sons & Daughter ++
10:15AM The Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

*You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at
 St. Theresa's - 7:30AM Mon.-Fri.*

St. Anthony's - 8:00AM Tues.-Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00AM Mon.-Fri.

ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page



April 6/7th Collection: \$624.00

Votives: \$6.00

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
 to St. Michael's Church's

BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

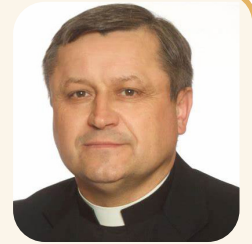
YOUR Weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction is appreciated.

When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction.

Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.



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!

Wes J. Swales

Bishop Wes



COLLECT -

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 4:2, 4 7-9

Refrain: Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer! **(R)**

Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one;
the Lord will hear me when I call upon him. **(R)**

O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart. **(R)**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O Lord,
bring security to my dwelling. **(R)**

SECOND READING – 1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit

sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us. *Cf. Lk 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 24:35-48

The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he 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.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Dear Padre,

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

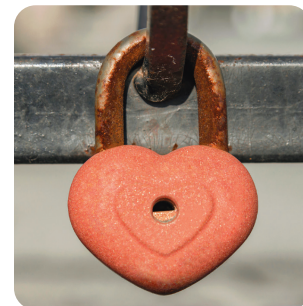
“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

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 wellbeing 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. ●



Around the Diocese . . .

- **ST. THERESA'S 12:10 MASS** is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Come join us.
- **ST. PATRICK'S:** The Rosary takes place every Wednesday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome.
- **ST JOSEPH'S FILIPINO MASS** is celebrated by Fr. Dandy on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 11:00am.
- **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** Opening hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.
- **LECTIO DIVINA** takes place every Monday evening at 7pm via Zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.
- **PORTUGUESE MASSES** 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



\$5 per ticket
Includes One Bingo Card

Sunday, April 28th,
from 3pm - 5pm
at St. Patrick's Church

Call St. Patrick's
T: 236-9866
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EVENTS in our Catholic community...

- 5th of May, Sunday: 1:30pm - Senhor Santo Cristo Feast at St. Theresa's
- 13th of May, Monday: 7:00pm - Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's
- 19th of May, Sunday: 2:00pm - Confirmation Mass at St. Theresa's
- 12th of June, Wednesday: 57th Anniversary of the Establishment of our Diocese
- 13th of June, Thursday: St. Anthony's Parish Liturgical Feast

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

Our Parish News . . .

➤ **EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY** each Tuesday, at 3pm. All are welcome.

MASS schedule change for the western parishes...

Dear Friends,

For the coming two weekends, **13th/14th of April and 20th/21st of April**, the Parishes of St. Joseph's,

St. Anthony's and St. Michael's will observe the following Mass schedule:

St. Joseph's - Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 8:45am

St. Anthony's - Saturday 6:15pm, Sunday 11:30am

St. Michael's - Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 10:15am

The weekday Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church from Tuesday to Friday at 8:15am.

For the anointing of the sick at home or an in hospital emergency please call the Chancery (232-4414), or the Bishop's House (238-2232). For funerals please contact Fr. Joe Morley (705-0236).

When I am back from the Annual Plenary Meeting of our Conference of Bishops, further administrative solutions will be decided.

May God bless us all with peace and grace.

Bishop Wes



The Food Pantry's Clare Mello has provided their food list, and is very grateful for any parish initiatives, and product which our parishioners can afford for them to keep pace with existing demand, which is expected to grow in the foreseeable future.

Please see the list below of items they require to help those who are in most need. **TEDS are open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10-2; and on Saturday 10-12:30 to drop off your donation.**

TEDS are located at 64 Middle Road, Warwick. The white building, adjacent to the PHC gas station, ask for Clare Mello.

TEDS Food List 2024:

Regular Food Items

- Flour
- Sugar
- Vegetable Oil
- Olive Oil
- Broth
- Canned beans
- Dried beans
- Canned fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups
- Spaghetti O's
- Ravioli
- Apple sauce
- Salt & Pepper
- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Tea
- Instant coffee
- Powdered milk
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Corned Beef
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Pop Tarts
- Other non-perishable items**

Mayonnaise

- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Relish

Nonfood items

- Tin Foil
- Dishwashing liquid
- Hand and Body soap
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper (4 & 8 pack)
- Paper towel
- Toothpaste
- Disposable Razors
- Laundry detergent tabs

*** TEDS will accept donations from companies' community organizations and individuals providing they are non-perishable, in good condition and can be safely consumed. We will NOT accept items that have exceeded the expiry date or that are damaged or incorrectly packaged.*

ANYTHING you can provide is gratefully appreciated.