



Third Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

— Revelation 5:12

GOD’S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS

The superabundance of God’s kindness ties all of today’s readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today’s Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—“everything in the universe”—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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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.

Reflection question:

What does it mean to me to have hope in the Resurrection?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

LAST CALL: Recycling old palms:

Please bring back to church next week any blessed palms you might have at home from prior years. They will be recycled into holy ashes for 2023. Thank you!

Finance Corner: Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of April/May offerings: PLEASE put in Mass collection basket or mail to St. Philip/St.

Teresa Parish, P. O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465.

Or donate at our website www.stphilipstteresa.org via Paypal or card. Please include your offering envelope # [if you have one] with your donation. **4/24: 1st col: \$2076. 2nd col: \$1326.**

5/01: Catholic Home Missions. 5/08: Operating Expenses.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council [PC]: TBA

Finance Council [FC]: TBA

Liturgy Committee [LC]: TBA

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022

4/30 Sat.	5:00pm ✠ Ernest Hansen
5/01 Sun.	8am Mass ✠ Joel Bartlett
5/01 Sun.	9:30am Mass for the People
5/01 Sun.	11:15am Mass ✠ Charles Papke
5/07 Sat.	5:00pm ✠ Brendan Smith
5/08 Sun.	8am Mass John Geving
5/08 Sun.	9:30am Mass for the People
5/08 Sun.	11:15am Mass ✠ Lucille Munson

Prayer Requests: Please leave a message at 707-408-2650.

Robert S., Britney N., Chuck, Rebecca A., April K., Leo A., Ed C. family, Kathy R., Donna W., Sherry S., Gail F., Marie N., Christine, James G., Gary S., Peter R., Gerry N., Diane K., River M.; Nikkie; Mr. C., Michelle, Christian A., Peter B Samantha S., Gary E., Frederick Kasl, John Geving, Arnie, Reece, Liz

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Athanasius
Tuesday:	Ss. Philip and James
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Picnic returns on Saturday, **August 6, 2022**. Join us for barbecue, games and a chance to re-connect with friends. Hope to see you there!



NECESSARY

Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it. —St. Bernard

BETTER THAN MIRACLES

Suffering out of love of God is better than working miracles. —St. John of the Cross



RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for APRIL 2022

On Tuesday, April 12, forty-seven families, (118 individuals) were welcomed to our distribution and selected fresh produce, milk, eggs, poultry, beef, fish or vegetarian items, commodities, snacks and bread. All who are in need are welcome to receive nutritional support from our Program. One of our clients provided colorful hand crocheted caps which were offered to all clients during the very chilly morning.

Filled Easter eggs were offered by Volunteers to every client to share with their family. Our volunteers even found time to help with the weeding in the hall parking lot. What an amazing group!

We have opened the hall to in-person shopping for our clients who can choose specific foods from our program for their families. It also allows volunteers and clients to re connect post pandemic.

If you are aware of a family which needs nutritional assistance, please let them know about our program. Leave a message at the parish office, (707) 408-2650 to get a call back with additional information and to answer your questions.

This program is funded through monthly Rural Food Collection, private donations and the dedicated, awesome volunteers. Thank you for your generous donations as we strive to meet the nutritional needs of all attendees at our food distributions.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the Parish Hall and parking area: Saturday, May 7, 9-10:00am repackaging; Monday, May 9, 9:00 – 11:00am set up and Tuesday, May 10, 7:30a – 11:00am to distribute food to clients.

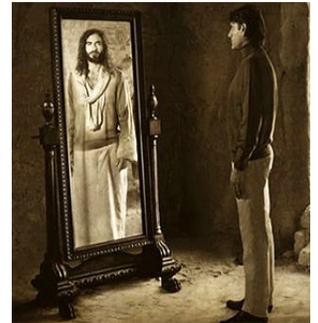
At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face . . .

That's a familiar quote from a Letter of St. Paul that occasions our imagining today's Gospel reading as a mirror in which we may find our own face reflected in those of the actual characters in the story. Your reflection may be hard to perceive but the text demands that you make the effort – to catch a glimpse of who you *truly* are and what's been happening to you. And so to demonstrate what I mean, I choose to be Simon Peter, trying to get away from whatever my complicity in Christ's death may have been by spending a whole night lowering my nets into empty waters and coming up with no consolation whatsoever.

And yet now the sun begins to rise and my eyes catch sight of someone standing on the nearby shore – the current horizon of my life. Someone – not clearly visible but vocal, who calls, "*Have you caught anything to eat – any nourishment from your labor?*" And when I say "No" I am told by this stranger to cast my net to the alternative side of my boat – the deeper side out of which I find myself almost pulled overboard into the deep myself – what with the wealth of hope, of anticipation, of "sunrise" I experience.

And what dawns on me is that death is somehow not terminal, that so much of life can be drawn out of that deep, deep sea of Being! Seeing what I see, who that stranger is more clearly, I am ready to dive overboard, to swim a great distance to reach that unusual shore. To experience what? Breakfast – the breaking of my fast, feeling no longer so lonely but experiencing sociability as carefree and yet as caring as a picnic on a beach – an end to starving myself amid a complex world of frantic consumerism - but rather a world of gracious table manners within a cordially grounded community - no more discrimination.

All of which leads to the *pièce de resistance*: the revelation of that fundamental attribute of the Source of this universe; namely Love as what nourishes fullness of life – explosive of tombs that would bury us alive. And how does the risen Christ reveal this reality called Love? By way of a persistent interrogation: *Simon . . . Do you love me? and again, Simon, Do you love me? and again, Do you love me?*



And why does this risen Jesus ask me three times? Well, for one thing: his insistence requires that I too insist in my response – that I declare ever more strongly my commitment to love -- that my faith no longer be mere lip service but resolute; that whereas when I was young I did whatever I pleased, henceforth I will stretch out my hands to be drawn into places, towards needs with which I would have once hesitated to be involved.

Which reminds me of the night when Jesus bent down to wash our feet – when he knew already that I would deny him three times to save my "life" – which I did - but who, upon this Sunday's threefold interrogation *Do you love me?* I am ready to reverse that dire prediction an equivalent three times!

-Geoff Wood, 5/01/2022