

Pastor's Corner cont'd.

Emmaus: Even *after* some of these reports, these two disciples betray an ironic motive for their hopelessness: now that Jesus is dead, he can't redeem Israel. The tomb is empty, but this is just a frightening twist to the story, not a cause of hope. Christ says to them: "*O foolish and slow of heart to believe in all things which the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded to them in all the scriptures, the things that were concerning him,*" (Lk:24.25). As a result of this speech, their hearts "burned" within them, but they still didn't recognize him, nor did they believe.

Our Lord appeared to all the apostles together who remained "unbelieving" so he ate broiled fish and honeycomb in their presence to prove he wasn't a ghost, (Lk.24.42).

St. Mark reports that Jesus "upbraided their incredulity and hardness of heart" who did not believe even after the reports of those who had seen Him alive! (Mk:16.14).

I'm sure that if we had been present, we would have anticipated and believed in the resurrection with no hesitation whatsoever, right? Pride makes us say so. How can someone believe the unbelievable? That's the Christian life--believing the impossible, daily. Next week we will look at HOW the believers came to believe the unbelievable--and HOW it can be RATIONAL to do so.

God love you,

Fr. Novokowsky

Demonstrative Prayer

Join fellow pro-life Catholics each 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 9 - 10 am to pray the Rosary at the abortion mill at Boulevard and Grove in Richmond. For additional information, call Patrick Latimer at 262-7628.

Want to Receive Electronic Notices?

Please create an account on our website www.stjosephrichmond.org. If you create an account, you will receive the parish bulletin by email each week, and the occasional, important email notice from the parish office. Thank you.

Baby Bottles Collection

For the Chesterfield Pregnancy Center, the American Heritage Girls will be collecting baby bottles after **both** Masses on April 12 and 26. Please look for an AHG girl in uniform and hand her your bottle. We need the empty bottles too! Thank you!

*"Jesus, I trust in you,
have mercy upon us
and upon the whole
world."*

(St. Pope J.P. II)



April 12, 2015

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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday	8:30 am (Low)	11 am (High)
Monday	9 am	
Tuesday	9 am	
Wednesday	7 am &	6 pm
Thursday	7 am & 9 am	
Friday	7 am &	6 pm
Saturday	7 am & 9 am	

- ◆ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**
- ◆ When one priest is travelling, the earlier weekday Mass is cancelled
- ◆ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses**
Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am
- ◆ Novena & Benediction Wednesday evening
- ◆ **Holy Days:** look for announcement
- ◆ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm
- ◆ Other Sacraments: please call the office

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday April 12	Divine Mercy Sunday (1st Cl.) 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Charles McChesney
Monday April 13	St. Hermenegild (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Patricia Stolle +
Tuesday April 14	St. Justin (3rd Cl.) 8:00 am Fr. David McGuire
Wednesday April 15	Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.) 8:00 am John Palm
Thursday April 16	Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.) 6:00 pm James & Helen Bowles +
Friday April 17	Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Yolanda Savelli
Saturday April 18	Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Anne-Marie Beauchesne
Sunday April 19	Second Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.) 8:30 am Georgette Cote 11:00 am Pro Populo
Monday April 20	Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.) 9:00 am Thomas D. Stacy +
Tuesday April 21	St. Anselm (3rd Cl.) 9:00 am Edward R. Ettner, Sr.
Wednesday April 22	Ss. Soter & Caius (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Carol Seward
Thursday April 23	Feria in Paschaltide (4th Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Richard Martin +
Friday April 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (3rd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Charles Anthony Duerbeck, Jr. +
Saturday April 25	St. Mark (2nd Cl.) 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Matthew Brandt +



Indicates a change to the normal Mass schedule

PRAYER LIST

Abigail Maria, John Dickson, Alan Craig, Richard Liberatore, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, Edward Horgan, Jr., Joe Guerrero, Bill Campbell, Cathy Dickson, Richard Baker, Brendan McGuire, Nora Dogoptoglon, Harriet & John McGuire, Sarah Von Bank, Sarah Crawford, Tom Mitchell, Lou Ulliano, Sandra Buckles, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, James Eliasek IV, Bernice Nestor, Karen Haley, Thomas Benedict Noble

*In your charity, please remember
all the souls of the faithful departed.
May they rest in peace.*

Mass Schedule Changes this week
Both priests will be travelling starting after the 7:00am Mass on Monday, April 13th. Fr. Joseph Mary will offer Mass here on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00am. Please note also there is only one Mass on Thursday at 6:00pm.

Religious Education

No Regular classes today. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 19th at 9:45am. Confirmation class (**for Confirmandi only**) will be held **today** Sunday, April 12th at 9:45am.

Confirmation Details

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on **Saturday, April 18th** at 10:00am at St. Benedict's Church in Chesapeake VA by His Excellency Bishop DiLorenzo for both St. Benedict and St. Joseph confirmandi. Please come to show your support for the Holy Sacrament.

Upcoming Events

April 12 Divine Mercy Devotions
April 15-16 Office Closed (Wed., Thurs.)
April 18 Confirmation at St. Benedict's in Chesapeake Mass 9 am, Confirmation at 11 am.
May 3 First Holy Communion & May Crowning

Divine Mercy Sunday



We will have a program of prayer **today** in celebration of the Divine Mercy. Blessing of the Divine Image at 1:00 pm; followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Singing of the Divine mercy Chaplet; Benediction at 2:30 pm; followed by the veneration of our image of the Divine Mercy. Confession available during adoration time. Richly indulgenced. Mercy is a complement of the Easter mysteries of Jesus Christ, a motive for His self donation. The chaplet renews the offering of the Mass itself.

Offertory Collections

Sunday April 5, 2015

1st Collection (Operations): \$ 10,284
Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 6,500
Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,564

2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 1,882
Holy Thursday Collection: \$ 899
Good Friday Collection: \$ 1,779

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Dear Parishioners,

The 4 resurrection accounts make it very clear that NO ONE anticipated the resurrection. (Since the gospels don't mention the Bl. Virgin Mary, she's excluded here.) It is also clear that our Lord expected them to anticipate and believe it. It is useful not to gloss over the very tangible unbelief of all the disciples; that's what we'll look at today.

A group of women, St. Luke tells us, had been present at the sepulcher when the body of our Lord was laid there. They had prepared the burial spices, but had to rest on Friday evening when the Sabbath rest began. They returned to the sepulcher--with their spices--at the first opportunity, that is, very early Sunday Morning. Did the women *expect* the resurrection? No! They expected to anoint the Lord's dead body. The women find instead the great stone rolled back, an empty tomb, and two men in shining apparel. The angels say, "*Why seek you the living and the dead? He is not here, but is risen. Remember how he spoke unto you, when he was yet in Galilee, saying: The son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words.*" (Lk:24.5-8) So the women finally believe, right? No, but they do as they are bidden and run to tell the apostles their story.

Mary Magdalene is the one to speak to Peter. What report does she give? "*They have taken his body out of the sepulcher and we know not where they have laid him,*" (Jn:20.2). She's reporting a grave robber. The other women recount their story to the other men who remained unmoved: "*And these words seemed to them as idle tales, and they did not believe them,*" (Lk:24.11).

Peter and John run to the reputedly empty sepulcher. They don't see any angels, but they do see the burial clothes. John tells us that he himself believes, but doesn't include Peter in that belief (Jn:20.8) seeming to explain that unbelief by ignorance of the prophecies: "*For as yet they knew not the scripture that he must rise again from the dead,*" (Jn:20.9).

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