

— Pastor's Corner Cont'd

4. So, on what RATIONAL basis did our Lord expect the disciples to believe? It was reasonable, because He, the One who raised Lazarus from the dead, as well as many other miracles, predicted it. It was no quiet prediction. Even his enemies gave witness to His prediction, albeit slightly mangled: "We heard him say, I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another not made with hands," (Mk 14:58). *"These are the words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you,"* (Lk 24:44). Had they been listening? It wasn't supposed to be a surprise.

In addition, he reminded them that others had predicted it, many years in advance. He said, *"that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then he opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures And he said to them: Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead, the third day,"* (Lk:24.44-46).

Do WE know these passages from the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms? Hmm...

God love you, —Fr. Novokowsky

**Baby Bottles Collection TODAY**

The American Heritage Girls will be collecting the bottles today. Look for a girl in uniform. Thank you on behalf of the Chesterfield Pregnancy Center

**Knitting Group**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 8th. Experienced knitters only. For classes, please call 320-2127 to set a time.

**The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter**

Please support the formation of Holy Catholic priests with the priestly vocations assistance campaign. Your contribution is tax-deductible, and 100% of the funds goes directly to support seminarian formation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. For more info, visit the FSSP on the website at [www.fssp.com](http://www.fssp.com) or call 570-842-4000. Envelopes are available in the vestibule and in the Social Room.

**Remember the Unborn**

Join fellow pro-life Catholics each 1st and 3rd Saturday at 9:00 am -10:00 am to pray the Rosary at Boulevard and Grove in Richmond. This is an important witness to the sanctity of human life and can often convince a mother to preserve the life of her child. Many can testify to the efficaciousness of their prayer. Info? call Patrick Latimer at 262-7628.

*"The Lord hath sent redemption to His people."*

(Luke 24:46)



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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 26	<b>Third Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.)</b> 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Betty Rowland
Monday April 27	<b>St. Peter Canisius (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Fr. Robert Novokowsky
Tuesday April 28	<b>St. Paul of the Cross (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Chris Harper
Wednesday April 29	<b>St. Peter of Verona (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Patrick Michel
Thursday April 30	<b>St. Catherine of Verona (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Devassy Koola+
Friday May 1	<b>St. Joseph the Workman (1st Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Lawrence A. Neagle+
Saturday May 2	<b>St. Athanasius (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Carol Gentry
Sunday May 3	<b>Fourth Sunday after Easter (2nd Cl.)</b> 8:30 am James L. Bowker+ 11:00 am Pro Populo
Monday May 4	<b>St. Monica (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Fr. Joseph D'Aurora
Tuesday May 5	<b>St. Pius V (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Harry J. Zilli+
Wednesday May 6	<b>Feria of Paschaltide (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Mark R. Finch+
Thursday May 7	<b>St. Stanislaus (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Mary Alice Hoffman
Friday May 8	<b>Feria of Paschaltide (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 6:00 pm Erick Klieber+
Saturday May 9	<b>St. Gregory Nazianzen (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Celebrant's Intention 9:00 am Richard M. Lewis+



Indicates a change to the normal Mass schedule

**PRAYER LIST**

Dawn Celentano, Abigail Maria Alvey, 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, especially*

*Richard Desimone who died on Wednesday, April 22nd.*

*May he rest in peace.*

*There will be a Requiem Mass for Richard Desimone on Monday, April 27th at 11AM.*

*Viewing beforehand at 10:00 AM and Rosary at 10:30 AM*

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

Envelopes are located outside the parish office door in the Social Room. Masses are generally offered in the order received. A Mass stipend is a gift for the celebrating priest and forms part of your participation in the sacrifice. The Diocese of Richmond suggests a stipend of \$10.00 per Mass. While a stipend is not a donation, for our convenience, please make

**Gifts of Altar Flowers**

Please make your request in the notebook (Social Room—Office door.) May we suggest: Main Altar \$45, Side Altars \$25. Envelopes are provided for your use.

**Baccalaureate Mass**

There will be a graduation "Baccalaureate" Mass on Sat. June 6th for any students graduating this year. Please inform the office if you would like to be included in this event.

**Upcoming Events**

- May 1** First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Masses
- May 2** First Saturday Devotions
- May 3** First Holy Communion & May Crowning
- June 6** Baccalaureate Mass
- June 13** Annual Yard Sale

**Religious Education**

Children's Religious Ed continues today at 9:45 am as usual, and continues for the month of May.



**Pancake Breakfast TODAY**

Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast today after both Masses in the Social Room.

**Chocolate, Chocolate TODAY**

The American Heritage Girls will be selling chocolate bars after both Masses today. Please consider buying one for yourself, friend, neighbor, grandchild, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**1st Holy Communion 2015**

On May 3rd, the 1st Sunday of May, we will have this great and holy event.

**High Mass — 11am**

**Rosary Procession to follow**

**May Crowning to follow**

**Parish Pot-Luck Lunch**

We need your help to celebrate this special day. Please sign up on the posters on the window wall outside the social room. All encouraged to attend and celebrate together.

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday April 19, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 5,436
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 6,500
<b>Avg. Weekly Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 6,518</b>
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 714

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Dear Parishioners,**

Two weeks ago we looked at the unanimous unbelief of the disciples. Last week we looked at how they did come to believe, that is, by their personal encounters with the risen Lord. But, it is clear that our Lord EXPECTED His disciples to anticipate his resurrection and believe without them. He called their unbelief "hard-heartedness," (Lk 24:24). Is it REASONABLE for our Lord to expect them to believe in something so out-of-the ordinary? Is it REASONABLE for us to believe?!

1. Let us ask: Is it important to see the reasonableness of our beliefs? Yes, it is vital to see that our faith must be reasonable. Now, some of our faith is *beyond* reason--we call these mysteries. Mysteries do not contradict reason. This is what separates true religion from false. For instance, we don't believe in reincarnation. Why? a) Because it's rejected by the catechism, and b) by an honest, rational, examination we can see no compelling evidence for reincarnation. The best evidence denies it. Therefore, our rejection of reincarnation is consistent with 1) the teaching of the Church, and 2) reason.

2. Was Christ's resurrection unique? What about Lazarus? He was resurrected just 9 days before Jesus. The differences are many: a) Lazarus was raised by another, namely Christ, b) he continued the same life as before, still subject to suffering and death (again), c) he enjoyed no special glorification, and d) his resurrection did not have global significance. Clearly, however, our Lord was foreshadowing his own, and He was also giving rational evidence of his POWER over life and death. On this occasion, the Lord said to Martha: *"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, although he be dead shall live: and everyone that liveth and believeth in me, shall not die for ever,"* (Jn 11:25-26).

3. Why do WE believe in the resurrection of Christ? Firstly, it is taught in the catechism. We believe in the teachings of the Church -- summarized in good catechisms -- because this teaching authority was established by the Savior. This obedience to the Church's teaching authority is itself very reasonable. Secondly, we can come to see that there is real rational evidence to believe it. The best evidence supports its veracity.

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