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May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass

Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm (*ends with Benediction*)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.

Funerals: Call the Parish Office.

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St. Philip Benizi Website: www.philipbenizi.com

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Dear friends in Christ, God's love, mercy, and kindness are indubitable to his sons and daughters. Last Sunday, the church celebrated the solemnity of Divine Mercy. Our reflection on this solemnity of mercy emphasized three things: The need to ask for mercy, to receive it and be merciful to others as God is merciful to us. Additionally, we should cultivate and nurture formidable trust in God's word and promises. The phrase, Jesus, I trust in you, is the signature of the Divine mercy's image; hence, the reflection emphasized on the fact that, trust in God is a veritable ingredient for God's mercy. These three things are necessary and should be the desire of every child of God: to be an authentic disciple of God's mercy.

In addition, the gospel passage of this solemnity revealed the words of the institution of the healing sacrament of reconciliation. Breathing on his disciples, Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:23). We encouraged all, to re-strategize by drawing closer to God so as to benefit from the beautiful sacrament of penance.

As we roll along with the ecstasy of the fifty-day Easter celebrations, we gather on the third Sunday of this joyful season to join in the heavenly banquet of the Holy Mass. Unworthy as we are, we are privileged to partake in this holy sacrifice and sacred meals which even the angels are not permitted to eat. It is a unique favor as mortal beings, to celebrate the Eucharist and receive Jesus in the Holy Communion. In the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." Participation in the Holy sacrifice of the mass and worthy reception of the Holy communion should be the priority of every child of God because the benefits are beyond man's explanation.

The readings of this joyful paschal season are inundated with the risen Christ's revelation to his disciples, and the marvelous deeds accomplished through the power of Christ's resurrection. In today's first reading, the leaders using intimidation, tried to stop the apostles from teaching in Jesus' name. "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." (Acts 5:28). However, filled with the power of the resurrection, Peter and the apostles made it clear that nothing matters except obedience to God. Bearing testimony to God is more imperative than obedience to human authority. God takes the driver's seat, commands, and leads, and we are obliged to obey his orders. In response to their question, the apostles said, "We must obey God rather than men." Their response indicates that nothing would be a stumbling block to their zeal in proclaiming God's name.

Also, they seized that opportunity to bring to their remembrance that they killed Jesus by hanging him on a tree for no justification. Therefore, as Jesus' witnesses, it is the disciples' vocation to make Jesus known. There is no room for indifference in God's business, so no amount of harassment could stop this God-given mandate. Being a disciple is not enjoying a piece of yummy cake and washing it down with one's favorite drink. Instead, it is constantly living a Christ-like life and ready to suffer for the glad tidings despite the opposition and intimidation from antagonists of the gospel. The apostles manifested strong faith and love in God's name by responding, "We must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29).

Today's gospel presents the third manifestation of the risen Lord to his disciples. This revelation happened at the Sea of Tiberias. Still perplexed by the trend of events concerning their Master's unutterable crucifixion and the breaking news about his resurrection, the disciples decided to return to their former profession. Simon Peter led the other six disciples to the Sea of Tiberias to exhibit their prowess in the fishing business. Unfortunately, their expedition this time was disappointing, for they spent the whole night in vain. In the words of the Scripture, "So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing." (John 21:3). As they were savoring their disappointment at dawn, Jesus, who was standing on the shore, caught sight of them; however, none realized it was Jesus. Jesus questioned, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" No, they replied. Jesus immediately mandated them to go back, and following his directives, they were amazed at the number of fish they caught. It was then that John the beloved disciple said to Peter, "It is the Lord. At the request of Jesus, they brought some of the fish to him.

Interestingly, Jesus invited them to have breakfast with him. At the breakfast table, Jesus served them bread and fish. After this memorable gathering, Jesus interrogated Simon Peter to affirm his love and dedication to the mission ahead. Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Do you love me? And three times, Peter answered in the affirmative, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus didn't explain why he repeated the same question three times; however, some commentators have opined that since Peter denied Jesus three times during his trial, he must re-affirm that he truly loved Jesus three times. After Peter proclaims his love for him, one thing stands out: Jesus accepts by adding responsibilities. Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." And "Feed my sheep." *Continued on Page 7*

This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events

Sunday, 5/01/2022

8:00am Mass: +Leo & Jennie Schnack
 (David & Rosalie Swanson)
 10:30am Mass: +Gary Dorfler (Nancy & Larry Carnahan)

Monday, 5/02/2022 Memorial of St. Athanasius

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
 8:00am Mass: +Jack S. (Michelle Harrington)

Tuesday, 5/03/2022 Feast of Sts. Philip and James

6:30pm Mass: +Leta Tlusty (Don & Loretta Payne)
 7:00pm: RICA/Hall

Wednesday, 5/04/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
 8:00am Mass: +Richard Bendit
 (Anna & Jacek Wiktorowicz)

Thursday, 5/05/2022

8:00am: Morning Prayer/Church

8:30am-10:00pm
 Eucharistic Adoration



Friday, 5/06/2022

8:00am: Morning Prayer/Church

Saturday, 5/07/2022

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church
 5:30pm Mass: +Pete & Jean Jenquin
 (Marc & Carol Jenquin)

Sunday, 5/08/2022

8:00am Mass: All parishioners
 10:30am Mass: +Janet Ambrose (Royce Jones)

May 1st: Blood Pressure Readings/Hall 9:15am

May 5th: National Day of Prayer
 "Break – Fast" Potluck 6:15pm/Hall

May 6th: Pick up orders from the Youth Group
 plant sale after 12:00pm or
 before/after Masses 5/8/22.

May 8th: Happy Mother's Day
 Mother's Day Brunch after BOTH Masses.

May 9th: ACCW day of Recollection



Mother's Day Brunch May 8th

Come to the Hall after the 8am and 10:30am Masses for a great brunch and to celebrate all mothers. Mothers eat for free, kids \$5, Adults \$10, families \$20. Contact Ed Schneider if you can help.

Your prayers make a difference: Join America on this Thursday, May 5th. Commit to pray for **15 minutes** to help complete a **24 hour** parish prayer chain. Fast all or part of May 5th and **"break the fast"** at a **6:15 PM Prayer and Soup/Bread Potluck** in the Parish Center Classroom. Pray for a specific national, state or local leader who will be notified of your commitment by postcard. We are called to **PRAY!** Please join us as we participate in the 71st **National Day of Prayer! Sign ups in the Narthex TODAY after the 5:30 Mass, and in the Parish Center after Sunday Masses.** Questions? Contact Heather Hannam 503-631-7354 hahannam@juno.com

Thank you to all those who attended our Adoration/Dinner Discussion last Sunday. We are blessed to have the opportunity to spend time in Adoration and Benediction with our Lord. This monthly spiritual exercise is the fruit of our parish Synod Discernment session.

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) is sponsoring a day of Recollection on Monday, May 9th at St. James Parish, 301 Frances St., Mollala. Fr. Aniceto, Guiriba, will give the Conferences on "Mary, Our Mother and Protector." See bulletin board for info.

Fatima, The Message For Our Times

John Johnson will be presenting at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church Friday, May 13th from 7-8:30pm. See bulletin board.

We are in the month of May - the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily and seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The next newsletter will come out at the end of June. If you have articles on forgiveness, experiences, any items to submit, please bring them to the office or send to Bill Breshears. Thank you.

Finance Corner

Registered Household 218	WEEK OF 4/24/2022 Actual	Budget
<u>Donors</u> 74	\$4,825 (online: \$1,725)	\$6,331
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	\$207,039	\$206,235

Ushers

5/7~5:30pm: Tom Muldoon
 5/8~8:00am: Jim Charriere
 5/8~10:30am: Kevin Horace

Next Weeks Assignments

Lector/Commentator

Heather Hannam
 John Buxman
 Jerry Siler

May Church Cleaners: Claudia Evers & Paul Lowry (503-518-7112)

May Altar Linens: Janet Tankersly (503-545-2229)



5/8 9:00: Mother's Day Brunch
 11:30: Mother's Day Brunch



Dear Padre,

Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?

It's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus' baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1–12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46–49, Mark 3:32–34, and Luke 8:19–21).

Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary. Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services....Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

PATRIS CORDE, DECEMBER 8, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 2

St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles
1 Cor 15:1–8
Jn 14:6–14

Wednesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b–8
Jn 6:35–40

Thursday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51

Friday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1–20
Jn 6:52–59

Saturday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31–42
Jn 6:60–69

Sunday

MAY 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43–52
Rv 7:9, 14b–17
Jn 10:27–30

**Do you have
a question for
the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
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May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rev 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



[Jesus] then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
JOHN 21:16

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Do You Love Me?

Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know...." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by

the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ **What have you learned about yourself from your mistakes?**
- ★ **In what ways have you been given a second chance?**

Preaching truth

The Church, which has spread everywhere, even to the ends of the earth, received the faith from the apostles and their disciples. By faith, we believe in one God, the almighty Father *who made heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them*. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who became man for our salvation. And we believe in the Holy Spirit who through the prophets foretold God's plan: the coming of our beloved Lord Jesus Christ, his birth from the Virgin, his passion, his resurrection from the dead, his ascension into heaven, and his final coming from heaven in the glory of his Father, to *recapitulate all things* and to raise all men from the dead, so that, by the decree of his invisible Father, he may make a just judgment in all things and so that *every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth* to Jesus Christ our Lord and our God, our Savior and our King, and *every tongue confess him*.

The Church, spread throughout the whole world, received this preaching and this faith and now preserves it carefully, dwelling as it were in one house. Having one soul and one heart, the Church holds this faith, preaches and teaches it consistently as though by a single voice. For though there are different languages, there is but one tradition.

The faith and the tradition of the churches founded in Germany are no different from those founded among the Spanish and the Celts, in the East, in Egypt, in Libya and elsewhere in the Mediterranean world. Just as God's creature, the sun, is one and the same the world over, so also does the Church's preaching shine everywhere to enlighten all men who want to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Now of those who speak with authority in the churches, no preacher however forceful will utter anything different — for no one is above the Master — nor will a less forceful preacher diminish what has been handed down. Since our faith is everywhere the same, no one who can say more augments it, nor can anyone who says less diminish it.

(From the treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, bishop)

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

"I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life. I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You. I love You, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath. Amen. ----- St. John Vianney.

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4).

Man's first sin

Scripture portrays the tragic consequences of this first disobedience. Adam and Eve immediately lose the grace of original holiness. They become afraid of the God of whom they have conceived a distorted image - that of a God jealous of his prerogatives. CCC 399

The harmony in which they had found themselves, thanks to original justice, is now destroyed: the control of the soul's spiritual faculties over the body is shattered; the union of man and woman becomes subject to tensions, their relations henceforth marked by lust and domination. Harmony with creation is broken: visible creation has become alien and hostile to man. Because of man, creation is now subject "to its bondage to decay". Finally, the consequence explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true: man will "return to the ground", for out of it he was taken. Death makes its entrance into human history. CCC 400

After that first sin, the world is virtually inundated by sin. There is Cain's murder of his brother Abel and the universal corruption which follows in the wake of sin. Likewise, sin frequently manifests itself in the history of Israel, especially as infidelity to the God of the Covenant and as transgression of the Law of Moses. and even after Christ's atonement, sin raises its head in countless ways among Christians. Scripture and the Church's Tradition continually recall the presence and universality of sin in man's history:

What Revelation makes known to us is confirmed by our own experience. For when man looks into his own heart he finds that he is drawn towards what is wrong and sunk in many evils which cannot come from his good creator. Often refusing to acknowledge God as his source, man has also upset the relationship which should link him to his last end, and at the same time he has broken the right order that should reign within himself as well as between himself and other men and all creatures. CCC 401

Continued from page 2. Dear friends, these responses of Jesus clearly show that loving him comes with the task of taking care of others/service to neighbors. Therefore, service and the well fair of others are the bedrock of the authenticity of loving Jesus. The proof of Peter's love for Christ is feeding and tending both the lamb and the sheep; the young and old; strong and weak; fat and slim; tall and short, white, red, green, blue, and black. So, for one who professes true love for Christ, there is no room for discrimination between the sheep and the lamb. Both should be fed and tended. No sheep or lamb should be receiving a different treatment.

In applying the readings to ourselves, Jesus' questions concerning the love for him are addressed to us, but the first Pope: Simon Peter, took the bullet on our behalf. The risen Lord is constantly interrogating us to affirm how loving is the love we profess for him. If our love for him is sincere, we should not be intimidated in proclaiming his name. We should not be afraid to stand and be counted in the matters of faith and spiritual discussion among those who package and sell theories that contradict the teachings of Christ. We should obey God rather than our selfish self-made commandments, political manifesto, and vile speeches and actions, which sadly have taken the place of God's commandments. Our profession of faith and love should not be only on Sundays but every day of our life. The sheep and the lamb represent the members of Christ's body, the church. Consequently, professing love for Christ is synonymous with declaring love for everyone created in God's image. At the same time, ready to serve as Peter served the body of Christ.

Indeed, the passion of Christ for his sheep and lamb to be well cared for, is noticeable in his task for Peter. It is his desire for us to be people who live in the services of others and not those that abscond when the sheep and lambs are in danger. Professing love for Jesus is being sensitive to the entire gospel and not being timid to confess an eternal longing to meet the Master. As disciples of Christ, let us be conscious of the implications of the love we profess. The love that we would not be tired of announcing and exercising, as contained in the challenging prayer of St. John Vianney, "I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life. I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You. I love You, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath. Amen.

Let us be the shining example for the sheep and lamb; let us watch, serve, and defend God's sheep as the apostle Peter did. May Christ's resurrection and his unfailing power overshadow us, renew the love we profess, and radiate in all we do. Amen. Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.

***Blessings, Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Paschal Ezuike.***



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