



Peace, the Marker of Faith

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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.

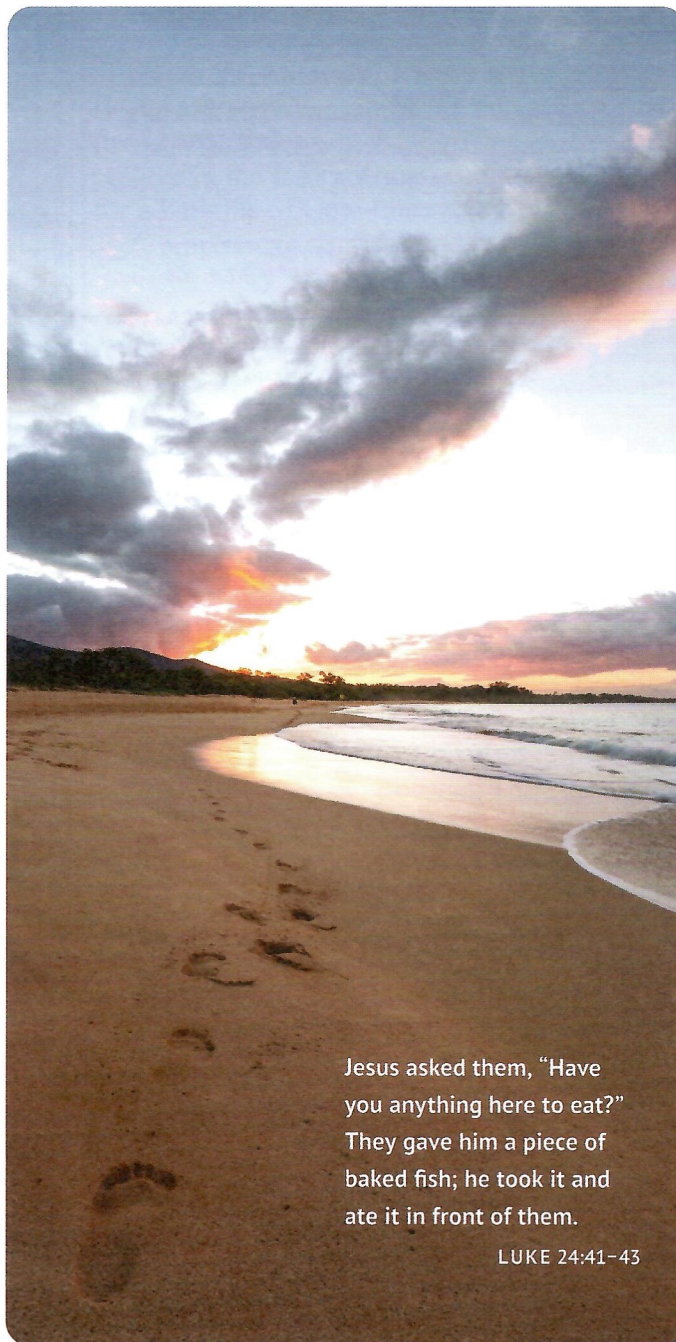
Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without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

Sat. Apr. 13 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Graces/Jennifer Willeke - JW
Sun Apr. 14 Mass/3rd Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory

Tues Apr. 16 Mass
5:30 p.m. Spiker Family Intention
Wed Apr. 17 Mass
7:30 a.m. †Irene Pieper - LVP

Sat. Apr. 20 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Sauer Family
- living & deceased - ELL
Sun Apr. 21 Mass/4th Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer
for Vocations
8:00 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory

In need of prayer support, call
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Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion, Linda Baran

Confirmation and First Communion
Sunday, April 28th at 8:00 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord....
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
April 13th/14th**

2nd weekend of the month: Immediately after each Mass / Exposition + Adoration + Holy Face Chaplet + procession by the Celebrant + Benediction /

What is the Angelus?

It's a set of three antiphons reflecting on the Incarnation of Christ at the Annunciation - a holy moment in which the Angel Gabriel announced God's invitation to Mary to be the Mother of the Messiah, and she said yes. That's how the Angelus prayer got its name. Each antiphons is from Sacred Scripture and followed with the Hail Mary prayer.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

April 21, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Chance & Ashleigh Friedly

Pianist: Marcia Pieper

Cantor: Jim Pieper

Lector: Jordan Willeke

Altar Servers: T Weis, J Gertge, E Koch

Head Usher: Matthew Pieper

Euch Ministers: David Poss, Brian Etl

April 21 - Breakfast

Potluck

Set Up/Clean Up: Parents

Saint Joseph's corner:

"St. Joseph, help us to welcome all with love and give us the courage to share our stories. Amen"

Please keep in your prayers children and their families preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confession, Communion, and Confirmation.



Anointing of the Sick

April 27th/28th after each Mass



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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 well-being 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. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 4:8–12
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	1 Jn 3:1–2 Jn 10:11–18



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.

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