



## Peace, the Marker of Faith

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**S**piritual 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.

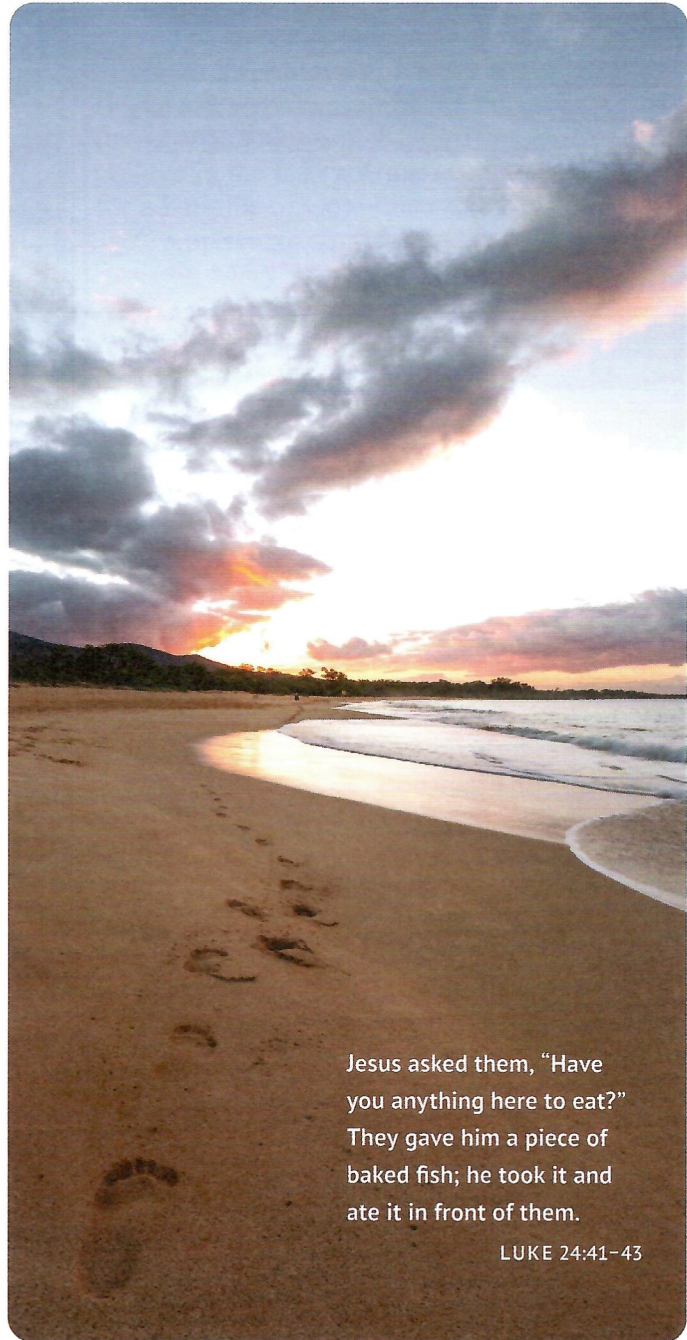
Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without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

**St. Mary's & St. John's  
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

**Pastor:** Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Maurice Okeke

**Masses:**

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM  
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM  
Stoneham: Sun. - 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM  
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses  
or by appointment  
Stoneham: Sun. - 7:30 AM

**Adoration & Benediction:** 1st Friday of the  
month immediately after Mass (till 9:00 a.m.)

**Anointing of the Sick:** - call the Office

**Office:** Thursday & Friday  
Leave a message **970-842-2216**

**Website:** [www.stmarybrush.org](http://www.stmarybrush.org)

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. Apr. 13 Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. Graces/Reagan Daughenbaugh  
**Sun Apr. 14 Mass/3rd Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. †Judith Esser - TP  
10:00 a.m. †Pete Anderson - Knights  
**Thur Apr. 18 Mass**  
5:30 p.m. †Ervin Hammond - BH  
**Fri. Apr. 19 Mass**  
8:00 a.m. †Weslie Daughenbaugh  
**Sat. Apr. 20 Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. †Robert Guzman Sr.  
**Sun Apr. 21 Mass/4th Sunday of Easter**  
**World Day of Prayer**  
**for Vocations**  
10:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS  
12:00 p.m. Graces for Confirmation &  
1st Communion Candidates

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our Sick:** Joseph Wilson, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Chuck Blackwelder, Tina Trujillo

**For the Soul:** Pressie Trujillo Martinez

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction

**St. Mary's: April 13th/14th after Mass**  
/ Exposition + adoration + Holy Face  
Chaplet + procession by the  
Celebrant + Benediction /

**St. John's: April 14th**  
Second Sunday of the month



**St. John's April's Mass times:**  
**April 14th and 28th**  
**8:00 a.m. - Mass followed with video**  
**Confirmation and First Communion**  
**Sunday, April 21st at Noon**

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

**REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS**

There is no charge for Mass; however,  
a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

**Intention Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date wanted: \_\_\_\_\_

Which church? \_\_\_ St. Mary \_\_\_ St. John



**April 14th**  
**Enjoy coffee & donut Sunday!**  
In the Parish Hall after Mass.

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship**  
**for High School Seniors**

**Up to 3 scholarships from \$250-\$500**

If you are a graduating high school senior  
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Applications are due: **April 15, 2024**



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relationship with Christ through more than  
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**St. Mary's**  
**Confirmation and First Communion**  
**Friday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m.**



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**Food Drive - Help feed families**

Consider canned goods & items  
for the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

*Drop off at St. Mary's*

***Thank you for your support!***

# 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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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
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.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021**

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