

SACRED HEART AND SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.



Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."



**For the Week of April 26th through
May 3rd**

Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

First Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or for the Memorial,
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.



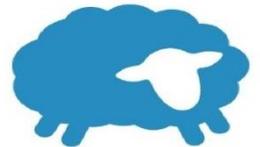
REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong, Joseph William, Benjamin Ellingsworth* and all those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Ann Newsome, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or mfrohlich@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

FLOCK NOTES: Do you want to know what's going on in our parish?? Sign up for Flocknotes. It's easy. You can choose what info you would like to receive – via email or text message and you can unsubscribe at any time. There are two easy ways to connect:



- *Visit flocknote.com/SHParish on your computer OR
- *Text SHPARISH508 to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

Third Sunday of Easter – Luke 24:13-35

Reflection for Parents

To travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples had to go west. But after their encounter with Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem, an eastward Journey. We often equate endings with sunsets and new beginnings with sunrises. It is helpful to recall that on the next morning, the apostles walked toward the rising sun. How many sunsets find us falling into bed collapsed from exhaustion? Isn't it true that after a good night's rest we meet the sunrise with new energy and hope? This Gospel gives us the courage to start again, each new day, with fresh enthusiasm and energy for ourselves, our families, and our God.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Bake bread together and consider each ingredient as you add it. For example, when you add flour, think of someone who holds things together for your family. When you add salt, consider a person who adds flavor to life, and when sugar is added, whose sweetness reflects God's love? Separately these ingredients are all good, but how much more are they when they are combined and baked? Help each member of the family reflect on this experience.

Discussion Starters

1. I had a sunset/sunrise experience once when . . .
2. There is a particular sunset I keep walking toward. I know I need to turn around and face the sunrise. I have a plan to do this . . .
3. The most important thing about our family breaking bread together is . . .

APRIL SAINTS



MARK THE EVANGELIST – APRIL 25

Mark was an Evangelist—one of the four men who wrote the Gospels found in the New Testament. Mark's Gospel was written first, and it is the shortest description of Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Mark's writings helped both Matthew and Luke to write their Gospels.

Mark was not one of the original Apostles, and he probably never knew Jesus. Instead, we believe that he was a member of the first Christian community. In his writings, St. Peter refers to Mark as his "son." Peter may have used this term to show his love for Mark, or he may have used it because he was the one who baptized Mark. It is believed that Peter was the primary source for Mark's Gospel.

Mark founded the Church in Egypt and he became bishop of Alexandria, an important center of trade and power during ancient times. He died there sometime between the years 68-74 AD as a martyr for his belief in Jesus.

Mark's Gospel is a lasting treasure for all believers. He wrote his Gospel to help people know that Jesus was the Son of God who suffered and died to save us from sin and death. When we read Mark's Gospel, we learn that to be a follower of Jesus, we, too, must be willing to make sacrifices, to "take up our cross and follow" (Mark 8:34) Jesus as he asks us to do.

We celebrate Saint Mark's feast day on April 25. His life and Gospel remind us to share the Good News about Jesus with others.



PARISH NEWS

A NOTE FROM FATHER GRASING

Dear Friends,

Thank you. Thank you! As you can see from the chart on the left, you have proven once again your generosity and financial commitment to our parish. Our income, while understandably reduced, has remained strong. This reflects a combination of those using ACH (automated giving), mailing or dropping off envelopes and donations mailed by non-envelope users. Thanks to your ongoing support we are weathering the storm and able to stay current with fixed costs. Again, on behalf of the Staff, I wish to offer my deepest gratitude for your financial support.

Fr. Grasing

A WORD FROM OUR BUSINESS MANAGER, MARY JO FROHLICH

I am truly grateful for your kindness and generosity. It is so evident in your response to our parish family, our neighbors and our financial wellbeing. Thank you.

Our parish has taken cost cutting measures but we still need to pay for basic utilities: electricity, water/sewer, phone, internet, etc., insurance, building and maintenance issues, salaries (unfortunately, we have had to lay off our organists and cut hours for some employees), and other essential concerns. Our office has been working diligently to secure federal and state initiatives to defray costs due to COVID-19. Hopefully, we will receive some funding. Please pray for our parish and know that you are in our prayers. Keep safe, well and upbeat! We are in this together.

SUNDAY LITURGIES:

Sunday liturgies will be streamed on Facebook at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartforyou/>.

Do you want to watch the Sunday Mass but don't want to join the Facebook App?

It is possible to watch our Facebook Live content with the Sunday Liturgies without joining Facebook.

- 1) In your web browser, type: <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartforyou/>
- 2) If a pop-up appears asking you if you would like to join, Click "NOT NOW"
- 3) Click on the Videos LIVE button, usually found on the left-hand menu, or scroll down until you see the video labeled "LIVE" and then click "View full-screen."

Offertory – Weeks Ending 3/15 through 4/19 Weeks 38 through 43				
Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."				
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Offertory 03/15 Wk. 38	\$3,101	\$894	\$6,635	-\$2,640
YTD Wk. 38	\$183,545	\$68,298	\$252,130	-\$287
Offertory 03/22 Wk. 39	\$1,962	\$894	\$6,635	-\$3,779
YTD Wk. 39	\$185,507	\$69,192	\$258,765	-\$4,066
Offertory 03/29 Wk. 40	\$1,762	\$894	\$6,635	-\$3,979
YTD Wk. 40	\$187,269	\$70,086	\$265,400	-\$8,045
Offertory 04/05 Wk. 41	\$1,462	\$6,621	\$6,635	\$1,448
YTD Wk. 41	\$188,731	\$76,707	\$272,035	-\$6,597
Offertory 04/12 Wk. 42	\$3,712	\$894	\$6,635	-\$2,029
YTD Wk. 42	\$192,443	\$77,601	\$278,670	-\$8,626
Offertory 04/19 Wk. 43	\$1,752	\$894	\$6,635	-\$3,989
YTD Wk. 43	\$194,195	\$78,495	\$285,305	-\$12,615



