



May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

## The Love of Jesus Casts Out Fear

When we receive the power of the resurrection and experience its effects, then we become transformed Christians. Somehow we like to hold on to our fears and failures. They are what we know, and in some way they can make us feel strangely secure. Yet Jesus wants to free us from old fears and set us on a mission motivated by love.

All of the apostles, after encountering the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit, show new courage in proclaiming his name. Whether before politicians, church leaders, or before their fellow Jews, they had no fear of the consequences of preaching the Way. Why? Because Jesus showed them death wasn't something to fear. He had received the fullness of evil's wrath and, by rising victorious, proved love is stronger.

The apostles had seen him tortured and dead, and then they saw him alive. Jesus had promised that same power to his followers. It is with this confidence and trust that they travel throughout Judea and all of the Roman Empire. Perfected love casts out all fear.

Although the apostles had failed Jesus and denied his friendship, each had experienced his mercy and forgiveness. Yet Jesus didn't blame them for their sin. He reassured them of his confidence in them.

Once we have experienced love, there is no stopping us. We have seen it in a small way when we have fallen in love with someone or set our hearts and minds passionately on a goal. Once our hearts have been captured and we believe, everything else is absorbed into that gravitational pull.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Is there a denial or sin in my life that I need to let Jesus forgive? Perhaps this is what holds me back from fully trusting him.*

*Is there a way I need to release someone else by forgiving him or her?*



Piece: *The Great Catch of Fish* (mosaic)  
Location: St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican

*So [Jesus] said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."*

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### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Call church for appointment  
**Marriage:** 5-6 Months preparations are required.  
Call for an appointment.  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by  
appointment.

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

05/07 **Tues:** 12 p.m. Mass  
05/08 **Wed:** 12 p.m. Mass  
05/09 **Thurs** 12 p.m. Mass  
05/10 **Fri:** 12 p.m. Mass  
05/11 **Sat:** 5:30 p.m. Mass  
05/12 **Sun:** 9 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass; 12:30  
p.m. Mass at St John Neumann

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32

"We must obey God rather than men."

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

"I WILL PRAISE YOU LORD, FOR YOU HAVE  
RESCUED ME."

**Second Reading:** Revelation 5:11-14

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power  
and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory  
and blessing."

**GOSPEL:** John 21:1-19

"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than  
these?"

### **SATURDAY, May 11**

Lector - Ann Wright

E.M. - Lee Corrigan

### **SUNDAY, May 12**

Lector - Sharon Erchinger

E.M. - Celeste Lemme

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last week, the people  
of Sacred Heart shared \$2,348 with the parish.

**PARISH WEBSITE!** - Thanks to the work of  
Clare Sullivan, our new parish website is up and  
running... the url is: sacredheartseward.org Check it  
out, and let us know if you have any comments or  
requests as it grows.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** -The men's  
prayer breakfast continues on Wednesdays, at 7  
a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY-** By now, you should  
have received your letter from Archbishop Etienne  
asking you to be partners for the gospel and to  
support Archdiocesan ministries for all of  
parishioners in our faith communities. When you  
pledge your support for the 2019 *One Bread, One  
Body* Annual Catholic Appeal, you help make  
possible diocesan-wide ministries that offer  
opportunities  
for ongoing conversation and lifelong faith  
formation.

*Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this  
year's Annual Catholic Appeal.*

Your participation as an active steward of these vital  
ministries matters more than the amount of your  
gift. We are united in this effort - join the mission.

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT:**

"The Archdiocese has prepared an opportunity for  
everyone to submit their comments, questions  
and/or suggestions relating to the Abuse reports in  
the Catholic Church and the Church's Response  
About Abuse of Vulnerable Persons on the  
Archdiocese of Anchorage Website."

"The Catholic Church values the dignity of its members. The horrors of child abuse continue to haunt the Church and its victims. In order to deal with this crisis in a responsible, accountable, and transparent manner, the Archbishop is working to address the concerns of victims, parishioners, and the broader community.

The Archdiocese of Anchorage values everyone's thoughts regarding the abuse against the vulnerable of our Church and the Church's response. We want to make available an opportunity for everyone to express their thoughts, please submit any questions or comments and offer recommendations by using the following online form.

All submissions can be anonymous if preferred. When possible, answers to questions submitted will be posted publicly through the Archdiocese of Anchorage website and/or the Catholic Anchor. Comments and Suggestions will be shared with Archbishop Etienne and his staff and at his discretion, may be published.

The identity of those submitting concerns, questions or comments and recommendations will not be made public.

**\*Please note that it is the policy of the Archdiocese of Anchorage to report all allegations of abuse or endangerment of a minor or vulnerable adult or child pornography.\***

**Saint Francis House Food** is in need of canned fruits and vegetables and large diapers. The pantry is running low on canned fruits and vegetables and would be happy with any and all that you're able to give that are not past their expiration date. The pantry is also in dire need of size 3, 4, and 5 diapers. Donations can be dropped off at the pantry, 3710 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. 99508.

**ST. PAUL'S CORNER** - Looking for Catholic books, gifts, and items of faith? Come see what's new at St. Paul's Corner at the Holy Family Cathedral. Hours of service:

- Sundays: 8:30AM to 5:30PM
- Closed Mondays
- Tuesdays and  
Wednesdays: 11:00AM-2:00PM

- Closed Thursdays
- Fridays: 11:00AM-2:00PM
- Saturdays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
- If you have questions, please call 907-646-3070

**Project Rachel to Begin New Support Group -**

Suffering, sad, or confused because of an abortion - you or a family member? Whether recently or long ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocesan-supported Project Rachel healing group. It is free and confidential. For further information or to participate phone our confidential phone line: 297-7781 or Toll Free (outside the Anchorage area).

**RAIS** is in need of warm winter blankets, kitchen tables, and chairs. Please drop off donations at 3710 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**MISSION DONATION ADDRESSES**

**Magadan Missions**

C/o Russian Desk  
Archdiocese of Anchorage  
225 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Thai Missions**

Friends of Sarnelli House UA  
P.O. Box 88234  
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**REGISTRATION** - In order to provide needed data for the Archdiocese, to provide sacramental service for our parishioners and so that we may give special recommendations for ministries, programs and sponsors, it is necessary for all parishioners to be registered in the parish. Forms are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule. All information provided is kept confidential.

## Calendar

**Monday**

MAY 6

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday**

MAY 7

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday**

MAY 8

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

**Thursday**

MAY 9

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

**Friday**

MAY 10

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday**

MAY 11

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

**Sunday**

MAY 12

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 13:14, 43–52

Rev 7:9, 14b–17

Jn 10:27–30

# Dear Padre,

## How is the martyrdom of the recently canonized St. Óscar Romero different from most?

In 1980, Archbishop Óscar Romero of El Salvador was gunned down by a right-wing assassin while celebrating Mass. Many believe he died defending the poor and for denouncing persecution by the repressive, military-controlled regime.

Traditionally, sainthood was reserved for martyrs slain in *odium fidei*—in hatred and persecution of the faith. People were given a choice of renouncing their faith, thus saving their lives, or holding onto their faith and dying.

Romero's death was different. We understand his martyrdom through the lens of *triplex munus*, meaning Jesus fulfilled his role of Messiah by serving as prophet, king, and priest in a hostile environment.

As prophet, Romero denounced oppression by the powerful. He became the voice of the voiceless. He called to conversion those responsible for social evils. Romero's martyrdom was also due to his loving service as king—a good shepherd or pastor of his flock, who came not to be served but to serve and give his life as ransom for many.

Finally, his martyrdom while celebrating Mass was the ultimate expression of priesthood. Romero offered the Body and Blood of the risen Christ at the altar, but also his own body and blood in memory of he who died on the cross. Following Christ's example, he sacrificed his own life.

Óscar Romero lived fully as Christ's follower, suffering death to fulfill his own mission as prophet, king, and priest. He walked the way of Jesus, the way of the cross, while embracing his own cross.



Archbishop Óscar Romero greeting worshippers in San Salvador, El Salvador.

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### A Word From Pope Francis

May the Christian communities be sustained by the intercession and example of our many martyrs and saints who bore courageous witness to Christ and have themselves attained full unity. So what are we waiting for?...As his disciples, we are called to testify everywhere, with Christian fortitude, to his humble love.

—Address to commission for theological dialogue, January 27, 2017



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