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*Third Sunday of Easter*

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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday the gospel is from Luke and recalls the encounter between Jesus and two of his disciples after the Resurrection. Before you read this, you might want to read **Luke 24:13-35**. On the second day after the Passion of Jesus, two of the disciples were leaving town (cf. Luke 24:13-35). The crucifixion had been too much for them. Some of the disciples were hiding in the Upper Room where the Last Supper had been – but these two were so dejected that they separated from the rest. What Jesus had taught over the three years of his public ministry did not sink into their hearts in such a way that it could guide their understanding of the traumatizing events of Good Friday.

However, Jesus’ miraculous signs had convinced them of his special character: “...we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel.” (Lk 24:21) But they did not have Faith to see that the Passion of the Lord was the perfect fulfilment of the divine plan. He redeemed Israel by his Blood, conquering sin and death thru his sacrifice! Their hopes fell short of what it would take for them to carry on as followers of the Crucified.

So, the Lord in his infinite patience did not leave them in confusion; He saw their distress and drew near to strengthen them. He approached with his identity veiled. “...their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24-16)

Despite their downcast state of mind, the first step that our dear Saviour takes is to reproach them for their lack of Faith. He said to them, “*Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?*” (v. 25-26) The fire of the Holy Spirit touched their conscience, rebuking fear and unbelief and correcting their misunderstanding.

Oh, blessed Lord! You do not fear to wound man’s conscience while binding up the wound of doubt! O Divine Wisdom, man hesitates to contradict his

neighbor’s grave error out of human respect while You only show respect for the Truth! Teach us this same concern for the salvation of souls so that we do not allow our family and friends to remain in the fog of public opinion or flabby indifference.

O divine Physician, you know that it is necessary to remove the poison before closing the wound. You did not merely accompany the grieving disciples with deceiving words of comfort but spoke the searing Word of truth. No doubt your rebuke for their lack of faith broke them out of their stupefying depression. Their attention was riveted on your next words.



*“Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.”* (Luke 24:27) Later these men would say, “*Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?*” (Luke 24:32) The masterly

use of Sacred Scripture reminded them of the Lord who taught them in private and captivated the crowds in public. For good reason their hearts burned with the beauty of the Truth. How personal was the touch of the divine Master in dealing with those hearts He knew well.

Giving the impression that He was going on further while the disciples stopped for the night, Jesus allows them an opportunity to respond to his grace. And He was not disappointed, “Stay with us!” they said. “*So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.*” (Luke 24:29-31)

Here at St. Michael the Lord again presents Himself to us. Our eyes are prevented from seeing Him but He grants the gift of Faith that we may recognize Him in the Breaking of the Bread. He vanished from their sight so they would recognize Him in his Sacramental hiddenness. Those of you who have been coming to Eucharistic Adoration have experienced his Real Presence on the altar of St. Michael.

Come let us adore the hidden Jesus, *Fr. Martin Flum*

## PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

John Chapman Jr., Dorothy Windsor and Kelly Schwarz

## STILL WAITING FOR YOUR STIMULUS CHECK?

DC/MD/VA residents: If you did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and/or do not receive social security, YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION in order to get the money you are owed. And there's an easy way!

In partnership with the IRS, Catholic Charities offers a free program to help you quickly get paid the money you are owed. Typical payments range from \$1200 to \$3900 depending on the number of people in your household and your income.

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- Have a Social Security Number (ITIN holders are excluded).
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Contact us today at [fsn@cc-dc.org](mailto:fsn@cc-dc.org)  
to get the payment you deserve!



## MASS INTENTIONS

**By Canon law, one Sunday Mass each week must be offered for Parishioners, therefore until public Mass is restored, the other Sunday intentions will be moved to a future date.**

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| Sunday    | 04/26/20 | Parishioners & Families         |
| Monday    | 04/27/20 | Ann Proctor +                   |
| Tuesday   | 04/28/20 | Richie Hobbs +                  |
| Wednesday | 04/29/20 | Hedy Pirner +                   |
| Thursday  | 04/30/20 | Ann Proctor +                   |
| Friday    | 05/01/20 | Hedy Pirner +                   |
| Saturday  | 05/02/20 | John Brown Jr & Mattie Robinson |

## COME LET US WORSHIP HIM!

**Adoration continues at St. Michael - 6am-9pm daily!** Thanks to all of you who have participated in our **Eucharistic Adoration** in church these past weeks. Those who have come leave with a deep peace and trust in the Lord's hidden presence. The Lord calls us here because He loves us and wants us to have a place of refuge in his Sacred Heart.

*"Then they returned to Jerusalem, [...] they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."* (Acts 1:12-14) Join us for prayer anytime 6am-9pm.

## CONSECRATION OF THE U.S.A.!!!

This coming first Friday is also the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This day was chosen for the re-consecration of our nation to Mary, the Mother of God. What a great idea! We will participate as a parish and the details will be on our website as soon as more information is released. We plan to live stream our own gathering.

## MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please complete the attached form and send it to us.

## Perpetual Rosary on our website

Please participate in our Perpetual Rosary! The idea is to have someone in the parish praying the Rosary throughout the day. The prayer of the Rosary will help you understand Sacred Scripture, draw your heart closer to Jesus and help you understand the role of our Lady in your life. Just commit to praying the Rosary at a certain hour each day and add your name to the list on-line at your time slot on the sign-up genius: <https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com>.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Angela Farmer, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Patricia Stuart, Jeanne Marie TenBroeck, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

## THANK YOU!!!

We want to thank everyone who has been mailing their weekly tithe or dropping it off at the office or using the electronic means. You can see below the generosity of our parish members and friends. In addition, we have recently received dedicated gifts to cover some of our more pressing repairs that are being accomplished during this time. May the good Lord reward all of you!

## YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

4-19-2020

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| <u>St. Michael</u> | Offertory Collection | \$ 5735.00 |
| <u>St. Dominic</u> | Offertory Collection | \$ 540.00  |

## Go on Retreat from Home!

The *Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* in Los Angeles are offering virtual retreats to help all Catholics use this time at home as a means of deepening our relationship with Jesus. Click on the links included below to sign up for a retreat. The schedule for upcoming retreats is as follows:

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| April 24-26: | <a href="#">The Heart is Where the Home Is</a>                              |
| May 1-3:     | <a href="#">A Love Story with God</a>                                       |
| May 8-10:    | <a href="#">Learning from Mary: Growing in Grace during Difficult Times</a> |
| May 15-17:   | <a href="#">Peace in the Home</a>   |