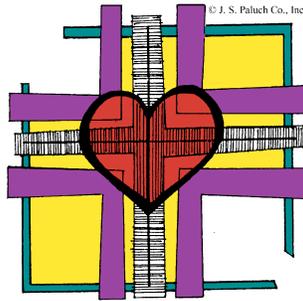




## St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

### Reflections with Fr. Mark

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Dear Parishioners,

In the words of Ronald Reagan during the presidential debates when his opponent would strike a chord, “Well, there he goes AGAIN!” I vividly remember him shaking his head back and forth while he proclaimed his frustration and disagreement with his opponent with those words. Well, on a positive note, we might say the same words with Jesus: “Well, there HE goes again!” What do I mean! Jesus is talking about relationships of love once again as being the basis of all our actions. Yep...that’s it! Simple, right? LOL!

Our faith calls us to a unity in relationship that goes beyond blood and family. The willingness to see the interconnectedness of all creation in a relationship that is inseparable. Pope Francis spoke of this in *Laudatio Si*, reminding us to view this inter-relational living by considering fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others. There are times when we find this difficult to reconcile as we live in a society based on individual rights and freedoms vigorously defended. Using the eyes of faith, we can come to a reconciliation and deeper understanding as we once again focus on being each an essential member of the Body of Christ. Each united and called to share time, talent and treasure along the Way.

In the Gospel for today, Jesus reminds his followers with some of his richest departing instructions prior to His Ascension: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” This simple yet profoundly deep notion defines what God desires as the basis of all relationships, especially through our human encounter. And, so, contemplating His instruction, our journey of faith within a relational creation continues...within the Divine Embrace.

*Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!*

*Fr. Mark*

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