

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

Calendar of the week

Saturday, April 18	<u>No Mass</u> - Louis J. Sodolak ☒
Sunday, April 19	<u>No Mass</u> - Pro Populo
Monday, April 20	
Tuesday, April 21	
Wednesday, April 22	
Thursday, April 23	<u>No Mass</u> - Otis Maertz ☒
Friday, April 24	<u>No Mass</u> - G.A. & Doris Brod ☒
Saturday, April 25	<u>No Vigil Mass</u> - Pro Populo
Sunday, April 26	<u>No Mass</u> - Ray Braden ☒

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### Bible Readings

Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9;  
Jn 3:1-8  
Tues: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;  
Jn 3:7b-15  
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;  
Jn 3:16-21  
Thurs: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9,  
17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4,  
13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Sat: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7,  
16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20  
Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	Thursday evening 5:00pm - 5:15pm and on Saturday from 4:00pm - 4:15pm
<b>BAPTISM:</b>	Baptismal instructions are required; please contact Sts. Peter & Paul - (979)732-3430.
<b>MARRIAGE:</b>	Parties should notify the pastor before setting a wedding date to allow time for the required Engagement Encounter weekend. (No weddings during Lent or Advent.)
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	We welcome with joy all new members of the community and invite you to register online at <a href="http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration">http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration</a> or stop by during office hours to fill out the forms.
<b>Hall Rental:</b>	Contact the Parish Office for availability and pricing information.

## Study Mass, return in awe

During the Rite of Fraction, we should be completely focused on the Perfect Sacrifice as we invoke the Lamb of God. Photo by Janet Jones JANET JONES, Editor The Catholic Lighthouse As we watched the pandemic shutting down the world as we know it, the Diocese of Victoria's churches' response was fast and effective. Hope and reassurance obscured sadness and anxiety almost before it started, it seemed. The Office of Communications has been flooded with hopeful messages and ideas to be shared. Though we are concerned about our health and your health, worried about those who are sick and in the dark about what will happen next, so much creativity has come out of this. So many people started sharing ideas, picking up cameras, building websites and Facebook pages, finding resources for Mass, Lent and inspiration in general. We are paving the road to solutions for future dilemmas. And we are writing history. BY CHRIS KALLUS Special to The Lighthouse What is it like to be shot out of a cannon? That is exactly what happens when the priest gives us our final blessing at the end of Mass. The word Mass comes from the Latin word "Missa." At one time, the people were dismissed with the words, "Ite, missa est," literally translated, "Go (meaning you) the Church, has been sent." The word "Missa" is related to the word "missio," the root of the English word "mission" – a sending forth. So, what are we being sent to do? Let's look at Mark's Gospel, Chapter 1, verses 14-15, which says, "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'" In Greek, the word for repent is "metanoia," which means to have a complete change of heart to follow him. Jesus will cure all that gets in our way of attaining the impossible task of his mission. Jesus's mission had one central purpose: "to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God." (Luke 4:43)

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If you were one of Jesus's apostles, with him day and night for three years, what kind of things did you see? In Matthew 11:5-6, we read, "... the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." After his Resurrection and before being assumed into heaven, what does Jesus teach his apostles? Go to Acts 1:3 for the answer. "He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God." In 2002, St. John Paul II gave us the Luminous Mysteries. The third mystery is Proclamation of the Kingdom. If we are "sent" into the world to proclaim the Kingdom of God, where does this power come from? Through baptism the lay faithful are made one body with Christ and are established among the People of God. We are made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ. St. John Paul II, in *Christifideles Laici*, said, "A new state of affairs today both in the Church and in social, economic, political and cultural life, calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful. It is not permissible for anyone to remain idle." Do you see why it is important to stay until the end of Mass and receive the final blessing? All of us are given the same mission, to proclaim the kingdom of God every day, and realize it is only for one week. We will come back to Mass. What is our source of unity in the Catholic Church? Of course, it is the Eucharist. If we know this, then why do some people hold hands during the "Our Father?" The consecrated Host is on the altar, and the priest invites us to pray the "Our Father," and then it happens. People start holding hands, and even crossing the aisles. Why? Could it be that we have lost our sense of unity? Or is it because we no longer believe that Jesus is really present? Just after this is the Rite of Peace. Remember it is "rite," and so we must follow certain guidelines. What we see now in church at the exchange of the sign of peace seems to have little to do with its liturgical

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purpose. It is "the" sign of peace, and not "a" sign of peace. People move from their seats to search out friends and family in other parts of the church. It becomes one great feel-good moment; a group hug; a love-in. From a liturgical point of view, it is most awkward. We should be getting ready and focusing our attention on the breaking of bread. We say, "Lamb of God..." when the priest breaks the bread. The Lamb of God is not simply a hymn we sing around this time during the Mass. It should be sung precisely at the moment of the breaking of the bread, because we echo Luke 24:35, "Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he [Jesus] was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." This is a sublime moment of Communion. On a good day, most people will have refocused and begun singing along by the second of the three invocations in the Lamb of God. In 1977, the Bishop's Committee on Liturgy stated, "The sign of peace is not a 'meet and greet' but rather it symbolizes the communion and peace of the whole Church in Christ." Once we come to a better understanding of all the parts of the Mass in this same manner, our faith comes alive, and we can begin to actively participate in our public form of worship.

BY CHRIS KALLUS Special to The Lighthouse



## \*Updates to the Parish Schedule\*

All public Masses are cancelled. Father Michael will still be saying a Mass everyday and the scheduled Mass intentions will still be offered up on their dates.

- The church will remain unlocked if you'd like to go in and pray.
- Office hours until this all gets lifted will be come and go. The best way to reach us is to email us at [dana@saintrochparish.org](mailto:dana@saintrochparish.org) or [hannah@saintrochparish.org](mailto:hannah@saintrochparish.org) are the best ways to reach us at this point.
- There will still be a weekly bulletin published. You can access it here: <https://saintrochparish.org/bulletins>

To help parishioners continue their weekly or monthly gifts to their churches, we have set up an online format at:

\*\*\*Direct link to St. Roch's contribution page\*\*\*  
<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-st-roch-mentz>

## Weekly Reflection ~ April 19 Second Sunday in Easter

*The early Christian communities lived in a community where they shared all things in common and divided everything on the basis of each one's needs. They worked, ate and prayed together. For most of us, this is not a practical model nor is it very appealing. Still the message of their life-style is worth thinking about. How aware are you of the needs of those around you? How willing are you to share what you have? Do you take advantage of opportunities to pray with others and talk about your faith with them? Consider how you can reflect these basic Christian values today.*

"S.T. Productions"

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

John 20:21