Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading
In Acts, Luke records many of the "signs and wonders" performed by the Apostles in Jerusalem in the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see miraculous events occurring today in your faith community?

Second Reading
Today, we hear of one of the early visions of the resurrected Jesus that John received while exiled on the island of Patmos. What do you see as the main message Jesus was communicating to John in this initial vision?

Gospel Reading
The "doubting Thomas" resurrection narrative is one of the best-known Gospel stories surrounding Jesus' resurrection appearances. What role does doubt play in your spiritual journey?
**Campus Ministry**

Community Pot Luck Sunday Supper
As the semester winds down, the entire community is invited to join the students for Sunday Supper on Cinco de Mayo, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. following liturgy. The main dish will be enchiladas and the community is asked to bring beans or rice side dishes, chips and salsa or dessert to share. I hope you can join us for this end-of-semester event.

**Thank You**

Last Sunday, April 21, Gift Offerings
$9,635 including our tithe ($964) for our Lenten Project, SHI

“...what I do have I give you.”
-Acts 3:6

**Living & Giving in Christ**

“As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.”

**Lenten Project**

Sustainable Harvest International (SHI).

Thank you for your support. With your direct donations, our Lenten tithe, and special collections (including Ash Wednesday) $14,804 was raised for SHI.

God bless your generosity!

**Observances for the week of April 28, 2019**

- **Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
- **Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
- **Tuesday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- **Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- **Thursday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
- **Friday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- **Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo
Peace be with you! Of all of the things the resurrected Christ could have said, he chose this: Peace be with you! These calming words lessened the disciples’ anxiety and gave them a wonderful sense of reassurance. Words have the power to do that. Jesus touches his friends with his breath and breathes his Spirit upon them. This intimate gesture of peace begins to alleviate the uncertainty and fear that no doubt consumed their thoughts and hearts. Words and gestures are so important in doing God’s work. Even the simplest of greetings and actions can profoundly move people and direct them to God. On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, we are reminded that God’s all-forgiving and merciful love comes to us through the risen Christ. By our words and actions, may we show that forgiveness and merciful love to others.

Ministry Position Opportunity
Holy Spirit Catholic Community in bustling Rock Springs is looking for applicants who want to serve as either a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry or as a Director of Faith Formation. Bachelor’s degrees and English/Spanish proficiency preferred. Please contact the pastor, Fr. Bill Hill, at bhill@theholyspiritparish.com for a job description or to submit a resume. Application deadline: May 17.
Our Mission

As a Catholic community of Christian disciples filled with gratitude and the Holy Spirit, St. Paul’s Newman Center celebrates and lives the Sacraments. We bring the Gospel to the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Wyoming through vibrant liturgies, hospitality, authentic stewardship, education, formation, empowerment, and support.

Ministerio Hispano
Nuestra próxima reunión es el 6 de mayo a las 5:30 p.m. en la biblioteca parroquial.

Bautismo Infantil
 Padres interesados en tener a sus hijos bautizados deben de asistir a clases de preparación de bautismo. Las clases de bautismo se dan en dos sesiones y exploran el sacramento de bautismo, el rito del bautismo, y ayuda a los padres y padrinos en su papel cristiano para compartir su fe con sus hijos. Estas clases están disponibles en español. Para más información y para inscribirse, mande correo electrónico a Sandra Loza a sandra@newmancenter.org o marque a la oficina al 307-745-5461. Las clases están programadas para el 8 y 9 de mayo.

Noche de Alabanza y Oración
Te invitamos a una velada de convivencia y diversión para toda la familia el martes 30 de abril en el St. Paul’s Newman Center en Laramie. Santiago Fernández está involucrado en el ministerio hispano al nivel regional y nacional y conducirá una noche de cantos y alabanzas bilingües. Santiago, talentoso músico y predicador, ha dirigido talleres sobre el ministerio de la música y ha tocado en conciertos. El evento comienza a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Pase la voz con familiares y amigos.

Cinco de Mayo Convivio Parroquial Cena de Domingo
5 de mayo 6:00 p.m. (después de misa)
El platillo principal será enchiladas que se proporcionará de parte de la parroquia. Por favor traiga un plato de acompañamiento de arroz, frijoles, papas fritas y salsa o postre para compartir.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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Encountering Our Teacher and Master

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In our time, seven days have passed since we celebrated Christ’s rising. But in the Church’s reckoning, it is still Easter. We may have gotten on with our earthly lives, but our spiritual calendar and reality remain steeped in awe, wonder, and gratitude that God incarnate walked among us and gave his life for us. The readings of the Easter octave offer a taste of what it is like to live in God’s time—in his presence and kingdom—as he calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and fills us with the Spirit.

Much happens after Mary Magdalene visits and leaves the tomb. Other women who come to anoint Jesus meet him, embrace him, and obey his command to spread the good news. Mary herself obeyed and ran to tell the apostles—though she mistook the Lord for a gardener until he spoke her name. Two disciples on the road out of town listen to Jesus’ teaching and finally know him in the breaking of bread. Jesus eats with others and assures them of the Father’s promise. There is another miraculous catch of fish and a breakfast with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Within the scriptural context of this weeklong feast, we realize that the risen Christ is everywhere, with all of us, existing throughout and beyond time. He appears when we least expect him; he is our teacher and our master; he feeds us with heavenly food; and he is there when we break bread together. May this knowledge strengthen our faith that Christ lives and will in time carry us home. +

Sunday Readings

Acts 5:12-16
Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.

Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19
When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet...He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid.”

John 20:19–31
Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

A Word from Pope Francis

The death penalty is contrary to the meaning of humanitas and to divine mercy, which must be models for human justice. It entails cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment, as is the anguish before the moment of execution and the terrible suspense between the issuing of the sentence and the execution of the penalty.

—Letter to International Commission Against the Death Penalty, March 20, 2015

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

• Can I take comfort in times of trial, knowing that Christ will calm my fears and strengthen my faith?
• The risen Christ is everywhere. How has his presence impacted my life?
You Are Hereby Invited

By Alice Camille

I admit to turning down a few dinner invitations in my life, sometimes with white-lie excuses that must have been transparent to the hostess: “Wednesday is my laundry night.” “I promised to call my aging mother (who’s not that old).” Having used the technique of ditching social obligations, I can spot a faker a hundred yards off.

Take the folks in the parable of the Great Feast (Luke 14:15–24). What amateurs! As the story goes, somebody decides to throw a terrific bash and invites everybody who’s anybody to come. But one by one the guests offer their lame regrets.

One person just invested in some real estate and says she has to go look at it. Go look at it? You tell me she bought a piece of property sight unseen? The second guest comes up with a similar bit of jive: He has bought some farm animals and has to inspect them—like he didn’t do that before he signed the contract. And the last one is the biggest laugher of all. A man recently married; that’s it. So, he can’t leave the house to go to dinner? He can’t bring his wife?

In the story, the host is enraged by these tattered attempts at dodging the party. He reissues his invitation, this time to the most unlikely folks in town—those too poor or unfortunate to be included on any society A-lists. And even when they arrive, there is still room at his table. So the final invitation goes out, this time to total strangers encountered on the road and sleeping in the bushes.

Just Picture It

Somewhere in the corridors of art history, there must exist a painting of this rollicking, serendipitous feast. I haven’t seen it, but I love to envision it: people with missing teeth, missing limbs, or both; those who’ve ended up on the sad side of violence; folks just out of jail or on their way to it; victims of poor health, demons, and addictions; those without money, luck, or brains; lots of people with a story to tell, just like yours and mine, but for one fatal bend in the road.

Some of the guests at a table like this will make it back on top, with or without help. Some will never see daylight again. But the moral of the story is that somewhere there’s a celestial table to which these folks, by name or en masse, have been invited, and they will be welcomed there as heartily as if they were celebrities. And a lot of people who think of themselves as desirable dinner companions will not be welcome, because they already had their chance and turned it down.

Make Your Reservations

Someone dining with Jesus on the night he told this story remarked, “Blessed is the one who will dine in the kingdom of God” (Luke 14:15). Absolutely—if you don’t mind rubbing elbows with those who’ve been shunned by the best people in all the finest places.

The only way for us to get a seat at this table is to befriend the second- and third-tier guests right now, and to become comfortable and familiar with their company. Because in all honesty, this is one dinner party we don’t want to miss. No gathering could be more real, no menu more exquisite, and no celebration more compelling than this one. So drop what you’re doing, forget the laundry, get the spouse and kids, and reserve your seats now. +

Risen Lord, your resurrection renewed the face of the earth and gave us hope. Make me eager to use my gifts and talents to rebuild people’s lives and give them hope.

—From Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 29-May 4

Monday, St. Catherine of Siena:
Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:17–26 / Jn 3:16–21
Thursday, St. Athanasius:
Friday, Sts. Philip and James:
1 Cor 15:1–8 / Jn 14:6–14
Saturday, Easter Weekday:

Bringing Home the Word

April 28, 2019