

ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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God wants you to feel His presence!

Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God wants you to feel His presence in your life. In Luke 24:32-33 we read: 32 ... "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way" ... 33 So they set out at once ... Please know that in this difficult time God wants you to experience Him in your life. You too can feel what the disciples felt.

Some people are feeling His presence through their efforts in our community:

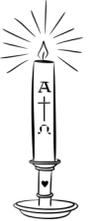
- 192 families were serviced by the Mobile Food Pantry last Saturday
- Every night between 64 and 70 meals are brought to people that are shut in
- On average 68 Grab N Go breakfast/lunches are provided to school aged youth
- Our televised Easter Mass was viewed over 1,100 times

You don't have to do anything this extravagant. God just wants you to live your life with "intention" by listening to what He places on your heart. It could be as simple as:

- Support our community by putting a stuffed animal in your window, or put up a star of hope
- Call a friend you haven't spoken to for a while and provide encouragement
- Send a card or write a letter to someone telling them you care
- Pray for others (both those you love, and those that oppress you)
- Read your bible and look for whatever God is trying to say "to you"

So ... "Set out at once" ... and feel your heart burning within you as you walk the road of life with God speaking to you along the way. Dear Lord ... Thank you for touching our people's hearts. Encourage them and have their hearts burn (with your love) within them as they live with intention ... for you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fr. Marvin Bries



"Save Time and Donate Online!"

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.



With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night.

It's very simple to set up. Once you start to use it, you will be able to view your giving records at any time during the year. Those of you who wish to continue using traditional methods of offering may do so.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit: <https://maryicjoseph.weshareonline.org/>

You can also go to our website www.maryicjoseph.org and follow the Online Giving links on the home page.

If you have any questions about the program or need help setting up your account, call Lisa Kies, 563-880-1946.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38

Streaming Live Sunday Mass

Guttenberg Channel 6 and Facebook

This Sunday's Mass will be aired at 10AM.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

April is National Couple Appreciation Month

Let your loved one know just how special, loved and appreciated they are and how much you value them.

God's love never fails.

Rice Bowls — Please place in Pastor's mailbox outside the rectory.

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Readings for Sunday, April 26, 2020

Reading 1 [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#) Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: *I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.* “My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#) R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.
Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.” O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. /R/
I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. /R/
Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. /R/
You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. /R/

Reading 2 [1 Pt 1:17-21](#) Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one’s works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel [Lk 24:13-35](#) That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus’ disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?” And he replied to them, “What sort of things?” They said to him, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.” And 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?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” 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. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

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