



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, “Peace be with you,” that’s the sort of peace he’s talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God’s love

over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it’s genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that’s God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it’s not easy to know if that’s God’s peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you’re at peace when everything else around you is not, that’s when you know it’s the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?

Jesus asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43



Dear Padre,

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

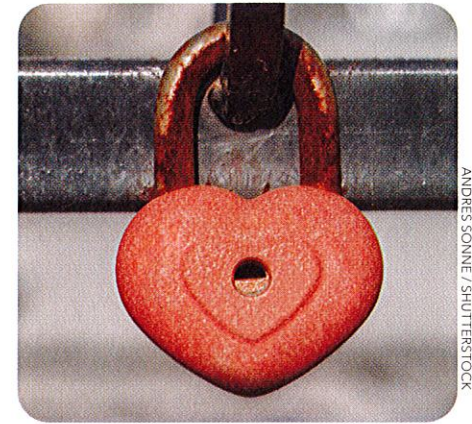
“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 4:8–12
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	1 Jn 3:1–2
						Jn 10:11–18



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration. How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021

April 14, 2024

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St. Joseph Sunday Mass at 9:00 am Saturday Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday Confessions: 8:30 am Saturday Confessions: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm Weekday masses: 7:45 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Week day masses at Sacred Heart: 8:00 am 2nd and 4th Thursday; St. John's 1st and 3rd Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Mon, Apr 15— no mass
Tues, Apr 16 —7:45 am mass—Robert Swaim
Wed, Apr 17- 7:45 am mass— Walter and Bernice Swaim
Thur, Apr 18—8:00 am mass—St. John's—Laddonia
Fri, Apr 19- 7:45 am Mass - Bill and Lucy Deimeke
Sat, Apr 20— 4:00 pm Mass— Freda Deimeke
Sun, Apr 21—9:00 am Mass—Thanksgiving of Blessings

ON THE CALENDAR:

Sun, Apr 14— Third Sunday of Easter—Student Mass
Mon, Apr 15-
Tues, Apr 16- 7 pm Columbus Club meal and meeting
Wed, Apr 17—
Thur, Apr 18— 7 pm St. Joseph School Advisory Council meeting
Fri, Apr 19-
Sat, Apr 20- 8 am St. Joseph Church Cleaning
Sun, Apr 21- Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Roles for the month of April:

SJC Usher/Counter

Saturday: Pat Arens and Paul Bertels

Sunday: Jeff Fennewald and Rodney Willingham

Musicians/Cantor

Lector

Gifts

Servers

Apr 13-Mark
Apr 14-Ruth, Patty
Apr 20-Tom
Apr 21-Mary Kay, Brenda
Apr 27-Mark
Apr 28-Ruth, Rita
May 4 -
May 5—

George Jacobi
School Students Mass
Kevin Kestler
Becky Hoyt
Sharon Cope
Patty Fennewald
Jennifer Hunn
1st Holy Communion

John and Nancy Becker

Kevin and Rhonda Kestler
Jaron and Liz Freie
Jeff and Jennifer Hunn
Jim and Brenda Hale
Dale and Peggy Wilburn

Ty Norris and Jace Norris

Kaytlynn Arens and Ryan Arens
Haydon Swaim and Hannah Swaim
Coltin Cope and Alex Poindexter
Maci Poindexter and Leah Poindexter
Rylan Arens and Hunter Arens

Please contact the office if you are unable to attend that Saturday or Sunday or find a replacement.

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Amanda Keller, Laura Oligschlaeger, Linda Welschmeyer, Chris Robinson, Tammy Purvis, Bob Mette, Tealia McCurdy, Tom Swaim, Betty Mendonsa, Bill Knipp, Bryan Bartlett, Phyllis Silver, Jim Arens, Frances Troesser, Ryker Whalen, Daniel Brooks, Barb Poindexter, Shirley Willingham, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, Derrick Feldmann, Frankie Stuckenschneider, Bud Oligschlaeger, Edna Berry, Ryan Maskey, Makenna Mularoni, Anthony Arens, Steven Govero, David Welschmeyer, Billie (Welschmeyer) Gering, Jim Gooch, Doris Wieberg, Agnes Bertels, Carolyn Stuckenschneider, Dale (Bud) Craighead, Therese Fennewald, Wesley Andrews, Joe Vance, Edward Borgmeyer, Josh Oliver, Jim Purvis, Penelope Karrenbrock

The Missouri Catholic Conference has shared the Bishops Statement on the Abortion Initiative Petition. A copy of the statement is available for you located by the bulletins in the back of church.

Martinsburg Area Ultreya will immediately follow the 4pm mass Saturday, April 20th. We will meet at the Martinsburg Community Room. Everyone who has attended a Cursillo is welcome. Meat, drinks, and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Any questions call Delana Becker, Area Rep. 573-721-0780

Thank you to the 7th and 8th Grade St. Joseph Catholic School students and Ms. Jo Veta Deimeke and Michelle Hombs for helping clean up the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks, Joe Vomund and Cemetery Board.

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits and food during Kent's long battle with cancer and after he passed. A special thanks to the 4th Degree Knights for the honor guard for the visitation and funeral. Thank you to Ruth Schuler, Jan Schafer and the choir for the beautiful music. Also thanks to Deacons Ron, Lou and Larry and Fr. Derek for the kind words and the beautiful service. We have been truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community. May God bless you all.
The Kent Buckman Family

Bishop McKnight's April prayer intention for our Local Church



For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through our diocese from July 1-5, 2024, stopping in Sedalia, Boonville, Jefferson City, Columbia and Starkenburg. Learn how you can walk with us and worship with us at several events throughout the diocese...Please watch for more information and details about this exciting event coming soon.

Church Spring Cleaning-Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 a.m.

Lend a hand to spruce up our church! Please bring cleaning supplies, buckets and rags. Together we can make our church shine.

St. Joseph School News
Principal - Michelle Hombs

Hanging Basket Fundraiser: Basket tickets sold by school families for \$19.50 each. Every ticket sold the school receives \$5.00. Baskets are to be picked up at YardBirds Greenhouse, 1110 N. Sturgeon St., Montgomery City between April 1-May 31. Money returned to school by Friday, April 26.

Diocesan Spelling Bee- Was held this Thursday at St. Martin in Jefferson City. The top two spellers in grades 4th-8th, who are listed below, attended the bee. They represented us well :)
4th gr.-Ryan Arens, Hannah Swaim; 5th gr.-Landon LaRue, Charlee Rodgers; 6th gr.-Lilly Bosworth; 7th gr.-Kaytlynn Arens, Haydon Swaim; 8th gr.-Koopers Schafer, Layne Rohan

SJS Share Fair -next Friday, April 19, 6:30 to 7:30pm at the school. Please join us at this open house to see all the students' hard work and projects from the school year. At 7pm some of the 7th/8th students will share their speeches that were said at the Diocesan Speech Meet. All are welcome to come!

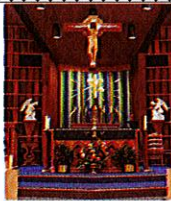
Teacher Opening for 24-25 Year-A full-time 5th/6th grade home-room teaching position with opportunities to teach specific subjects 5th-8th grade. SJS has many things to offer. Retired teachers are encouraged to apply. Apply online at www.diojeffcity.org. Also send resume and references to the school's address (401 E. Kellett St., Martinsburg) or email, mhombs@stjosephmb.org

Middle School Track -There is only one track meet next week which is listed below. Good luck! **Tuesday, April 16 @** North Callaway, bus leaves R-VI at 3:00pm, meet starts at 4:15pm

Home & School News—Officers for the upcoming 24-25 year were installed this past Tuesday. Thank you again to this year's officers and also to the slate of officers below for volunteering their time for next school year. Tessa Barnett, President, Liz Freie, Vice-President, Beth Cochran, Secretary, Mandy Cope, Treasurer
Parish Graduation- Saturday, May 11, at the 4:00pm Mass We will be promoting four 8th grade students onto high school. Any parishioner graduating from high school, trade school, or college are welcome to take part. Graduates, please call school (492-6283) to share if you would like to be a part of our graduation Mass and/or be listed in the program.

Looking Ahead ... Sunday, April 14 last weekend student Mass for this school year. **Monday, April 15** SJS Staff meeting at school **Tuesday, April 16** -7:45am Mass, 5/6 read; 7th grade to work the Food Pantry; Track meet @ North Callaway, 4:15pm start **Wednesday, April 17-** Doughnut for those who ordered from StuCo School Store; SJS Library **Thursday, April 18-** 7:45am song practice; School Advisory Council Meeting, 7pm **Friday, April 19-** Blue/Gold tops with uniform bottoms; 7:45am Mass, 5/6 Mass, Baptismal Anniversaries; Dr. Vader visits SJS; All School Panoramic Picture; Sketch Day, 8th grade to Monroe City; Share Fair, 6:30-7:30pm

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.



Acts 3:17-19

Our faith journey begins with a relationship with Christ, and it is through that relationship that we are able to experience true conversion of our hearts and minds. We grow in relationship with Christ through the sacraments and prayer, especially the Holy Mass, where we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When Jesus becomes the center of our lives, we begin to see Christ in everyone we meet.



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Happy Anniversary & Birthdays



April 14: Luke Fennwald, Carolyn Stuckenschneider

April 18: George Jacobi, Sydney Oligschaelger

April 19: Brad Hoyt, Laura Oligschlaeger

April 21: Richard and Jan Schafer (45)

Please contact the parish office if you would like a birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin. Parish office hours are Tuesday thru Thursday 9 am until 4:30 pm.

Join Our Team! The Early Learning Center is looking for an individual to keep a safe, positive, environment where children can learn and play. We are looking for a educator for our one year old room and for our two year room. Benefits: childcare discount, access to health care, paid holidays, paid time off. If interested email us at elcdirector@stjosephmb.org or message us on Facebook!

"Come & See" what a beautiful and blessed time it is when you freely give of your time to be with Jesus. Lifting our hearts and praise to our God. Special time to worship, give thanks, and pray for our loved ones and concerns on our hearts. We always have openings for more to join in hourly segments. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the first Wednesday** of each month. 8:00 am to midnight. Call Jan Schafer 573-473-2104 if you would like to start a monthly devotion and spend more time with Jesus. All are welcome anytime.

Tending The Flock has received a lot of donations of useful medical equipment. **If you know of someone in need of durable medical equipment please contact Rhonda Kestler at 573-582-2905.** We are always accepting donations so please keep this ministry in mind if you have durable medical equipment.



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Camp Lolek
FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Co-ed: June 9-14

Boys: June 16-21

Girls: July 7-11

Adventure

Sisterhood | Brotherhood
Leadership



Camp Maccabee
FOR YOUNG MEN

July 14-19



Camp Siena
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

July 21-26

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15



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A friendly reminder: That if there is a funeral at any parish or a school cancellation due to weather there will be no scheduled mass.

SJC Financial Report:	Income	Expense	Difference
July to March	\$733,566.22	\$781,569.96	\$-48,003.74
Percent of Budget	80.97%	82.75%	

Month of March	Income:	Expense	Weekly Apr 7
Church	\$ 35,046.42	\$ 21,742.89	\$ 9,586.00
School	\$ 9,965.98	\$ 32,930.32	\$ 1,287.20
ELC	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 23,229.44	\$ 3,915.00
Extended Care	\$ 1,034.00	\$ 1,127.65	\$ 344.50