



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

April 17, 2022 | Easter Sunday

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Word & Communion Service
5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in Jackson,
Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.
Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm
Ministers for next Sunday, April 24, 2022
Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke, OSA
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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother,
keep us in your care.
Give us your good counsel
as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community. Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draw us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

April 17, 2022
Easter (C)
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016



Teen Disciples

All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join Teen Disciples. Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday April 24 from 5 to 6:30 pm

Listening Session

There will be a community listening Session on May 12 at 7 pm at the Appalachian Arts Alliance for anyone who has not yet participated in the Synod Listening Sessions. You are also still able to fill out the questions discussed in the listening session online <https://bit.ly/3Ngx6bU>.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl -

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Farewell Celebration for Josh & Ellen Van Cleef

The farewell celebration for Josh and Ellen will take place at the Holy Cross parish potluck after Mass on April 30. We will plan to have a potluck and Holy Cross will provide the meat (Dan will be smoking it!!!). All are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert.

Feast of Mother of Good Counsel Tuesday April 26, 2022

Plan to join the parish in celebrating our feast day, on Tuesday April 26. Mother of Good Counsel will host Mass at 6 pm with a potluck to follow. There will be a quilt raffle for a cobblestone quilt on that evening. Tickets for the quilt raffle will be \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20.



Wildflower Walk

Celebrate Earth Day with the Diocese of Lexington! The Laudato Si Diocesan Commission is sponsoring the 6th Annual Memorial Fr. John Rausch & Tom Barnes Wildflower Walk on Saturday, April 23, 2022 (Please Note: in the event of rain, the Walk will be held on April 30, 2022). All are welcome to affirm God's footprint in creation with a pause, contemplation, and prayer. Food for the soul, nourishment for the spirit.

Details: Wildflower Walk at Anglin Falls near Berea with Sarah Hall, Associate Professor, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Meet at the parking lot of Union Church, Berea, across from Boone Tavern, at 9:30 a.m. for ridesharing. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic, and we'll spend from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. having fun.

Please rsvp by April 22nd to Vicki Wenz, St. Patrick Church, Mt. Sterling, KY at vwenz@cdlex.org or 859 498-0300.



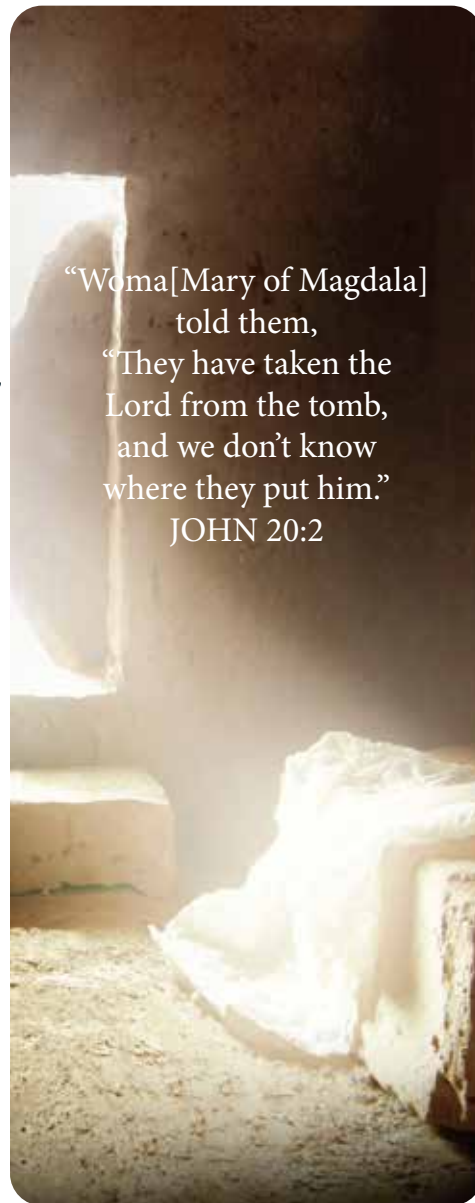
I Can't Believe It!

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to: "You've got to be kidding!" It means that what we are asked to accept as fact is just too far-fetched. Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here it means: "I'm speechless!"

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus' resurrection, today's Gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude Jesus had risen. By itself, an empty tomb proves nothing. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how later several of Jesus' followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

Neither empty tomb nor someone else's personal experience are by themselves certain evidence of the resurrection. Then what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even-later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians he says: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us.

I can hardly believe it.
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



"Woma[Mary of Magdala] told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
JOHN 20:2

- •For Reflection
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•We may have to wait for our own resurrection
•to get insight into the resurrection of Jesus.
•Pray for a deepened faith.
•• What might you do to make your own life a
•stronger witness of Jesus' resurrection?
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Readings for the Week

Monday APRIL 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday APRIL 19 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday APRIL 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday APRIL 21 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Friday APRIL 22 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Saturday APRIL 23 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
Sunday APRIL 24 <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31



Dear Padre

April 17, 2022

The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?

Jesus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39-40, 42-43).

When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

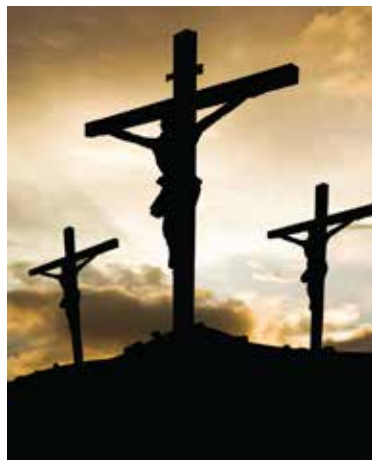
Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Envelopes : \$520
Monthly: \$105
Good Friday: \$57
Online: \$ 140
Total Weekly Offering: \$ 905



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker and Ron Brunty.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

April : Health Care Workers
We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities..

Birthdays

4/17 : Cris Turner
4/20: Scott Turner & Matt Tuttle
4/24L Gary Lindon