

*PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*  
*April 7-8, 2018*

**IF YOU ARE READING this Bulletin – THANK YOU!** It's good to know that the information we need to send out to all is reaching you and that this "bulletin" is still useful to some. ALL important announcements and information will be printed in the Bulletin to avoid distractions at Mass. Please help us to get the word out and let's encourage many others to read our Bulletin. Thanks again.

Many, many thanks to ALL who helped us with our Lenten and Easter preparations (cleaning, decorations, preparing needed things, and more cleaning); y'all are very much appreciated! Just to see how many people are involved in the maintenance and upkeep of our church is inspiring. We truly love this church and community and we need each other's help – without you, I can't do much! God bless y'all.

Many thanks to our St. Joseph Altar Workers and Lenten Gumbo Group for continuing the tradition of honoring our patron saint and helping the needy. The gifts we have been given are being given back so generously to those who are in need in our community. May the Lord continue to shower His blessings of love and peace to us all.

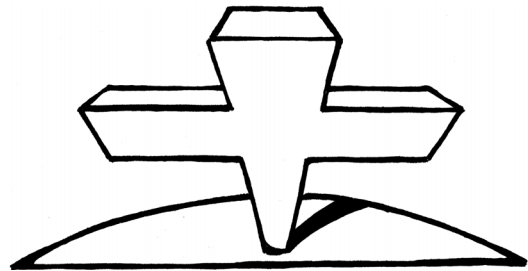
How did our Church grow after the Ascension of Jesus? How did this new and very small group of believers composed mostly of uneducated, insignificant, strong-willed and distracted hodge-podge of traumatized personalities managed to convert, change and make others believe? The first and quick from us is of course they told the Resurrection Story to all who would listen. The Resurrection story is one truth about our faith that cannot be contradicted, questioned and denied. Many emperors, kings, leaders, rulers, presidents, other religions and prophets have tried through the centuries to stop the spread of this story and people from believing, to no avail. Many have been tortured and killed because of their belief in the Resurrection story, and yet these have never stopped people from believing. But in addition to the telling resurrection story, I believe the other part answer to above question can be found in the opening line of our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading this weekend from the Acts of the Apostles. "The community of believers *was of one heart and mind*, and no one claimed that any of his posses-

sions was his own, but they had everything in common." (Emphasis mine)

It is a known fact that trying to get one or more people to wholeheartedly agree on something is difficult (and sometimes impossible) task to accomplish. To get more people of differing backgrounds to agree without question, and allow what they believe to become part of them (heart and mind) – now that must be something else in the eyes of non-believers! When those who do not know Jesus saw the Jews being friends with the hated Samaritans, when the known gentiles are seen in the company of teachers and holy men, when prostitutes and tax collectors alike rub elbows with the respected Elders of the community, those outside of the new faith must ask, "there must be something about the Resurrection Story of Jesus" that these people LOVE one another! Indeed.

IF the community of believers **DID NOT BECOME** one in heart and mind, then the Resurrection of Jesus would remain only a story. IF the community of believers **DID NOT shared** the entirety of the Good News given to them, then the Resurrection of Jesus would be easily dismissed. IF the community of believers **DID NOT live** their lives AS IF Jesus is Risen, then the Resurrection of Jesus would not make a difference. BUT if the believers in the community become **DAILY LIVING WITNESSES** of Jesus' Resurrection, then the community of believers will continue to grow and prosper until the end of time.

*Father Vic+*



**Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

**April 8, 2018**

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the  
Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5

**March 17th & 18th 2018**



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**ROSARY**  
**Mondays & Thursdays**  
**9:30 AM**  
**in the Church.**  
*All are welcome.*



**Celebrating a sacrament does not register you as a parishioner.**

**ARE YOU REGISTERED PARISHIONER ?**

“I’ve attended this church for years.” But, have you registered? If you were registered under your parent’s name, but are now an adult and living on your own, you also need to register. **Celebrating a sacrament does not register you as a parishioner.** Membership forms are available at the Life Center or online at [www.stjoseph-cc.org](http://www.stjoseph-cc.org).



**Heaven’s Handymen**  
**NEW MEMBERS NEEDED**

The purpose of this ministry is to help the elderly and needy of the parish and nearby surrounding areas that is in need of minor home repairs. A group of men and women have joined their skills and resources together to offer these services. Projects are determined by need and priority. **Volunteers need not be trained. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in the St. Joseph Life Center .** Projects are done on various weekends. You need not be a parishioner of St. Joseph or even Catholic, if God has blessed you with a skill, please feel free to help others. If you would like more information, attend a meeting and see if your service can be useful to the group.

**Save the Date...**



June 7-10, 2018:

Women’s Cursillo Weekend

August 9-12, 2018: Men’s Cursillo Weekend

This three day Cursillo is a personal encounter with Christ– a weekend just for you and our Lord. Please pray about this, for you can only attend a Cursillo Weekend ONCE in your lifetime.

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their faith.

Please remember **Mary Alice Morvant** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that her family may find comfort and consolation through



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**ABA UPDATE**

**Diocese:**

65.9% of Goal

**St. Joseph Co-Cathedral :**

56.92% of Goal

There is still plenty of time for you to give a donation to the ABA.



**Children’s Liturgy**

We are in need of adult volunteers for our Children’s Liturgy Ministry during the 9:30 AM Mass.

If you are interested in finding out more information, call the Life Center at 446-1387.