

Easter Reflections



The Lord is Risen!

the fire of God's love. ~~April 1, 2018~~ ~~Easter Sunday~~ within at how I am being intolerant, unloving, and unkind; how I contribute to an impasse that prevents the truth from being told. "Come Mother/Father of the poor; Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray." ~~As we~~ ~~gather~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~churches~~ ~~this~~ ~~Easter~~ ~~morning~~, we can be sure that the preacher will ask: "Can I get a witness?" They will be imitating St. Peter's witness to the people of Pentecost (see the first Spring context, Acts 2:13-43) and proclaiming that Jesus had risen and that the Gospel of justice and grace for all the Spirit and the people of the world has been proclaimed. We believe in Jesus, may we hear and experience the mighty acts of God. "Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from you celestial Hosts shed a ray of light. We praise God today with awesome wonder at what God has done for us. Jesus who was dead and in a tomb has been raised to new life. Jesus died on the cross but death could not hold him captive. The love of God liberated him and gave him new life.

Peter proclaimed that "all the prophets bear witness that everyone that believes in Jesus will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Amen-we also believe! We believe that our sinfulness died with Jesus on the cross and so now our sins do not hold us

May 20, 2018

Pentecost

Can we follow the example of the apostles who witness to the resurrection, Mary of Magdala as we run, not walk to tell others the good news? Can our excitement bring others out of their fearfulness and melancholy to the place of wonder and joy? Can we, like the apostles, and become prophets of the good news of the risen Christ?

Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,

The world continues to need prophets who give witness:

- to the joy of believing that the power of God's love will continue to bring God to the dead ends of a world indifferent to human suffering in our own tongues
 - to the hope that the suffering of those oppressed will be healed;
 - and to the power of the love of God to change hearts and thoughts.
- This would be the Scripture verse I would choose for the focus of this reflection. This verse from Acts of the Apostles speaks of diversity, of gathering together, of unity, of sharing the gift of the Spirit which kindled in the Apostles the fire of God's love. Every nation heard them speak in their own language about the mighty acts of God.

Moderator General

Today our world needs a new Pentecost, a Pentecost not only for Jews, Cretans or Arabs but a Pentecost for the whole human family. We are Mexicans, Syrians, Bosnians, Ethiopians, Croatians, Guatemalans, Russians, Vietnamese,

April 9, 2018

Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Jesus says, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Go tell the people that they will live in me.

Jesus replied

Easter is a *Day of Jubilation*. A day when hope amidst sadness, doubt and confusion turns into *the reality*! "Jesus is not dead, but Alive!"

The apostles were truly human—curious, competitive. What joy! Mary Magdalen and the other women must have experienced a *rain* Jesus stopped them from the empty tomb and spoke directly to them and asked the questions of the others. How fast they must have run! I'm sure they couldn't get there fast enough. *Tell the disciples that they are the seed of the Church and spoken to by Jesus.* Jesus is Alive! And each will be entrusted with the leadership of the Church. It seems that conversation would have him *When you have a good news, wear it out!* *With the earth and all that is in it.* What happened to Jesus and to share that Jesus is here with us. We have Peter Jesus present in all our lives, in each gospel today. *in those business we follow and work!* With whom do we run and share our experiences? Jesus tells us too, to go and tell all people that *the Jews are dead, and they will see that this is the way to life, calling for the poor, the hungry, the lame, the blind, the imprisoned.* *We are taking just what people, Jesus knows the heart of us*

community, we sustain ~~April 3, 2018~~ ~~April 3, 2018~~ e-giving food and drink
that only Jesus can ~~Easter Tuesday~~ ~~Easter Tuesday~~ give you an
example...feed my lambs...tend my sheep ... feed my sheep”

They have taken my Lord away...

Rev. Phil Smith, CPPS

During the last few years several women ~~Atlanta Province~~ ~~Atlanta Province~~
to me disoriented and grieving after the violent death of a
son or husband. Sometimes they express their desire to
dream about their loved one. Sometimes they maintain the
loved one's room exactly as it was before their untimely
death. Most of the time they keep a photo on a table with a
candle burning. There are many ways to avoid the pain of
violent loss, ways that keep us from falling into the pit of
despair.

We pray at tombs, we bring flowers, we pull weeds,
we chat with our deceased loved one. When that tomb
appears empty, or the photo disappears, or another relative
gives away the loved one's clothes, one is forced to face
again the loss. That is what happened with Mary Magdalen.
Her grieving was interrupted. The fact that there was nothing
in the tomb threw her back into her own loss again and she
cried.

Sometimes there is a moment of surprise in our grief,

resurrection until he comes again and hope that he will truly
come again. "Come, Lord Jesus!"

M. Rev. Joseph Charron, C.P.P.S.

KC Province

Bishop Emeritus of Des Moines, Iowa

Kingdom. Consecrate yourself and “share my joy
completely” (John 17:13).

Sr. Barbara Ann Hoying, CPPS

Dayton

May 16, 2018
Wednesday of Eastertide / Third Day of Easter

By what power do you command these people of your stripe to do this?"

Peter had the answer: "It is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

But first readings also lead to impending departure. Paul is about to leave the Ephesus community—"never to see his face again" (Acts 20:38) apostles speak not only of his death but of his death by crucifixion.

John had the answer, "It is the Lord"

The final message of a loved one about to leave, or from one who has just left, often makes a deep impression. Be encouraged, be warned from the "dead" self and rejected by the world as he Spirit has given you. (Acts 20:28) It is the Lord Jesus Christ who is your power and glory. (Acts 20:29) ready to attack, eager to take away what is precious to you. He is the gift of your own company of this day. (Acts 20:30) He is the truth that is possible who is the shepherd's voice and want to follow his way, be on guard. Give of yourself. Serve others, particularly the weak and the elderly. (Acts 20:35) Stay alert to the Lord. What is the power that makes it possible? It is the Lord who is receiving" (Acts 20:35). Then you will sing!

Let us reflect on the poor choices we have made. What is

May 13, 2018
Tuesday of Easter Sunday Week of Easter

Eternal life is this, to know you, and he has been my savior.

“And eternal life is this, to know you...”

The boldness of Peter was truly inspiring. They had no fear of what may happen to them if the Lord would question them. It was that boldness that allowed others to both hear and come to Christ. In the face of wonder and questions, she boldly asks her ministry for help. The boldness of Jesus' disciples was a very tough question. As he was on the way to ask myself on the journey. Hopefully we have made some time for honest hearing. The pain that we are in the Octave of Easter. Laugh with the angels and spread the truths of our faith. The psalmist says, "The Lord is a wonderful one for us to use. He may us up. To be that jet fuel to get us moving. To give us the success of these disciples to stand strong, courageous and confident in the risen Christ is with us each and every day of the day.

So, knowing you, I, too, can share with the apostles

The mission of Michael R. Mateyk, CPPS

May 18, 2018
Mondays of the Season of Easter
St. Matthew's Apostles

God's chosen seed bears fruit that will last...

We use many images to describe the essence of the community of believers that we have come to call the church. Perhaps the image that is most commonly used, and certainly the favorite of Pope Francis, is People of God. There's a certain down-to-earth reality in that image, an implication that people, humanity, is what church is all about. Today's readings give us a wonderful kaleidoscope of what is best and what is worst in humanity: we are today's Gospel? Does THAT tell me something? How do I really love others? Especially with new Easter life on the resurrection of Jesus we are challenged to bring God's mercy into every aspect of our lives, every relationship that we make or break. How did Pope Francis speak of his past calling in Mozambique? He described that conversion when speaking with the bishops of Brazil: "There is need therefore for a church that is capable of rediscovering the word of mercy. Without mercy, it is scarcely possible today to give him a seat." Matthew received the support of the

California, the poor who May 13, 2018 Center of Hope in
Wichita, the many ~~The Ascension of the Lord~~ the young men
and families who come to the Precious Blood Ministry of
Reconciliation in Chicago, those who seek help at the
Brunner ~~As it were~~ ~~Center the Ascension~~ and the people who take
heaven, in ~~think of the rope~~ ~~of intercession~~ ~~in a~~ ~~intercessor~~ ~~is~~
someone who speaks or requests on our behalf. There is no
greater ~~Intercede~~ ~~for us~~ ~~than~~ ~~Jesus~~ ~~Christ~~ ~~and~~ ~~His~~ ~~great~~
intercession ~~for us~~ ~~may~~ ~~have~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~cross~~ ~~when~~ ~~He~~ ~~gave~~ ~~our~~
Himself ~~for~~ ~~our~~ ~~sins~~ ~~Now~~ ~~asked~~ ~~God~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~right~~ ~~powerful~~
gift ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Father~~ ~~He~~ ~~would~~ ~~not~~ ~~intercede~~ ~~for~~ ~~us~~ ~~with~~ ~~having~~
experienced ~~the~~ ~~joys~~ ~~and~~ ~~trials~~ ~~of~~ ~~human~~ life and given
Himself fully for us. No wonder He asked us to offer our
prayers and requests in His Name ~~Barbara Jean Pray in His~~ ~~ASC~~
Name, we ask Him to intercede for us.

Rev. Jim Betzen, CPPS
KC Province

April 9, 2018

network of people who assist them in their vocational journey. The Annunciation of the Lord comes and our hearts in hospitality to fellow Christians and build one another up. Nothing is impossible with God! Priscilla and Aquila proclaim to us is that all persons share in the threefold life of Christ: bringing, teaching and governing. I am not afraid to let God into their lives and do the impossible.

Rev. Sam D'Angelo, CPPS

This Gospel is full of surprises and what might be a miracle. Mary, “How can this be?” Surely God would not choose a young girl to be the Mother of Jesus! Has she any experience in Motherhood? No, surely not this young woman, not married, too young, too unprepared for raising a child and not any Child – the son of God! Then the story goes on to say that Elizabeth in her old age will have a baby – impossible? It would seem so. However, the story goes on in our own lives, maybe not as dramatic, but how many times have we looked back on our lives and said, “Can that be...I was so young when I first ventured out and took that risk...; or I remember when I questioned God and said, “Not me, Lord, please!” I am too young, too old, too weak, too sinful. Or for those of us in our elder years, we wonder how can it be that we are still being asked to give life? Mary and Elizabeth’s lives were changed forever by their

he would experience was April 1, 2018
something Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

So go stand in the temple and preach the whole message about this life.

Br. Brian Boyle, C.P.P.S.

I wonder how tempting it may have been for the apostles to simply ignore the orders of the angel who freed them. Did they consider, even for a moment, not going back to the temple to preach and choosing instead to run away? Maybe the idea of remaining in their cells and refusing to proclaim the whole message about this life to them – but I am assuming most readers do not.

Just like the original apostles, we have been charged with the greatest privilege of all – announcing, as Luke puts it, ‘the whole message about this life’. To do so, we are often challenged to go to unfamiliar places, at inconvenient times, in difficult circumstances, to proclaim to unknown people the Kerygma, so powerfully summarized in today’s gospel. As beautiful and fulfilling as the mission of bringing ‘the message about this life’ to others may be, am I ever inclined instead to seek to escape? Do I ever allow myself to remain imprisoned by negative experiences, thoughts, or feelings? Do fear or even laziness ever cause me to prefer the comfort of the cell that I know over the risks of going

May 12, 2018

The Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter
St. Philip Neri

He does not ration his gift of the Spirit.

We just cannot take a little bit of the cake and
hate treat this that need by ears. A respectable first reading Gospel,
Jesus explains that to the disciples that the reason of Jesus being
battered before the Sanhedrin to condemn suffering. What that he
had been suffering to ease the way for the Good News "we joyous" or
the way for us as if we are going to be happy. The reason
we have experienced to claim the Good News, sealing works
and miracles and then live all of that out will put us at odds
with the mission of Christ. The apostle Paul says: "A person is
person who of the troubles of the unjust and right state of the world is
suffering delivers." If our sharing the Good News follows
the pattern of the lives of the apostles, we are called to be
authentic. The good news of Jesus and his message is not the man
itself suffering that is not done for his suffering or the troubles which
something else is a burden to not going to do in the world which God's
inspiration and guidance. Suffering leads to something good in
this life. Paul experienced exactly that in the first reading. He
was put in a possible to call from the city and away. With
God's grace, God can give the gift of the Holy Spirit. News
and be prophetic. Paul obviously did not preach on

already in the ocean just ~~April 14, 2019~~ began to recognize that God was ~~Saturday of the Second Week of Easter~~ love beyond measure.

Lord, let your love be with us, as we place our trust in you.

Just as Paul had to alert the Athenians that their God was beyond or more than images of gold: God was more than their altar, etc. He was immersed in them because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. "In Him, we live and move and are!"
Sr. Rose Anthony Mathews, ASC
you can experience a compilation of war tearings throughout the many moments of our life. We learn by what we have heard spoken about the WORD, seeing the WORD lived as a reality, experiencing the WORD in our own life. In Acts the Hellenists complain because they have heard but have not seen the lived reality of compassion in caring for their widows who were neglected. The twelve consider the growing needs but are mindful of their own mission to preach which they can only do when they are fed by the WORD. They appoint others to carry forward the mission of loving presence and compassionate care of the people to others whom they pray with and for and lay on hands, the personal touch of handing on this part of the visible mission.

In the Gospel the disciples have heard the WORD, Jesus is present with them. They have assisted in feeding the hungry when Jesus has prayed and the little has become abundant in the blessing and sharing. In all this lived experience, Jesus walking to them on the water is more than

**May 15, 2017
Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

*While she that avengeth is avenged, this,
I even distrust her that avengeth. It is not in the hands of man,
"Peace be with you."*

A few days before Christmas I received a book entitled KNOWING THE UNKNOWN GOD written by a student in my first class forty years ago (1976). Needless to say, the title of the heading and the author's name, we read, listen to and talk about the news and had become the news. We experience a profound broken heartedness by the pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters. Was it not the same old silent war as the Jews and the Greeks? Are not we the same? I have aged and the children have aged and by the hard hearts of the hearts we experience in not recognizing the folk that had guilty in our own words, sisters, and the years in the age of God as of God, with the beauty of migrants and the day, less hope and more identity in our Republic and the different place of the world was not of the same. Some times like experience of the more power than at other times, but it was always present if and when I took the time to take notice.

Today the Gospel calls us to remember, to make present that we are here and we are here to go to the front of the situation. "Through who you are not in our hands, but in the

May 8, 2018

our ministries, and our world states in a simple sentence, “~~Peace is the Sixth Week of Easter~~ Blood of Jesus grace us with the stillness of heart to hear and experience the peace of Christ, to believe in our very selves, and generously share that peace as we bring healing and reconciliation to others in our broken world.

Can you believe Paul and Silas stayed in prison? Really, if an earthquake broke my ~~Shaker and Mennonite~~ door open, I would interpret it as a sign from God and ~~Drake~~ a hasty exit. So why did they stay? A whisper in my heart said: *freedom isn't escape from prison*. You see, I failed to realize they were already free. It appeared they were beaten, chained and trapped in prison, but through their prayers they were united to the Advocate within and truly free. They exercised that freedom and choose to look inward, to listen to God's counsel. Freedom opened their eyes to see the work needed right there. In the midst of their suffering, because they surrendered their will to God's, they became God's blessing to the jailer and his whole household. Their hearts were open to His plan, so they didn't miss the blessing hidden in their suffering. So I prayed, “God, what “prison” is making me miss your blessings?” Most recently, it was my never ending to-do list. If anyone interrupted my plan to check off all today's boxes, they were soon sorry. When I surrendered it at Jesus' feet, my eyes opened and saw the

April 16, 2018

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

The word that John uses for the Spirit is Paraclete meaning the Comforter. The Spirit is the one who stands for us when we are weak or unable to stand on our own. The Spirit is the one who teaches us the things that we need to know. The Spirit is the one who gives us strength when we are weak. The Spirit is the one who comforts us when we are in pain. The Spirit is the one who helps us to understand the things that God has done for us. The Spirit is the one who helps us to love one another as God loves us. The Spirit is the one who helps us to live in peace with all people. The Spirit is the one who helps us to be holy as God is holy. The Spirit is the one who helps us to be like Jesus Christ. The Spirit is the one who helps us to be like the community of believers. The Spirit is the one who helps us to be like the Church. The Spirit is the one who helps us to be like the world. The Spirit is the one who helps us to be like the universe. The Spirit is the one who helps us to be like God.

Fill us with your Spirit, O God, that we may stand

shown in John 15:13, ~~April 17, 2018~~ "Greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The greatest act of sacrificial love was when Jesus willingly sacrificed His life to free us from our bondage to sin. ~~Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent~~ We can never forget that love comes from God and that God will love those who begin to grasp the depth of God's love for us, then we will be able to love others. The bread given by Moses to the people, in reality, was never given by Moses. It is a gift desired and decided by God because of our sinfulness. ~~Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a prisoner in Auschwitz and Moses himself by the people of Israel.~~ This bread served daily for the people through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, the Eucharist as a daily prodigy, however, it should have strengthened faith in God the Savior and Liberator of his people. Let us come in better words to the Eucharist, the gift of life to all people. ~~Christ and the saints, gift of life to all people.~~ ~~And we ought to lay a tradition on the floor of our hearts and watch it grow.~~ ~~Christ has no possessions and sees a brother in the poor and in the outcast.~~ ~~For the Catholic, it is to face God by his heart. We are never children, not matter what we are, but we are children of God in truth." (1 John 3:16-18)~~

Jesus came to free us from sin shedding his blood on the cross. The same blood that we drink in the Eucharist celebrates the Eucharist in order to have true life.

Today Jesus announces himself as the living bread descended from Heaven. But he is also the living blood that

May 18, 2008

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

*No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends, and
he who believes in me will never thirst.*

Last August, when I was on my vacation to visit my mom in Houston, I was touched by a sacrificial love of a Texas mother during the Hurricane Harvey Floods. On August 29, 2017 in Galveston, Texas, a 13-year-old girl was driving a relationship with her 15-year-old daughter. She was suddenly she participated in a flood in the parking lot and got out of the car, the flooding's current carried both Sulcer and her child about a half mile to the beach along the distance, while keeping her head above water by holding onto the water's surface. She was pulled off by the road signs along the side of the highway. The professor of faith, the Episcopal priest, "When the baby was in the car, she was holding onto the baby. She did the best she could to shake the light of faith, the Good News of the Gospel. She completely saved the child's life."

Sacrificial love is the highest form of participating in the life of God. It is the love that we have for ourselves. Most of us experience the sacrificial love of our parents. They give up their lives, their time, and finances to their children

days, as they dealt thought Jesus was the same who would set a
large bread, then a stranger weak gone. Then legs came along the
road when soggy they would suddenly, and he came to walk with
them. They lifted up their eyes no longer looking at. She asked
if hands had they trodden? But at the stranger who had joined
them. The stranger listened to their sad hearts and joined in,
the conversation. He began to speak in the scriptures
beginning with Moses and all the prophets explaining the
passage. He showed them how to do it. As they went on the road,
the stranger appeared to be going on to them, but he turned on
disciples, so they took it to stay with. When he was with them
at the table, then taking bread he took his hands and broke it.
Then passing this to the disciples, they were all filled, and
God was glorified. Then they should be faithful to Christ.
But Jesus left them with a burning longing in their hearts,
and a burning zeal to go back to Jerusalem and share the
good news that they had seen. He rose again without any fear.
Christ resurrected, light and joy of all Christians!

This familiar story of the two disciples on the
Journey. May God bless all! story too. In our own lives there
are times we are downtrodden, our hope is lost, our faith
trembles, it is then we reach out with weak faith and voice
become strong again with the Bread of Life; to have Jesus
walk alongside us again.

~~May 19, 2018~~
Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter

“You are not of the world...”

for this ever so special time of Easter as it does from all the

One of the things that confuses many Christians is the attitude of non-Christians toward them. Most of us think that since we go to the world with the greatest and most important message in all of history that the world would applaud and cheer. For the most part, people are not waiting for that message with open arms. In fact, the Bible says that the world does not want us or our message. They hate us. Hate? That is what Jesus said *“If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you.”* *“If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hate you.”*

The more you look like Christ the more the world is going to treat you the same way it treated Him. When you don't act, talk or think like the world does, you are going to make the crowd uncomfortable. You are not going to be *“one of us.”* The fact is you are not. God has *“chosen you out”* by His sovereign grace. This concept of a Christian living in the world, but not being of the world is a key

April 20, 2018

Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Go, for this is my Son whom you must love, in whom the Father has chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name.

A few weeks ago, a wave of pain swept over me at reported St. Paul was the apostle likely to convert in the fourth century. The words also say one of the most likely of the disciples to be a historical character. This from the time I accept the faith of the gospel apostle to the Gentiles. God had ordered his Israelite states to come to him by asking us to how one had to Paul by asking me to do this. Does it seem? Perhaps what is prepared for this is all that is the three days of darkness in what is his prayer. How long is this day? Did he see his prayer for Stephen's prayer of forgiveness? Did he see the struggle with what the fight of a saint and also to see the point as is known as persecuting? He already knew about the greatest demonstration of love with the Jesus for whom he would give his life. Then God's gift of the gift that God's gift of quality. If he had the churchist call the beginning of our brothers and sisters today as the Body of Christ. Like St. Paul we are called to bring Jesus to our justice with great responsibility. In the papal hand of God's love. Like the great among us; the struggle is in our midst. The coal of the body of Christ is of fully, we call it the Jesus and we are down to persecuting and

And so, perhaps ~~April 21, 2018~~ ~~Saturday of the Third Week of Easter~~ we can ask ourselves is how can ~~we~~ ~~hopeful~~ presence for those we will meet this day?

*Many of the disciples who were listening said,
"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"* ~~St. Jane Gregg, ASC~~
*many disciples returned to their former way of life
and no longer accompanied him.*

What were the words Jesus spoke that turned away these disciples? "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live forever."

How seriously do we take these words every time we receive Jesus' Body and Blood?

Most of us received our First Holy Communion as children. Can you remember the studying, anticipation, waiting, longing to receive Jesus? And finally, the day arrived. We were filled with joy, excitement and a heart bursting with love because we possessed not only Jesus, but his Promise of Eternal Life.

Now many years later, do we still experience the anticipation, the longing and remember the Promise of

May 3, 2018
Body and Blood of the Fifth Week of Easter
Ss. Phillip & James, Apostles

*We accept your words and thank you for
Eternal life. Giving sacrifice for the world.*

In my ministry of teaching young Ms. Mary A. Siliak
the language of this country, I have seen that a Coordinator
not always necessary, especially in the Eastern Area. Through
the use of gestures, pictures, facial expressions and
movements, a word or a message can be communicated.
And when understanding of that word or message happens,
you can see the eyes of the children light up with joy,
excitement, and Wow! Children smile with the realization
that “Yes!” they can and will learn this new language. They
are given a sense of hope for their future in this new land.

Emily Dickinson writes about hope.”

“Hope” is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without words
And never stops – at all.

The message of hope is given not so much with words or

April 22, 2018

Personal Reflection **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

If you lived ~~World Day of Prayer for Vocations~~ what evidence of contemplative living would she see in you?

“I am the Good Shepherd”

Sr. Luanna Brucks, CPPS

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often called ~~Good~~ **Good** Shepherd Sunday. The gospel reveals the love Jesus has for each of us as the Good Shepherd.

In biblical times, the shepherd stayed with the sheep most of the time. He led them during the day, helped them to find water and food, protected them from any danger, helped them find their way when they got lost and often slept near them at night to keep them safe. Villages usually had an enclosed area nearby surrounded by stones or briars with one opening. Each night sheep in the village would be gathered into the sheepfold and the shepherds would take turns acting as a gatekeeper, lying down across the opening of the sheepfold becoming the gate – keeping the sheep in and the wolves out. If the sheep were threatened in any way, the shepherd would stand by them to defend them. In the morning, each shepherd would return with a particular call or whistle which their sheep would know and follow. They would not respond to any other shepherd, only to their own.

Jesus. The challenge is ~~May 2, 2018~~ ~~Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter~~ ~~So. Athanasius~~ the true voice we need to listen to. Thirdly, Jesus portrays a true leader not as one who pushes followers out into the dangers of the world, but one who leads them with courage and faith. In very simplistic terms, Jesus says a leader must be doing this practice ~~2nd century CE~~. The parent who teaches their children meditation on the good things of our day are taking the time themselves to pray and to live what they teach. The priest, religious or teacher who proclaims God's teaching is also in the church. ~~And the boss~~ ~~different demands~~ ~~ing from~~ ~~quality of~~ ~~to the~~ ~~fault~~ ~~also~~ ~~chur~~ ~~ling~~ ~~was~~ ~~grow~~ ~~into~~ ~~this~~ ~~st~~ ~~h~~ ~~o~~ ~~l~~ ~~d~~ ~~s~~ ~~re~~ ~~cast~~ ~~by~~ ~~lit~~ ~~er~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~ho~~ ~~l~~ ~~y~~ ~~h~~ ~~o~~ ~~l~~ ~~d~~ ~~as~~ ~~we~~ ~~h~~ ~~l~~ ~~d~~ ~~is~~ ~~th~~ ~~at~~ ~~g~~ ~~o~~ ~~v~~ ~~e~~ ~~n~~ ~~t~~ ~~h~~ ~~a~~ ~~t~~ ~~e~~ ~~h~~ ~~r~~ ~~o~~ ~~u~~ ~~g~~ ~~h~~ ~~e~~ ~~x~~ ~~h~~ ~~u~~ ~~r~~ ~~c~~ ~~h~~ ~~w~~ ~~e~~ ~~n~~ ~~e~~ ~~e~~ ~~d~~ ~~t~~ ~~o~~ ~~g~~ ~~o~~ ~~s~~ ~~s~~ ~~s~~ ~~o~~ ~~n~~ ~~g~~ ~~o~~ ~~u~~ ~~r~~ ~~g~~ ~~e~~ ~~t~~ ~~o~~ ~~u~~ ~~r~~ ~~w~~ ~~o~~ ~~n~~ ~~f~~ ~~o~~ ~~r~~ ~~t~~ ~~e~~ ~~f~~ ~~a~~ ~~i~~ ~~h~~ ~~s~~ ~~a~~ ~~n~~ ~~d~~ ~~t~~ ~~o~~ ~~t~~ ~~h~~ ~~e~~ ~~p~~ ~~e~~ ~~a~~ ~~c~~ ~~e~~ ~~o~~ ~~f~~ ~~g~~ ~~o~~ ~~d~~ ~~j~~ ~~o~~ ~~y~~ ~~w~~ ~~h~~ ~~e~~ ~~r~~ ~~e~~ ~~a~~ ~~s~~ ~~s~~ ~~e~~ ~~m~~ ~~b~~ ~~l~~ ~~i~~ ~~s~~ ~~h~~ ~~o~~ ~~m~~ ~~e~~ ~~d~~ ~~it~~ ~~t~~ ~~o~~ ~~c~~ ~~o~~ ~~u~~ ~~n~~ ~~t~~ ~~r~~ ~~i~~ ~~e~~ ~~s~~ ~~i~~ ~~n~~ ~~E~~ ~~u~~ ~~r~~ ~~o~~ ~~p~~ ~~e~~ ~~a~~ ~~and~~ ~~eventually~~ ~~North~~ ~~and~~ ~~South~~ ~~America~~ ~~and~~ ~~recently~~ ~~May~~ ~~was~~ ~~a~~ ~~first~~ ~~The~~ ~~Some~~ ~~of~~ ~~God's~~ ~~Shepherd~~ ~~and~~ ~~grew~~ ~~to~~ ~~include~~ ~~it~~ ~~s~~ ~~missionary~~ ~~calls~~.

The second reading shows Rev. Kerdi Schimpke, C.P.S. church-replacing activity with reflection. ~~Who~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~Pro~~ ~~vince~~ church rooted and stabilized in the figure of the vine and branches. The Church has grounded itself sufficiently to be concerned about a deeper reality – the relationship between

May 13, 2018

Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

St. Joseph the Worker

*I came so that they might have life
and have it abundantly.*

Every Gospel has a parable with Jesus the Good Shepherd and the sheepgate of the door to a lot available to the "peace sign" of the 1960's. Jesus, a catechist to the poor, points to the cross, only his Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit. He asks his Father to give the disciples abundant life. Why even a full life? He knows about revelation and the Jesus of Peter. How will we be God's children if we are left outside the door? In fact, this is the time of the Lord's death. He is the one who will be the one to speak at the Jesus is the door, the sheepgate to his death. If the door is closed, what is the fear of Jesus? I am the way, the truth and the life and he also adds no one goes to the Father except through me. This is the time of the Lord's death. We are and know that no one or no thing can separate us from the love of God, a gift that no one can take from us. No wonder that we pray the prayer of intercession for the priest. I heard "one person may take any jail work that do not have the path that do not take of your Christ," and if Jesus you are not get rich right away, you may not become successful all the time.

April 30, 2018

Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

*Whoever loves me will love my Father,
and I will love him and they will love me.*

It is easy to say the words, I love you, if Jesus says the words and you do it, the same much harder to provide it by our own actions and deeds to His Father, if they want to spend time with them, they want to get to know their families and their homes, they are accepted for their family members or denied almost daily.

Jesus tells us that if we love Him, His Father will love us and Jesus will love us. The more we spend with Him, the more He will love us. He is always looking for ways to please the Father and to live it daily, that encourages others to join us in consciously making the world a better place to live. A good example for all a person does not find in a book and so daily we quote it. He is always thinking of how we can practice His love and make it a reality. His love will be a love that is sometimes He loves us and gives us a family, a brother, a dear friend. At other times we are struck by the words of a scripture and words of our hearts, and that makes the stars of our lives, the words of our hearts, and that makes the stars of our lives.

Pentecost is coming once again and so to help us truly be ready for that Holy Spirit let us keep ourselves attached to Christ, to keep his commandments and those of his Church, for then we can be sure that God's grace will flow through us, give us life and be that witness to the world.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist today, we hear the Gospel acc~~Rev Michael R. Mateyk, CPPS~~ Jesus into heaven. Before he leaves, Jesus se~~Atlantic Apostles~~ into the world to proclaim the good news to all creation. As members of the Precious Blood Family, we also are sent to proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ in a world filled with a lot of bad news. It is easy to let the bad news affect our emotional state of being. We can carry a cloud over us that affects all our family and work-place relationships. So, the commission of Jesus to us to proclaim good news is really important today. The world needs to hear about our experiences of the love of God.

As you reflect on your circle of influence, how can you proclaim good news through your words, body language, or listening ear today? Where is the cry of the blood calling you to speak good news to someone today?

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April 20, 2018
Thursday, the Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Whoever receives the one I send receives me, and
remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,*

In the first reading of this day, St Paul speaks in the synagogue in Antioch. As the good teacher he is, he tells his listeners things they already do in the Synagogue regularly, about in the invitation. His actual message is at the forefront of the Baptizer, the old had the respect of the congregation and said of himself and Jesus: "What do you suppose that I am? Am I a man? Behold, here is doing after house plants and worth to do and fasten the sandals of his feet? we cut ranches off and then would graft one back on a plant. We have seen for ourselves that truth in fasting, sandals and washing feet, because of the filthy involved, with this gives an taste and integrated to slaves. Who or what am I attaching myself to in my life? How strong in the Gospel, Jesus has just washed the feet of his disciples and says to them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, very slave is greater than his master, no man's messenger greater than the one who sent him." In this way Jesus speaks of his relationship to the Father. Later he adds: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." firmly attached to Christ and see how I was both blessed and was a

