



## Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**piritual 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.

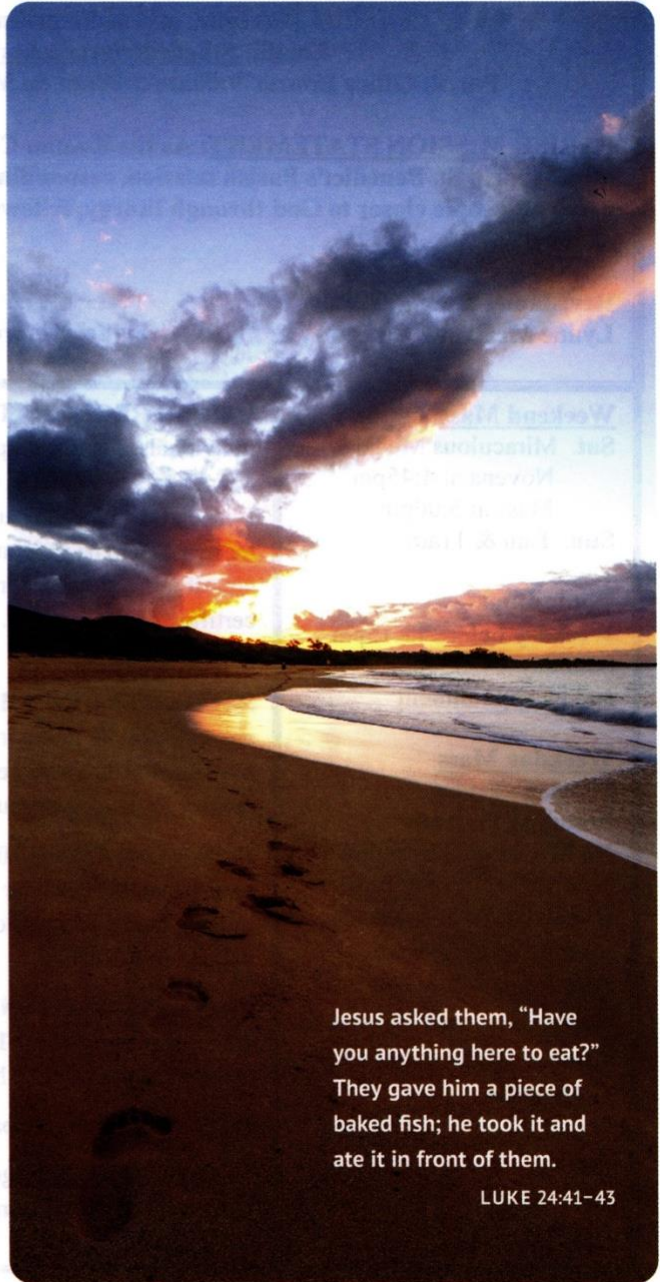
Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without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

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**Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-3:00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.**

**Rev. James Duong, Pastor  
Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator**

**Weekend Mass**

**Sat.** Miraculous Medal  
Novena at 4:45pm  
Mass at 5:00pm

**Sun.** 8am & 11am

**Confessions**

Weekday before 12:15pm  
Saturday 4 - 4:30pm  
and by appointment

**Weekday Mass**

Monday - Friday  
Rosary at 11:45am

**No MASS on Thursday**

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***Weekly bulletin requests***

***must be in the Parish***

***Office by 12:00pm on***

***Wednesday, ten (10) days in  
advance of the weekend of  
publication.***

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

**HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS:** If you or any members of your family are sick and, in the hospital, or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to them, please call the parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION:** All classes from Pre-K to High School are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

**RCIA:** Please call the parish office for more information.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

**APRIL 14, 2024**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

4/13	Saturday	5:00 PM ....
4/14	Sunday	8:00 AM .... 11:00 AM
4/15	Monday	12:15 PM ....
4/16	Tuesday	12:15 PM ....
4/17	Wednesday	12:15 PM ....
4/18	Thursday	NO MASS
4/19	Friday	12:15 PM ....
4/20	Saturday	5:00 PM ....
4/21	Sunday	8:00 AM .... 11:00 AM ....

**INTENTIONS**

	For the Parishioners
+	Deceased of the Layug Family
+	Carl Hagerstrom Sr.
+	Carmelito Layug
+	Gregory Doyle
+	Peg Procter
	Room at the Inn
	For the Parishioners
+	Ed Sopp
+	Roy Hagerstrom

**Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers**

Capt. John Brock	Mohammad Karim
Mark Bracich	Michael Knudsen
Cpl. Kevin Bryan	Danny McGranahan
Lt. Andrew Chess	Capt. Kyle Payne
Maj. Timothy Chess	Jose Rodriguez
Jason Davidson	Christopher Simmons, E3
Aaron Gaither	Sgt. Bryanna Spade
C. Grubey, PFC	Sgt. Kyle Spade
Sgt Tony Grant	Fred Todd
Maj. Russel Henderson	Kharll Skycer Villarín
Richard Hughes	Sgt. W.R. Williams III
	Stephen Zenbileski
	Maj. Russel Henderson

**Sick and Shut-In**

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers and at Mass:

Richard Collings, Martha Eakes, Angie Kuklinski, Bonnie McIntyre, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel, Manny & Laura Rodrigues, Anne Sopp, Vivian Speetjens, John & Bunny Stuart, Teresa Thu Tran, Beth Wilson, Brian Wilson, Deborah Wilson, Jean Wilson

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory ....	\$ 4,946.00
Maintenance Fund ....	\$ 1,048.00

## THANK YOU

## MINISTER SCHEDULE: April 20 and 21, 2024

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 PM	John Foley	Gloria Foley	Myra Vazquez
8 AM	Mary Ann Garcia	Ernest Layug	
11 AM	Tom Halsey	Khiem Villarin	

## REFLECTION



*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with You.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - LUKE 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

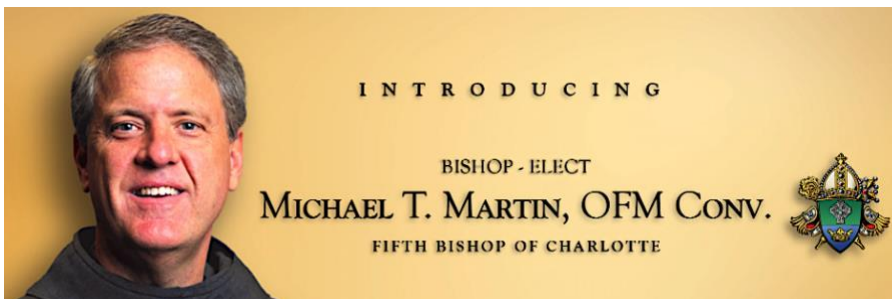
How do I sense Jesus’ presence in my life? When do I feel a sense of peace in my heart?



# PARISH NEWS

## BREAKING NEWS:

Longtime Charlotte bishop retires after 20 years of leading growing diocese; Franciscan priest named successor ... Father Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv., to become fifth



Bishop of Charlotte. Check our Diocesan website for more details or links from our website.

## DSA 2024 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA)

We are now 11 weeks into the Diocesan Support Appeal campaign, and *as of today 29 of our parishioners have contributed*. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$28,753.00. Thank you.



**TOUR OF WORLD RELIEF TRIAD** - St. Benedict parishioners have been very active in helping World Relief Triad (WRT) re-settle legal refugees locally. In addition to the wonderful response to the 'Giving Tree' over Christmas, about a dozen parishioners have helped furnish and set up 9 homes for refugees from Africa, South America, Central America and the Middle East. This Thursday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a one-hour tour of the WRT offices in High Point to meet the staff and learn more about how WRT helps refugees with employment, health, legal services and more. If you are interested in participating in the tour or would like to learn more about WRT please call or text parishioner Steve Finger at 864-247-8815 or email at [mitfinger@aol.com](mailto:mitfinger@aol.com).

**LADIES DINNER** will be this Tuesday, April 16, at 6 p.m. at Mimi's Café, 3322 W. Friendly Ave. All women of the parish are invited to attend. No reservations necessary. Come and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners.

This week let us say **Happy Birthday** to:

Vivian Speetjens (4/14), Leslie Brown (4/17), Barbara Avent (4/17),  
Emily Ruiz-Sosa (4/17), Daniel Horan (4/18), Laura Rodrigues (4/19)





## FAITH FORMATION

*Sunday School 2024 is for those age 3 through high school from 9:15 am to 10:30 am every Sunday in the parish hall.*

## WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE?

All volunteers working in the diocese – *including new and current volunteers in St. Benedict Parish* - are required to have the following:

- . Completion of the Protecting God's Children Workshop and on-going updates via the internet
- . A background check conducted by the diocese and paid for by the parish
- . A volunteer profile form which is filled out on-line and kept on file at the parish

For questions or more information please contact Lynne McGrath, Secretary and Faith Formation Director, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at 336-272-0303.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ROOM AT THE INN EVENTS** May 2 is the date for the 2024 Amy Elizabeth Disney Memorial Golf Tournament at the Greensboro National Golf Club in Summerfield. Open registration. On May 3 the Rose Gala will be held at The Blue Heron Event Center, High Point, and includes an auction. Also, raffle tickets are on sale now. You can have a chance to win \$5,000 while helping mothers and children in the process. The drawing will be held at the Rose Gala on Friday, May 3. You need not be present to win. All events support Room at the Inn. Learn more at <https://www.roominn.org/events>.

**VOLUNTEER COACH NEEDED** The Point College & Leadership Academy is seeking a volunteer to coach youth basketball from Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Practices are Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m. Games are on Saturday at 9 or 10 a.m. Contact Jeffrey Surgeon for more information at [Jsurgeon@thepointcollegeprep.org](mailto:Jsurgeon@thepointcollegeprep.org)





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April 14, 2024

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It's only been two weeks since Easter, but already the holiday can seem like another item checked off our to-do lists. It's easy to get complacent as we go about our busy lives - marking celebrations, important dates and gatherings on the calendar. Today's readings remind us that the Resurrection is not just a story or a metaphor about something ordinary that happened more than 2,000 years ago. It was so different and so shocking that it trembled the very earth, and nothing has been the same since! Luke describes the confusion the disciples felt when they first saw Jesus in his resurrected body. Here was their Lord and teacher, back from the dead, but not as a ghost or spirit as they might have expected: He was just as real as before. He was eating, speaking, touching, and interacting. And yet he *was* different. He could arrive in a locked room without using the door, pass among people unnoticed (as on the way to Emmaus), and give gifts of wisdom and insight directly to the disciples. Today's Gospel offers Jesus' explanation that these things were done to fulfill the promises God made to the prophets.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus, and his death and resurrection, was not meant to benefit only a few people. We, as his disciples, must spread the Good News that sin and death don't have the last word. St. Peter gives us an inspiring example today when he speaks to the people. Look at how different he is from the man who denied Jesus three times! He boldly goes into the crowd - the same crowd that condemned Jesus to death - and preaches on what a gift we all have been given by Jesus' sacrifice. Peter knows, and we know, that Jesus' defeat of death means everything. We are freely offered salvation through Christ's saving action. Like the members of that crowd, we're invited to be witnesses to this great act of love, and to re-align our lives with God's will. Like Peter, we can speak the Good News without fear.

**ACCOMPANY** How can we imitate Christ in the way he reached out to his disciples who were wracked with fear and doubt? Perhaps we know somebody who feels trapped by sin, or unworthy of good things, or a constant failure. Let's be honest, sometimes that person is us! We all need encouragement and accompaniment from time to time. Find a way to be that encouragement for someone this week who's having a tough time. You don't have to fix their problems; just listen, let them know you care, and offer a sincere and hopeful encouragement that brighter days lie ahead.

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

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