

I will praise you
L O R D
for you have rescued me.

Last Sunday we saw the apostles courage and the numerous conversions that resulted from it. Today we hear about the sustaining strength of their witness. The authorities decide to put into practice their threat against the apostles, should they continue to witness to the resurrected Lord. They put the proverbial thumbscrews to them. First, they claim that they had given the apostles "strict orders" to stop teaching about Jesus, orders that the apostles completely disobeyed (5:28). In response, the apostles not only deny the right of the leaders to tell them to do so, they even start teaching the leaders themselves about Jesus (5:29-32).

The reaction of the leaders is predictable. They want to kill the apostles (5:33). It is only the intervention of Rabbi Gamaliel that dissuades them from this plan (5:32-39). They do beat the apostles, however, before repeating their order and dismissing them (5:40).

Notice how the apostles meet the increase in pressure not to witness with an increase in witness. We have just seen that the leaders' claim that they had ordered the apostles not to teach anymore only caused the apostles to teach the leaders themselves. Now, after the apostles are beaten and ordered again not to teach, they return home and teach both there and in the temple "all day long" (5:42, not included in this Sunday's reading). Verse 42 tells us that they even increased their witness, adding that "they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Messiah, Jesus."

Rather than break the apostles, the sufferings that they experienced were only goads for greater determination on their part. Supporting the commitment of the apostles is their knowledge that Jesus himself had been rejected and had suffered before he was raised (4:10—I 1). Courageous witness to Jesus is thus on the same trajectory from suffering to new life.

Commentaries by Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2010

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14;
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Saint Anselm, bishop, doctor
Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Saints George, martyr; Adalbert, bishop, martyr
Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr
Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9,14b-17;
Jn 10:27-30

Marriage Encounter

Summer Plans leaving little time for free you & your spouse?

Schedule a weekend away – just for the two of you and your relationship! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area April 30-May 2nd at the Comfort Inn in Erlanger, KY and July 16-18 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati, OH. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or reservations, call: Keith & Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or On the web at www.esharing.org

Steel Drum Music of the Islands

You are invited to attend an amazing evening of Caribbean steel drum music that is guaranteed to be a great time! "Heavenly Metal: steel drum band will be performing at St. Joseph Consolidated School (925 S. 2nd St, Hamilton, OH 45015) on Saturday May 8th, 2010 at 7:00pm. "Heavenly Metal" is a Christian Steel Drum Band from Richmond, Ohio whose motto is "Do Your Best and let the Lord do the Rest!" Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. \$5.00 for Adults/\$3.00 for Students. Please call St. Joseph School at 863-8758 or email at tsenger@sjshamilton.org

If you are interested in understanding more fully what we believe as Catholics, a sixteen-lesson Basic Catholic Catechism Home Study Course will be offered covering the essentials of the Catholic faith in a systematic and comprehensive way. Written by Servant of God Father John A. Hardon S.J., this challenging home study course is open to everyone. It will help you grow to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. Study is done independently then participants meet twice a month to review the questions and answers and engage in a lively discussion of the lesson. An informational meeting will be held at St. Ann's Parish Center on Wed., Apr. 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Course materials will be explained and will be available for purchase. For more information or to register, contact Viv Sullivan @ 868-9865 or Mary Eichhold @ 8633345.

The Benefits: Adult education at home; participation in the New Evangelization as requested by our late Holy Father Pope John Paul II; greater confidence in knowledge of your Catholic faith; deeper love for the Lord.

Give Help to Jesus In Disguise

What if you could give hope to a mother, a community, a family or a child...to Jesus in disguise? The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that do all of the above and so much more. Your contributions are vital to the millions of individuals and families receiving help. Please give generously.

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Third Sunday of Easter



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 18th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:30 a.m. *Alumni Mass – Reception/Open House to follow*

Monday April 19th

7:00 p.m. First Communion Practice in church

Tuesday, April 20th

8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, April 21st

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Thursday, April 22nd

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Saturday, April 24th

3:30 -4:40 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, April 25th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ST. ANN P.A.C. GOLF OUTING Saturday, May 1st at Hueston Woods. 1:00 shotgun start. \$70.00 a man, \$280.00 a team. \$5.00 skin optional. Please contact Dick Cepluch at home at 863-6319 or cell 616-4535.

The 6th Annual Dayton Catholic Homeschool Conference is pleased to welcome Ms. Danielle Bean May 22, 2010. Danielle is a popular author and blogger and is highly sought after as a speaker. She will present "What Happy Moms Know"

What: 6th Annual Dayton Catholic Homeschool Conference

When: May 21 & 22, 2010

Where: St. Peter Family Life Center

6161 Chambersburg Rd.

Huber Heights Ohio 45424

Hosted by: Dayton Catholic Homeschool Network

For whom: Open to all parents and High School Students.

Suggested early donation through May 1st: Single \$15.00/Couple \$20.00/Teen \$10.00 Suggested donation after May 1st: Single \$20.00/Couple \$30.00/Teen \$13.00 Additional speakers include: Regina Doman, Maureen Wittmann, Fr. Frank Sherry, Fr. Frank Amberger, Fr. Stash Dailey and Andrew Schmiedicke. Vendors include Seton Home Study School and Sacred Heart Books and Gifts, HSLDA Math-U-See and more. A used book sale will be held Saturday morning only.

For complete conference information and registration, please visit www.daytonhomeschool.com or call Colleen Sollinger 937-235-0585, preferably after 3pm.

St. Raphael Donations needed

Please consider contributing laundry soap powder, shampoo, toothpaste & toilet paper to replenish our supplies at St. Raphael. Food stamp recipients are not able to buy these items. There are containers at the exits to donate. Thank you.



Saturday, April 17th

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 18th

8:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 19th

7:15 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20th

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 21st

7:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 22nd

7:15 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 23rd

7:15 a.m.

Saturday, April 24th

7:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 25th

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Henry George (Andy Spaeth)

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Jane Golden (Shannon Golden)
 For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Easter Weekday

Luella Wenzel (Karen Wenzel)

Easter Weekday

Don Hingsberger (Marilyn Schlabach)

Easter Weekday

Mary Ellen Fischesser (Bernie Ferneding)

Easter Weekday

Communion Service

Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Easter Weekday

Mary Robuck (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Tom Eichhold (Sue, Scott & Gail Emmons)

Philiberta Kirk (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Robert Toerner (Family)

For the Intentions of the 1st Communicants

St. Ann Financial Stewardship *Thank you!*

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
04/11/2010	\$ 6,998.80
Additional Easter Collection	\$ 805.00
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 482,880.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 400,321.48
Rumpke Aluminum Cans	\$ 124.00

St. Ann Gardening

Help is needed to keep the St. Ann's grounds looking beautiful. If you want to help, please come to church on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 11:00 AM. You will be much appreciated. Questions, call Patty Ferdelman at school 863-0604.

New Church Office Staff Update

Geri Smith is replacing Susan McAbee as the Church Secretary as of April 20th. Please direct any questions or concerns to gerismith@live.com.

ST ANN'S FIESTA!!!!

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with our Fiesta in the summer. WE NEED YOU!!! Please contact Geri if you can find a few hours to pitch in and make our festival a success this year! ANY help would be greatly appreciated.