



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual 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.

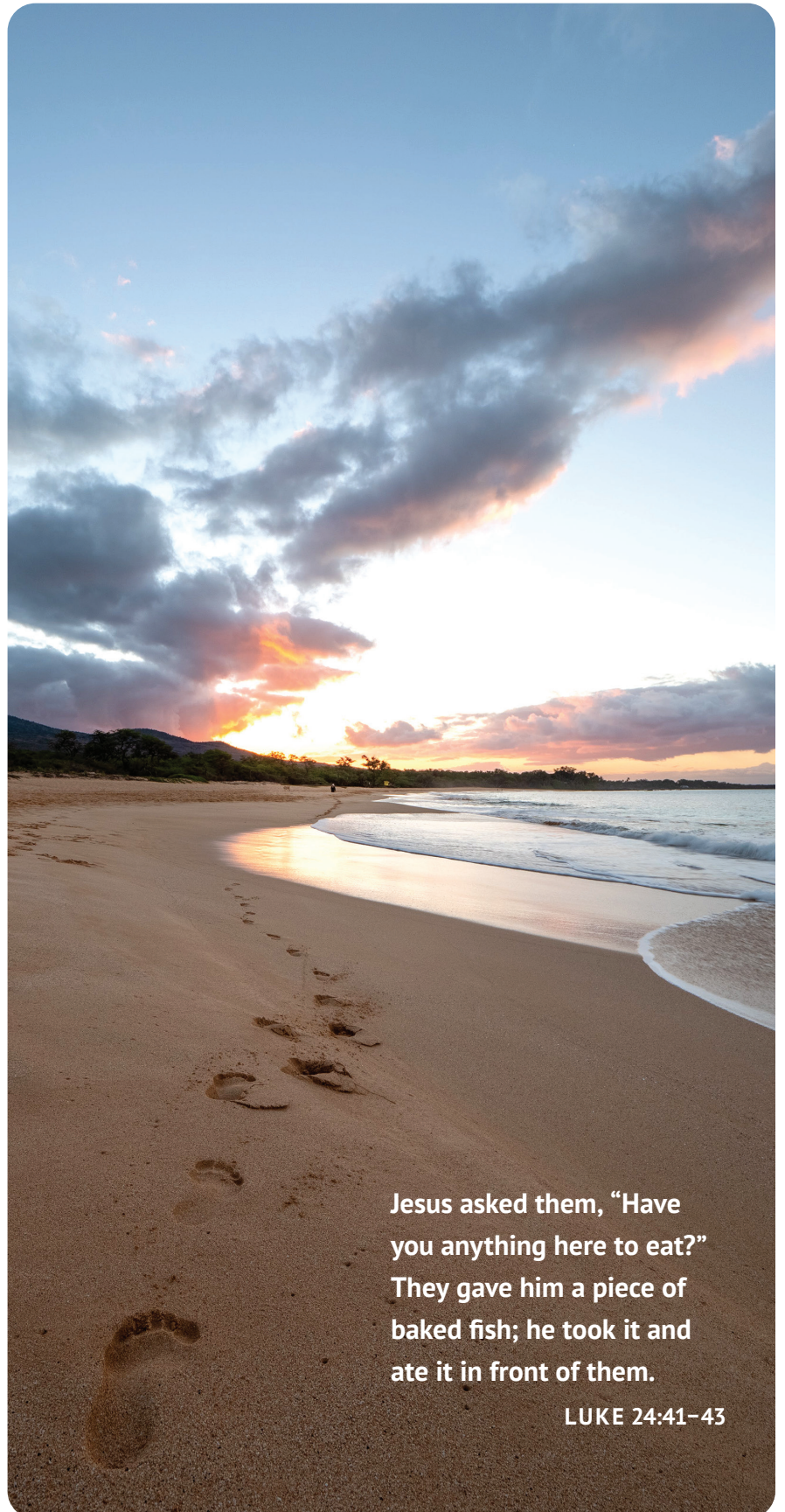
Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without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

Monday April 15	Tuesday April 16	Wednesday April 17	Thursday April 18	Friday April 19	Saturday April 20	Sunday April 21
NO MASS	MASS Chapel 12:15 P.M.	MASS Chapel 12:15 P.M.	NO MASS	MASS OLM 12:15 P.M.	MASS Church 5:30 P.M.	MASS Church 9:30 A.M.

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Pastor - Father Michael Flanagan.....606-792-7114
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment.

WEDDINGS: Wedding date & arrangements must be made six (6) months ahead of proposed wedding date with the Pastor.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor to schedule an appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register with the pastor.

STEWARDSHIP

Amount needed each weekend \$ 2612.60
 Collection – April 7, 2024 \$ 2202.00
 Easter \$ 52.00
 FYTD deficit \$ (42210.50)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 13, 2024	Sunday, April 14, 2024
Sacristan: John Gannon	Sacristan: Vickie Wright
Greeter: Bernie Merlo	Greeter: Volunteer
Servers: n/a	Servers: n/a
Lector: Tina Starkey	Lector: Margo Riggs
EM's: Volunteer	EM's: Volunteer

Prayer List

Fr. Hoppenjans	Sr. Nancy Edwards
Ricky Mullett	Michael Carroll
Ray Tosti	Phillis Edwards
Patty Vanhoose	Fr. Bill Fedders
Phyllis Edwards	Harold Bayes
Mary Zielinski	Regina Collins
Tamara McKenzie	Jacob Collins
Peyton Mercer	Lorraine Doderer
Bernie Merlo	Bob Felty
Mike Kulp	Dr. Mark Caruso
David Hillman	Garland Arnett
Irwin McHugh	Steve Faust
Tiera Newsome	June Lane
Kimberly Gottfried	John & Charles Ratliff
Fr. Brandon Bigam	Betty Fraley

P.S. If anyone has passed on from our prayer list, please let us know.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christ Himself—whom they did not at first recognize but whose company and conversation they accept—interprets those events for them in the light of the Scriptures. Patiently He restores in them their faith and their hope. And the two of them recover also their joy and their love: *Did not our hearts burn within us, they say later, while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?*

It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in the apostolate or in our work that seem to be insurmountable.... On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our souls in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible: *And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.* But it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.

—Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God, Daily Meditations Volume Two: Lent-Holy Week-Eastertide*

HYMNS FOR MASSES (APRIL 13-14)

Two Were Bound for Emmaus #167
The Eyes and Hands of Christ #522
We Belong to You #642
Alleluia! Alleluia #175

UPCOMING ANNUAL OLM GOLF CLASSIC

This is the last fundraiser of the school year, and lots of help is needed to make it a success. Most important at this point is to secure sponsors and encourage people whom you know to play, and to play yourself. The 25th Annual Our Lady of the Mountains Golf Classic is scheduled for May 3, 2024 at 9 A.M. We ask you to contact at least one person for sponsorship. Another great way to help is to donate golf prizes. Please contact OLM school office (606-789-3661) for additional information.



FR DAVID WHEELER HERE APRIL 17

Fr. David Wheeler, who will be the new Pastor at St Michael's starting July 1, 2024, will be here this Wednesday, April 17. He will visit OLM & the Outlet in the morning, celebrate Mass with us at 12:15 in the Chapel, and meet & greet anyone who wishes to come for the 1 pm Lunch in the Parish Hall. Please welcome Fr. David.

RCIA

RCIA next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17 at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study will be Wednesday, April 24 after the 12:15 Mass in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 9 a.m. before the 9:30 Mass. Please join us!

TEST STM WEBSITE – ONLINE GIVING

We invite you to use Fr Michael's test website. It has all the bulletins since last July, the latest Liturgical Ministers schedule,

and a Donate tab for those who wish to donate electronically to our Offertory, OLM Roof Replacement Fund, Tuition Assistance for Students, or Outreach to the Poor.

Here is the link to the website:

<https://www.frnicholflanagan.org>

You can also donate using the QR Code below. The default way to give is to our Church Offertory, but you can select the other options listed above from the drop-down menu. Use your smart phone camera to access Online Giving. Here is the QR code:



Copies of the QR Code are available in the Gathering Area in Church. We welcome any feedback/suggestions.

DAY OF PRAYER – EVERY THURSDAY

Fr. Michael invites all parishioners to pray every Thursday that God would send us more people to join our parish, celebrate Mass with us, and evangelize others.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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.

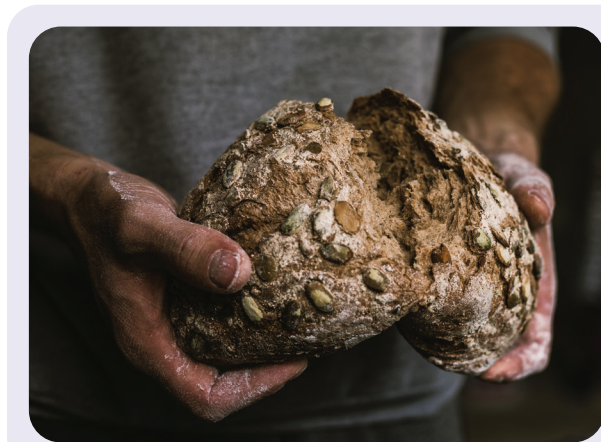
Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●



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