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April 14, 2024 • The Third Sunday of Easter

Silence is essential for contemplative prayer

By Philip Kosloski



If you want to fully engage in contemplative prayer, you will need to find silence, both exterior and interior.

Prayer doesn't always have to be silent. In fact, most prayer is often quite loud, such as prayer at Mass, or when praying in common with other people.

However, if you want to fully engage in contemplative prayer, you will need to make time for silent prayer.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms this essential part of contemplative prayer, “**Contemplative prayer is silence**, the ‘symbol of the world to come’” (CCC 2717).

The *Catechism* further links silent prayer with a **prayer of love**:

“**[S]ilent love.**” Words in this kind of prayer are not speeches; they are like kindling that feeds the fire of love. **In this silence**, unbearable to the ‘outer’ man, the Father speaks to us his incarnate Word, who

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Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

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suffered, died, and rose; **in this silence** the Spirit of adoption enables us to share in the prayer of Jesus. CCC 2717

This type of prayer can often be the most difficult, as it requires us to find a place where there are few distractions and little audible noise.

Sometimes our house can be silent, but many times we can only find silence by going to an **adoration chapel** or an **empty church**.

We also need to prepare our heart for silence by trying to still the barrage of thoughts that race through our minds.

For many of us, we will not be able to silence our interior thoughts, especially the first time we engage in contemplative prayer.

The key is to not give up and to offer up our time of prayer to God, seeking to hear his voice in the noise of our hearts.

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MARIAN CONGRESS

Mary, Joseph, and the Eucharist: Forming a Holy Family

May 11th - Saturday

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle
7:30am - 5:00pm

Mass
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Music by The Vigil Project

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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
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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.



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Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

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Office Hours

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Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13, Saturday of the Second Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mary Ciszek (dec)

Saturday, April 13, Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. James Lawler and Patricia Sullivan (dec)

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Vicki DeZarn (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Adele Frallicciardi (liv)

Monday, April 15, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Harriet Huff (dec)

Tuesday, April 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Henry Clark (dec)

Wednesday, April 17, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, April 18, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joan Hill (dec)

Friday, April 19, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Luisa Palmieri (dec)

Saturday, April 20, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joan Hill (dec)

Saturday, April 20, Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Reggie Cheaves (dec)

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Noreen Murphy (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)

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The Eucharistic Revival

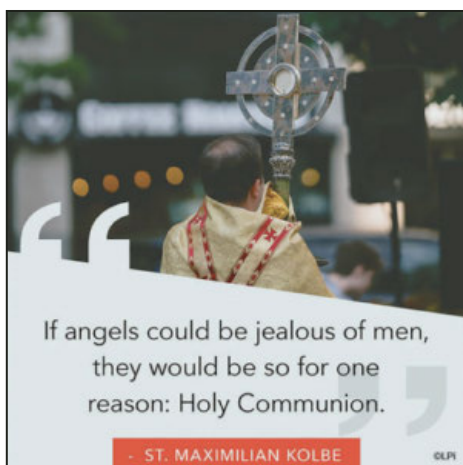
“The Mass is a Nuptial Covenant”

JESUS

to

HIS CHURCH

*Saturday, April 20, 2024
At 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Parish Hall*



Everyday Stewardship

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say? --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Weekly Offering

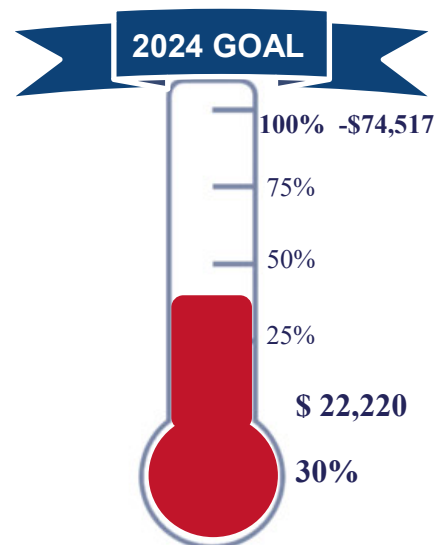
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Other Donations	\$ 7,392
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 400
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 14 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, April 15 6:30 pm	“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, April 16 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Thursday, April 18 6:00 pm 4:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal SVDP Meeting	MR CYH-1
Sunday, April 21 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, April 22 6:30 pm	“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, April 23 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Thursday, April 25 6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	MR
Sunday, April 28 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, April 29 6:30 pm	“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, April 30 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Thursday, May 2 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	SVDP Meeting Choir Rehearsal	CYH-1 MR
Saturday, May 4 5:00-7:00 pm	K.O.C. Cinco de Mayo Dinner	PH
Sunday, May 5 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, May 6 6:30 pm	“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, May 7 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Sunday, May 12 10:30 am	Procession and Crowning of Mary	
Monday, May 13 6:30 pm	“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, May 14 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH

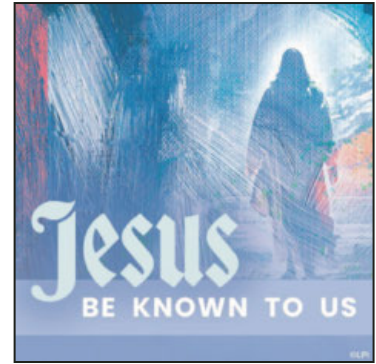
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PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1

Part-Time Cook Position

The Missionaries of Africa Retirement Home in St. Petersburg has an opening for a part-time cook. The position would offer two days a week, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm, of preparing lunch and dinner for 9 retired priests.

If you are interested, please send your resume to star30@verizon.net or call Denise Starkey at 813-215-9535.



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father,

We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world.

Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you.

In Jesus name, we pray.

Amen.

04/14 • Rev. William Santhouse

04/15 • Rev. James Johnson

04/16 • Rev. Thomas Morgan

04/17 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

04/18 • Michael Santos, Seminarian

04/19 • Rev. Alexander Agbata

04/20 • Msgr. Robert F. Morris

“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in Courtyard Hall.

All are welcome!

For more information please call 727-867-3663.

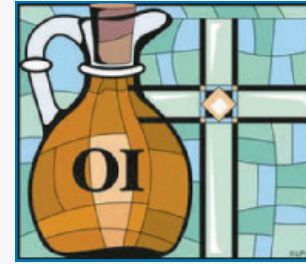


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