

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples in today's gospel. Even though Jesus is glorified and has left death behind forever, he still bears on his body the marks of the crucifixion. The signs of Jesus' passion are visible, even though suffering will never touch him again. Now, this description of Jesus' risen and yet wounded body, as all things in the scriptures, can be applied to us and is written for our benefit. Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering because he is human like us. Woundedness is a part of the human condition.



As a human person, most of us here carry wounds that we can associate with. Wounds that came from words people have spoken to us in anger or hatred, which still sting. Words that we've said to others and would give anything to take back. Some of us have been marked by anger, fear or doubt in our childhood or later on in our life, and our bodies still bear the scars of those wounds and of certain people. Some of us have made mistakes or disastrous choices, and even though we have moved past them, the effects of those choices still follow us and influence us. There are parents who wish that they could have done some things differently. There are children who wish that they could take some things back. There are friends who wish they could start over, and family members who yearn for another chance. But the truth is, life seldom gives us another chance. We have to move forward with our woundedness and take our scars with us.

We are like Jesus in our humanity because we bear the marks, the woundedness of life. We are also like Jesus because we bear the glory of God within us. In our faith, we know of God's mercy and forgiveness. In our trust in Jesus, we know that we are sons and daughters and called to eternal life. So, like the risen Christ, we bear together the woundedness of our humanity and the glory of God's love. We would love to be able to erase all of our scars and wounds. But that is seldom possible. Instead, the risen body of Jesus invites us to accept those things that we cannot change. It invites us neither to ignore or to fixate on our wounds but instead, believe that even though we cannot completely erase them, they will not negate the power of Jesus' resurrection. We are called then to accept both our woundedness and our glory.

In fact, our very woundedness can be used to help others. Jesus uses his woundedness to help Thomas. He asks Thomas to touch his wounds and by so doing, leads Thomas from doubt to faith. We can, at times, use our woundedness for the sake of others, our brokenness to heal others. There is no better person to comfort someone who has lost a child, than another person who has lost a child. It is only the person who has really messed up, who can understand and assist someone who has failed. It takes an alcoholic to help an alcoholic. If we can allow others to see and touch our woundedness, that touch can give them hope and life. That is, perhaps, why God allows our wounds to remain. Not to embarrass us, not to shame us, but to provide a way that we can give life to others.

We stand in the glory of Christ's resurrection. It is a glory in which we share, but our wounds remain. The risen body of Christ tells us that, that will always be the case. Let us then proclaim the glory with all of our strength but use our brokenness to heal the brokenness of others. In that way, those who are lost may see in our wounds a way forward and discover in our failures the power of God's love.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Apr. 25th - ST. MARK, feast

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

Tue. Apr. 26th - Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

Wed. Apr. 27th - Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thurs. Apr. 28th - Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Fri. Apr. 29th - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, memorial

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

Sat. Apr. 30th - ST. MARIE DE L'INCARNATION

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sun. May 1st - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Wed. Apr. 27th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. Apr. 30th - 5:00 PM - A.Collins,,

F.Hua, Jerriel & Kimberly Tuguinay.

Sun. May 1st - 9:00 AM - K.Bui,

E.Garrivillas, Sara & Jessica Yip.

11:00 AM - S.Cho, E.Nguyen, W.Pham,

P.Que, N.Sanchez, C.Tang.

5:00 PM - A.Bartolay, J.Plata, A.Velasquez, L.Villawarayen..



C.W.L. NEWS

General Meeting: Please note our General Meeting will be held this coming Thursday, April 28th at 7 pm in the Chapel off the vestibule of the church. All members are invited and encouraged to attend!



SCHOOL NEWS

- **School Mass:** This Wednesday at 9 am. Join us!
 - **Spaces available in our school for this September.**
- For more info email the school at office@stjude.ca
- **Yearbook:** The deadline to order your yearbook is fast approaching. Please submit your order forms by May 2nd.
 - **Walkathon:** will be held May 13th.

FR. JUN'S SILVER JUBILEE



Next Sunday, May 1st, Fr. Jun will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Please join us in thanking Fr. Jun for his faithful and loving service to the Church. Light refreshments will be served, after each Sunday Mass, in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend!

Let us keep Fr. Jun in our prayers that God may continue to bless him abundantly, in his priestly ministry, as he continues to serve him faithfully.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflection

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them. - Copyright © 2022 Archdiocese of St. Louis

Awake from Woke 2: How to Talk About Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Woke ideology is the philosophy that undergirds the radical left wing activism that is so prevalent in society today. It has been very successful in coopting the unwitting support of many well-intentioned people in a project which most of us would disagree with if we were aware of it. It is very important that we understand that the Woke mantras of "Diversity, Inclusivity and Equity" as well as "Social Justice" do not mean what we think they mean. Attend this presentation in order to "Awake from Woke." Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register at: beholdvancouver.org/events.

The Good Samaritan & Health Care Justice

Modern healthcare systems are meant to serve the sick and the wounded. How can Catholic teachings influence the ethical side of healthcare? In this lecture, expert scholar Dr. Scott Kline appeals to the parable of the Good Samaritan to make the case for an approach to healthcare ethics that is rooted in Catholic social teaching. How might Catholic teaching on the dignity of the human person humanize the hospital experience? How might it help reframe illness and disease not in isolation but as part of the human experience? How can a renewed understanding of community help save lives by engaging community responders? Can putting the needs of the poor and underserved first to help redress social and economic injustices in modern healthcare? Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more and register at: beholdvancouver.org/events

Into the Deep: St. Catherine of Siena - Medieval Woman, Model for us Today

Catherine of Siena, a Dominican Saint emerging out of the late Medieval Period, embodies the sanctity we are called to live today: to love Christ and build His Church. St. Catherine was politically engaged, while she remained totally surrendered to the truth of the Gospel, and unwavering in her fidelity to the Church. But how was St. Catherine's prophetic commitment to the Church possible in the midst of the politico-religious divisions of the 14th century? What does this courageous Saint teach us about holiness in today's world? In this session, we deepen our knowledge of St. Catherine's dramatic spiritual journey, culminating in her encounter with Christ. Friday, Apr. 29 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more at: beholdvancouver.org/events

Milestone Marriage Anniversary Mass

On Sunday, May 8, 2022, the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be honouring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 & 60+ years of marriage, at St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Mass at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the hall. Please join us! family.rcav.org/mam

Bus Service from Vancouver to Gardens of Gethsemani

Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery and Columbus Homes are sponsoring a bus ride from Vancouver to Gardens of Gethsemani in Surrey on the last Saturday of each month. The bus will depart from St. Patrick's Parish on Main Street at 12 p.m. and will be back at St. Patrick's around 3:30 p.m. Register for free to secure your spot. Saturday, April 30 at 12:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

