

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

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A PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Our Easter Soul

As a university art student some 35 years ago, my professor had a problem with the title of my advertising classroom project. Professor Berry did not like the word, "existence," and he strongly suggested that I change it. Having asked him what was wrong with the word, his face became irritated and seemed to degrade into the look of a soft grey cheese. He walked away without a word, and I thought that I better shape up.

There was something deep down inside me that Mr. Berry did not quite understand. I am, by nature, a non-conformist. The conventional, common wisdom of the day does nothing for me personally. I have learned that such pseudo-wisdom can be quite dangerous. As for example, since the mid-1980s, roughly 35 years ago, the average salary of CEO's across our nation has risen 797%, while the average salary of the common worker has risen only 12%. Think about it!

Recently, a man appeared on the TV screen. He spoke with a calm demeanor, obviously a very experienced, articulate, smooth-talking professional man of some sort. He offered a series of so-called objective opinions on some leading issues of our day. So nice of him to do all that interpreting for me and all of America. I guess he feels that we lost our ability to think for ourselves, and to a certain extent, he may be right on that point. Recently, a movie was allowed to air on Netflix that portrayed a teenage suicide. After the showing, the rate of teenage suicide that same month spiked to all-time highs. Of course, as we might expect, the common wisdom of the day has tried to explain away the facts. Think about it?

The Easter Season has, for the faithful, carried with it the wisdom and practice of "mystagogia," a common term used during the beginning centuries of the Roman Catholic Church and most relevant today, especially for the "professor Berrys of the world." The experience of mystagogia is one of wonder, and it entices our imagination to reach for higher spiritual values and a spiritual existence far beyond the physical world which a narrow vision refuses to see.

As a new way of seeing or of interpreting life around us, mystagogia is a key human phase of our transformation into the image of Jesus Christ. As a most essential human quality, mystagogia involves our "soul," and as such, is actually an antidote, a healing balm for today's crisis in regards to our critical thinking capacity, as well as other non-negotiable spiritual functions that we need to possess if we are to grow in faith, hope, and love for others. Mystagogia should be our focus during these 50 days leading to the solemnity of Pentecost.

May you fully enjoy the wonder of these days and the Resurrection events which should be everywhere we look. Let no one take this moment away from you.

Father Vince

25-25 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal dues for our 25-25 Club members were due on March 1. Dues remain the same as last year: \$25.00 per membership. A four person membership would be \$100 but a fifth membership would be free of charge. **New members are always welcome.** Just complete the membership information shown below (updating address and telephone information as needed), tear it off and return it with your dues to the rectory office at 8115 Church Road, Saint Louis, MO 63147. Thank you for your continued membership!

Name: _____

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***Please make your check payable to "Our Lady of the Holy Cross". Thank you.**

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us pray for all those who have died during the month of April.

PARISH NEWS...



A gigantic THANK YOU! To all of you who braved the rain and elements and came to volunteer and help plant the 26 fruit trees in our new OR-

CHARD on April 24. OLHC is following the suggestions and feelings of Pope Francis on being aware and responsible for the environment. We are working with universities, the Botanical Garden, and responsible citizen groups on these projects with donated materials and plants. Come see our Butterfly Garden, Prairie Grass, and the new Orchard.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

We like to remind you to please contact the rectory should your cell or landline telephone number, e-mail, or your home address were to change. The information in our computer's database is the only way we have to stay connected to you.



Easter Flowers in Memory of
Dorothy Gartland
Raymond Eldridge, Jr.
Ashley Jones
John Rusznak
Hilda & Stanley Reiss
John & Susan Reiss
Wilbert & Darline Burgdorf
Art & Nell Kemna, Jr.



Our next trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 15, to the History Museum.** We will carpool, leaving OLHC parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. Please call, 381-0323, your reservation in before May 10.

Save these upcoming event Dates



Pancake Breakfast
June 23 after 10:00 a.m. Mass



Homecoming/Picnic
August 25, after the
10:00 a.m. Mass



Spaghetti Dinner with
Wine Tasting
October 16

What's Your Story?

Do you have a story to tell that could be told on our new upcoming website? We are not just looking for any story, but a **faith story**. If possible, try to make it a habit to reflect on your experiences each week and reflect on how Jesus is part of your life. When does he visit you? Who do you talk to who makes you think of Jesus? When have others touched your heart and made you re-think something? Please send in your stories to the office. Label it attention: "personal faith story".



CONGRATULATIONS, RAQUEL AND JANELLE!

Raquel Jenkins was received into full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil and Hellen Janelle Roscoe, likewise, received Confirmation and Profession of Faith on Divine Mercy Sunday. Welcome to our Parish Family.



MEN, WOMEN, TEENAGERS ARE NEEDED TO JOIN THE RANKS OF OUR HOLY MASS SERVERS. Altar servers play an important role in the celebration of Holy Mass and are a valuable asset to the priest and the parish community.

WON'T YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A PARTICIPANT IN THIS VITAL PRAISE TO THE LORD?

Contact the rectory and volunteer.



OUR LADY OF THE HOLY CROSS ENDOWMENT FUND

If you are interested in sustaining our mission of "**Planting Seeds**" into the future, perhaps you will consider a gift to the OLHC Endowment Fund.

During this Easter Season, we are provided an "opportunity to strengthen our devotion to God". Please prayerfully consider a gift "strengthening OLHC and keeping our faith alive for generations to come".

We thank Jesus for all those who have been so generous to our Parish. If you are interested in contributing to our endowment, please call Lynda Brand at the rectory, 314-381-0323.

GIVING WITNESS

Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit has encouraged members of his Diocese to bring the perennial truths of the Gospel to the people of today, to have a new spirit, new expressions, new methods in embracing Christ's call to take his saving Gospel to the streets across America and beyond.

During the month of May we traditionally pay special remembrance to Mary and our own mother. We especially ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to help us reach out to the migrants, the immigrants, the refugees, those suffering from civil wars. We look to protect and respect the life of children, the elderly, those in prison, the disabled, the addicts, the mentally and chronically ill. Who else needs our care and attention? How can I respond to Christ's call?

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?"

Peace be with you,
Sr. Carlene Welker, D.C.

May Monthly Prayer

Dear God:

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.




Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

DON'T FORGET . . .

May 2019

**MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5 Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Mass</p> 	<p>6 8:00 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction</p>	<p>1 St. Joseph the Worker 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study 10:30 a.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting 1:30 p.m. St. Monica's</p>	<p>2 St. Athanasius 8:00 a.m. Mass Call a Shout</p>	<p>3 Sts. Philip & James 4:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>4 8:00 a.m. Mass</p>
<p>12 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Mass Mother's Day</p>	<p>13 Our Lady of Fatima 8:00 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. ROBA Mtg.</p>	<p>14 St. Matthias 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study</p>	<p>9 8:00 a.m. Mass Pray the Rosary</p>	<p>10 St. Damien de Veuster 4:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>11 8:00 a.m. Mass</p>
<p>19 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by "Circle Sharing"</p>	<p>20 St. Bernadine 8:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p>21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>15 St. Isidore 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. OLLHC Seniors Trip to the History Museum</p>	<p>16 8:00 a.m. Mass Attend Daily Mass</p>	<p>17 4:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>18 St. John I 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Ward 2 Mtg.</p>
<p>26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p>27 St. Augustine of Canterbury 9:00 a.m. MEMORIAL DAY MASS</p> 	<p>28 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3:00 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>22 St. Rita of Cascia 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study 10:30 a.m. Social Justice Meeting</p>	<p>23 8:00 a.m. Mass GO TO CONFESSION</p>	<p>24 4:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p>25 St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi 8:00 a.m. Mass</p>
			<p>29 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study</p>	<p>30 8:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p>31 4:00 p.m. Mass Visitation of Our Lady</p> 	

DON'T FORGET YOUR ANNUAL 25/25 CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

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March 3	Terry & Barbara Rossell	5607227	March 18	Stan & Rose Busken	5606758
March 4	Ed Knopf	5606469	March 19	Msgr. Walter Whited	5606547
March 5	Chris Jules	5606610	March 20	Pat Cierpiot	5607089
March 6	OLHC SVDP (F.W.)	5606589	March 21	Tab & Mary Buhr	5606938
March 7	Lorraine Sandknop	5606465	March 22	Cathy Rossell Africano	5607220
March 8	Donna Dittmer	5606636	March 23	Sally Coleman	5606654
March 9	Johanna Faille	5606667	March 24	Lois Jean Morgan	5606605
March 10	Dorothy Happe	5607036	March 25	Bill Krekeler/Renee Payton	5607211
March 11	Shannon Vogel	5606693	March 26	Dave & Cathy Thomasson	5606976
March 12	Patricia Corkey	5607085	March 27	Donna Franklin	5606494
March 13	Joan Baldi	5606581	March 28	Vincent Parisi	5607302
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