

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**

*To a world seeking  
faith, hope, and love,  
Easter's glorious tidings are God's timeless answer.*

**JESUS  
Has Risen!**



*He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves  
but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV)*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 4, 2021**

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Quotable: "For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all new born."

— Alice Freeman Palmer

—April 10-11, 2021

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary</b> Saturday, April 10 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass	<b>Sacred Heart</b> Sunday, April 11 7:30 am	<b>St. James</b> Sunday, April 11 9:00 am	<b>St. Margaret Mary</b> Sunday, April 11 10:30 am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Emling Roger Jensen	Daryl Ferris Dale Pfeiffer Dennis Pankey	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter— Rita Thiesen R.Leader—Karen Miller	Joe Smolkovich Jeremy Wolles Larry Wolles
<b>Lector</b>	Jackie Eberle	Terri Weakley	Brett Miller	Diane Long

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, April 5 (SMM)**

8:00 am +James Scanlon (Fran Powers)

**Tuesday, April 6 (SH)**

8:00 am +Dick Fitch (Mike/Shelly Hertz)

**Wednesday, April 7 (SJ)**

8:00 am No Mass

**Friday, April 9 (SMM)**

8:00 am No Mass

**Saturday, April 10 (SMM)**

7:00 pm For All the Parish Family

**Sunday, April 11**

7:30 am +Phyllis Buza (Terri/Jerry Weakley) (SH)

9:00 am +Leola Ader (Rita Thiesen)

+Mary Quinlan (The Borschnack Family) (SJ)

10:30am +Dale Siedentop (The Family) (SMM)

+John Andrzejewski (Marion Sanders)

**A Look Ahead**

**Monday, April 5**—SMM CCW meeting at 7 pm

**Sat., April 10**—Pregnancy Resource Center Walk 9am at HHS Prairie Path

**Sun., April 11**—Divine Mercy Confessions at SH 1-2pm

**Tues., April 13**—SH CCW 7 pm

**Sat., April 24**—First Communion at SMM 10 am

**Sat., May 8**—First Communion at SJ 10 am

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**There will be confessions at Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 11 for Divine Mercy Sunday.**

**Confessions:**

St. Margaret Mary Sat. 4:15 pm

Sacred Heart Sun. 7:05-7:20 am

St. James Sun 8:35-8:50 am

## Collections Week of March 27-28

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,646

St. James—\$1,243

Sacred Heart—\$705

Thank you for your generosity



### Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council #15032 Irwin, IL

**Have you ever contemplated becoming a Knight of Columbus** but wanted to have more information before making a commitment? Well, it is as simple as clicking a button on your computer.

Visit [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) where you will find out all about the Knights of Columbus. One highlight is that you can join online for free until June 2021. If you decide to join your parish council, you will not owe any dues for a year. Blessed Trinity Council of St Margaret Mary, St James and Sacred Heart has an annual dues fee of \$36 dollars a year. So, what have you got to lose? You can also watch a short video to give you a better idea what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Knights of Columbus will allow you to put your faith in action.

I ask that you just take a couple minutes out of your busy schedule and check out the web site then decide for your self if you think that the Knights is something you would like to be a part of. After checking out the web site, if you have any further questions or concerns, you can feel free to contact me. My email is [viccarlile51@gmail.com](mailto:viccarlile51@gmail.com) or you can text me at 815-955-6477.

Also, on the fourth Sunday of each month you will see your parish Knights of Columbus brothers wearing their red shirts at mass. Do not be shy to walk up and discuss your interest in the Knights, they will be more than happy to discuss their experience as a Knight with you.

Thank you and God Bless!  
Vic Carlile, Grand Knight

## Parish News:

### Sacred Heart-

- \* Spring Cleaning? The SH Catholic Education Fundraising Committee is having its annual garage sale July 8-11. Please drop any donations at the parish hall. Also, remember the "Pennies From Heaven" container is located in the entrance of the church. Any donations are appreciated. 100% of both fundraisers benefit the scholarship fund.
- \* Our CCW is going to be a sponsor for the "Virtual Walk" benefitting Pregnancy Resource Center of Kankakee. It will go through April 16th. Checks should be made out the Pregnancy Resource Center. Thanks for your generosity.
- \* The next SH CCW meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13th at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Hostesses for the evening are Tina Petersen and Marilyn Pfeiffer. Hope to see you then!

### St. James-

### St. Margaret Mary -

- \* CCW meeting Monday, April 5 at 7 pm. We will be discussing plans for Taste of Italy.
- \* Please check the signup sheets in the entrance of the church for donations for the CCW Taste of Italy. We appreciate your help.

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT WEEKEND OF APRIL 3-4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY

The tomb is empty! Jesus Christ has risen today! Our Savior is active, alive, and transforming us and our communities of faith, even the world, at this very moment. Easter is a time of joy, a time of celebration. To have faith in the risen Lord is also to believe that we are disciples who bear witness to Christ in a broken and troubled world. To be good stewards of this faith obliges us to be living witnesses to Christ's peace at home and in public. Jesus cannot be found buried. He is risen. Alleluia!



Very early when the sun had risen...  
MK.16:2

**BEWARE**

There is an article in this week's bulletin giving information about internet phishing scams that we all need to be aware of. Take the time to read and

share this information with others. Thanks Christie Landeck for sharing.

### Anointing of the Sick

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please call the office and arrange for a day/time. In the event of an emergency contact the office first (426-2550) and call the rectory as well (426-2153). If no one answers please leave a message at both numbers and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



**Saint of the week: St. Isidore of Seville (April 4)** was



the son of Severianus and Theodora, people known for their piety. He was the brother of Saint Fulgentius of Ecija, Saint Florentina of Cartagena, and Saint Leander of Seville, who raised him after their father's death. Initially a poor student, he gave the

problem over to God and became one of the most learned men of his time. Isidore was ordained a priest. He helped his brother Leander, archbishop of Seville, in the conversion the Visigoth Arians. Later in life Isidore became a hermit.

Isidore was chosen to be the Archbishop of Seville, Spain c.601, succeeding his brother to the position. He was known as a teacher, founder, reformer. He required seminaries in every diocese, and wrote a rule for religious orders. A prolific writer whose works include a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world beginning with creation. He completed the Mozarabic liturgy which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. Isidore presided at the *Second Council of Seville*, and the *Fourth Council of Toledo*. He introduced the works of Aristotle to Spain.

He was proclaimed Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV in 1722 and became the leading candidate for patron of computer users and the internet in 1999.

**Obscure saints of the week: St. Zosimus of Palestine**

**(April 4)** was a fifth century hermit on the banks of the Jordan River. He discovered Saint Mary of Egypt, brought her the Eucharist one Easter, found her dead the next, and reportedly wrote a biography of her.



Jerusalem **OBITUARIES** 33 AD



**Calvary**

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

## Are You Good with Numbers? Use Your Talents to Help Others!

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is seeking volunteers in their Money Management Program. As a volunteer, you will provide basic money management services to low-income seniors who have difficulty budgeting, paying routine bills, and keeping track of financial matters. As a trained volunteer, you will use your valuable skills to help individuals who may not have friends or relatives to assist them. All volunteers must pass federal and state background checks. If you are interested in sharing your talents as a Money Management Program volunteer, call 815-724-1246, or email [oteach@cc-doj.org](mailto:oteach@cc-doj.org). To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).



Please join us to help support The Pregnancy Resource Center of Kankakee. There are several ways you can help—

- Drop a donation into the collection basket marked for the Pregnancy Resource Center.
- Collect donations from family and friends and walk 1-2 miles as part of their virtual walk fundraiser. You choose the day, time, and place.
- Make a pledge/donation and join us in walking the Herscher High School Prairie on Saturday April 10 at 9 am.
- Make an online donation at [PregnancyResource-Center.org](http://PregnancyResource-Center.org)  
events  
Kankakee events  
click here to register  
give  
Debbie Jensen  
give
- For more information contact Debbie Jensen at [debjen04@gmail.com](mailto:debjen04@gmail.com) or call the church office.

Pledges must be turned in before April 16.

An easy way to donate to The Walk for the Pregnancy Resource Center is to use your smart phone camera to scan this QR code and it will give you the link to the website. Scroll down to Debbie Jensen for our Tri-Parish page.



Walk update—As of April 1, our Tri-Parish community has raised \$160 of our \$1000 goal. There is still time to help if you are able.

### **VACCINE RESOURCES FOR SENIORS in KANKAKEE CO.**

COVID-19 vaccine resources are available to older adults in Kankakee County by calling 815-523-9918. Our team is here to help older adults and their caregivers navigate the through the process. We can help with:

**Registration:** A trained case manager will help you complete your online registration to receive the vaccine in the county.

**Transportation:** Need a ride to your vaccine appointment? We may be able to help!

**Education:** Interested in learning more about the Covid-19 vaccine and your options? We have information and resources to assist! **Call 815-523-9918 or email [ccu@cc-doj.org](mailto:ccu@cc-doj.org) to be connected with someone who can assist.**

### **Help Socially Isolated Seniors During the Pandemic and Beyond!**

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in visiting with another senior who is homebound and living in Kankakee or Iroquois Counties. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

During the COVID pandemic, Senior Companion volunteers call clients weekly (in-person visits will resume when it is safe), may drop off pre-ordered groceries or medications, and can even make window visits. These contacts make a huge difference in the lives of seniors who feel isolated. Volunteering as a Senior Companion is a fantastic way to meet new people and give back to the community. Are you ready to help bring joy to the lives of seniors who are facing the challenges of isolation?

In Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, call Kathy at 815-933-7791 extension 9906 or email [klangworthy@cc-doj.org](mailto:klangworthy@cc-doj.org). For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

# What happened to St. Peter's bones?

Did you know that St. Peter's bones were believed to be lost in history, until a recent discovery showed otherwise?

## Catholic Snacks

Before the twentieth century, the only record we had of St. Peter's death was a letter from Pope Clement I. According to this letter, St. Peter was crucified under Emperor Nero in Rome and buried on Vatican Hill. After that point, we had no other evidence about the final days of St. Peter and what happened to his remains.

According to tradition, Constantine the Great built a basilica on top of what was believed to be St. Peter's resting place on Vatican Hill. That basilica was known as "Old St. Peter's Basilica," and was ransacked by Saracens in 846 after Charlemagne was crowned emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. In the 1600s, after the new St. Peter's Basilica was constructed, the Church conducted secret excavations to try to find St. Peter's remains, but they only found what looked like pagan graves and gave up the search.

Fast forward to 1939. Crews began excavating a tomb for Pope Pius XI, who had just died and wanted to be buried underneath St. Peter's Basilica. As the excavators were preparing his tomb, they discovered an ancient shrine underneath the basilica with murals, passageways, altars, and more. When the newly elected Pope Pius XII heard about the discovery, unlike his predecessors in the seventeenth century, he decided to press on with the excavations.

Over the next few years, Monsignor Ludwig Kaas led an extensive excavation and in 1942, the team discovered some relics in a tomb in the shrine. Believing these relics were those of St. Peter, but concerned the bones would not be venerated properly in the midst of World War II, Monsignor Kaas secretly had these relics hidden for safekeeping.

After Monsignor Kaas died, Professor Margherita Guarducci, an Italian archaeologist, took over the project. The bones Monsignor Kaas had discovered had largely been forgotten until, in 1953, Professor Guarducci noticed a strange hole in the wall of the tomb and asked a workman who had known Kaas about it. The workman told her about the bones Kaas found there and how secretly they had been hidden. Curious, Guarducci requested that the bones be taken out of storage and thoroughly examined.

After years of research, Guarducci concluded these bones belonged to St. Peter, and she reported her findings to Pope Paul VI, who announced the discovery of the relics in 1968. It took nearly two millennia, but at last the Church could confirm that Peter's final resting place is indeed beneath the basilica that bears his name.

To discover the details of this extraordinary archaeological discovery, check out John O'Neill's [\*The Fisherman's Tomb\*](#), sold at the Catholic Company

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# How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams

Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information. But there are several things you can do to protect yourself.

## How to Recognize Phishing

Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information. They may try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day — and they're often successful. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center reported that [people lost \\$57 million to phishing schemes in one year](#).

Scammers often update their tactics, but there are some signs that will help you recognize a phishing email or text message.

**Phishing emails and text messages may look like they're from a company you know or trust.** They may look like they're from a bank, a credit card company, a social networking site, an online payment website or app, or an online store.

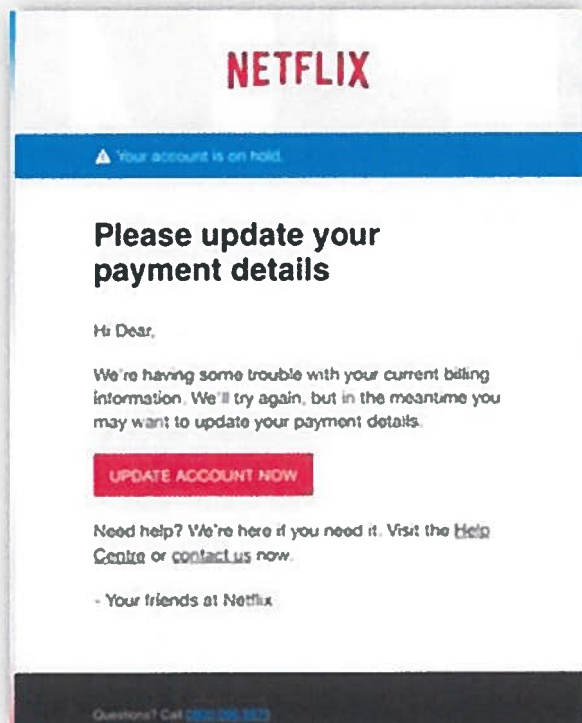
**Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment.**

They may...

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts
  - claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information
  - say you must confirm some personal information
- include a [fake invoice](#)
- want you to click on a link to make a payment
- say you're eligible to register for a [government](#) refund offer a coupon for free stuff

Here's a real world example of a phishing email.

Imagine you saw this in your inbox. **Do you see any signs that it's a scam?** Let's take a look.



- The email looks like it's from a company you may know and trust: Netflix. It even uses a Netflix logo and header.
- The email says your account is on hold because of a billing problem.
- The email has a generic greeting, "Hi Dear." If you have an account with the business, it probably wouldn't use a generic greeting like this.
- The email invites you to click on a link to update your payment details.

While, at a glance, this email might look real, it's not. The scammers who send emails like this one do not have anything to do with the companies they pretend to be.

Phishing emails can have real consequences for people who give scammers their information. And they can harm the reputation of the companies they're spoofing.

## How to Protect Yourself from Phishing Attacks

Your email spam filters may keep many phishing emails out of your inbox. But scammers are always trying to outsmart spam filters, so it's a good idea to add extra layers of protection. Here are four steps you can take today to protect yourself from phishing attacks.

### Four Steps to Protect Yourself From Phishing

**Protect your computer by using security software.** Set the [software to update automatically](#) so it can deal with any new security threats.

**Protect your mobile phone by setting software to update automatically.** These updates could give you critical protection against security threats.

**Protect your accounts by using multi-factor authentication.** Some accounts offer extra security by requiring two or more credentials to log in to your account. This is called [multi-factor authentication](#). The additional credentials you need to log in to your account fall into two categories:

Something you have — like a passcode you get via text message or an authentication app.

Something you are — like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face.

Multi-factor authentication makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password.

**Protect your data by backing it up.** [Back up your data](#) and make sure those backups aren't connected to your home network. You can copy your computer files to an external hard drive or cloud storage. Back up the data on your phone, too.

## What to Do If You Suspect a Phishing Attack

If you get an email or a text message that asks you to click on a link or open an attachment, answer this question:

**Do I have an account with the company or know the person that contacted me?**

**If the answer is “No,”** it could be a phishing scam. Go back and review the tips in [How to recognize phishing](#) and look for signs of a phishing scam. If you see them, [report the message](#) and then delete it.

**If the answer is “Yes,”** contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Not the information in the email. Attachments and links can install harmful malware.

## What to Do If You Responded to a Phishing Email

If you think a scammer has your information, like your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](#). There you'll see the specific steps to take based on the information that you lost.

If you think you clicked on a link or opened an attachment that downloaded harmful software, [update your computer's security software](#). Then run a scan.

## How to Report Phishing

If you got a phishing email or text message, report it. The information you give can help fight the scammers.

**Step 1.** If you got a phishing email, forward it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org). If you got a phishing text message, forward it to SPAM (7726).

**Step 2.** Report the phishing attack to the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint).  
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## Sunday, Apr 04, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

### Race to understanding

Does it matter who gains insight first, so long as we all get there? Competition is overrated, which may be why evangelists don't agree on who arrives at the tomb first. Mark reports that Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James; and Salome got there at dawn. Matthew asserts it was the Magdalene and the "other Mary." Luke claims it was Mary Magdalene; James' mother, Mary; Joanna; and assorted "others." In John, the Magdalene arrives alone. You may be a cradle Catholic, or this may be your first Easter. Welcome to the recognition that death doesn't have the final say.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."*

## Monday, Apr 05, 2021

EASTER MONDAY

### Weave a life of meaning

Everyone knows the joy of creating—whether it be a work of art, a meal, or a family. It's a way of expressing ourselves, sharing our love, and using our talents to serve. It's also a consolation during tough times. Maybe you took up some new, creative pastimes during the pandemic. Saint Maria Crescentia Höss, whose feast is today, was a weaver in 18th-century Bavaria before she became a nun, and when she was assigned to servitude and living in a cubbyhole in the monastery, she kept weaving. Maybe that helped sustain her until she eventually rose to be elected the mother superior. Holy creativity can feed your soul.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage."*

## Tuesday, Apr 06, 2021

EASTER TUESDAY

### Sing the Octave

Happy Octave of Easter—the eight days between, and including, Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday. By relishing the Resurrection for eight whole days instead of just one, the church declares it the cornerstone of belief. What's more: In contrast to the Christmas Octave, we observe no other feast days during Easter Octave, keeping the Resurrection our only focus. Why eight? Christianity's Jewish roots feature ritual celebrations that end on the eighth day—a week, when you count both the first and last days. Make every day this week a "mini-Easter," as our church intends. Sing Alleluia for eight days.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'"*

## Wednesday, Apr 07, 2021

EASTER WEDNESDAY

### Pray for all who heal a world in pain

On April 7, 1948, the World Health Organization was established as a leading global health authority within the United Nations system. In 2021, the WHO counts 7,000 members from 150 countries. It declares that the health of all people is essential to attaining peace and security, and among other things chooses a particular health theme each year to mark its anniversary. Past

themes include mental health, maternal and childcare, and climate change. Mindful that the world's aging population is living longer, the WHO set this year's theme as "Aging and Health." On this Easter Wednesday, as we take note of the healing miracles within the early Christian community, ask the Lord to bless all who work to safeguard the health of humanity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple."*

## Thursday, Apr 08, 2021

EASTER THURSDAY

### Keep it going

We are still in the Octave of Easter, the eight days following Easter. The Octave is meant to keep the celebration going, to keep savoring the joy of the Resurrection. The gospel for each day focuses on the Risen Christ. In the early church, those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil would continue wearing their white garments all week in recognition of the life-changing, festive event. You've likely been changing your clothes during the Octave, but try keeping your focus on the Resurrection. Meditate on a time that God has blessed you with new life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26, Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"*

## Friday, Apr 09, 2021

EASTER FRIDAY

### It all adds up

Numbers play a key role throughout salvation history: Yahweh, the one true God; the 5,000 fed; the cock crowing three times; the Triduum; the Trinity; and the third time Jesus appears to his disciples after his death, which we read about in today's beautiful gospel story of Jesus cooking breakfast for his disciples on the seashore. Numerologists love to explore all the hidden meanings packed in the biblical numbers. But the gospel message is actually quite simple. Jesus alone feeds us. Remember that next time you are looking for sustenance elsewhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'"*

## Saturday, Apr 10, 2021

EASTER SATURDAY

### Faith takes time

What would you think if you heard that someone you knew was dead had risen from the grave? It's no wonder the disciples doubted the story. No less a witness than Mother Teresa of Calcutta expressed serious doubts about God's existence over the course of her life. "Where is my faith?" she wrote. "There is nothing but emptiness." And she's a saint! So when loved ones stop going to church and express doubts about God—or if you yourself face such doubts—accept it as a part of the spiritual journey each of us walks. Keep praying and be patient. Faith takes time and hits dry spells. But in God's heart, there's all the time in the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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