

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 15, 2018**



**“Now I know brothers that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did. But God has thus brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand that through the mouth of all the prophets that His Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore and be converted that your sins may be wiped away... Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures... Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations.”**

The wonderful sermon of Saint Peter offers encouragement, not judgment, summoning his hearers to listen more closely. The scriptures they knew, the prophets and psalms, pointed to the events which had taken place in Jerusalem. As they listened, they were able to conclude ‘this makes sense, I’ll follow what he says and begin living as a witness.’

Twenty centuries have passed, the sermon of Peter is repeated for my benefit as he opens our minds and hearts. If these words changed the hearts of his listeners, what is happening in my heart at this moment? Am I, or am I not a witness?

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 14**

*Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21 (272)*

**12:10 p.m.** Mars Custodio

**5:30 p.m.** Toni Miletic

**Sunday, April 15**

*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48 (47)*

**9:00 a.m.** People of the Parish

**11:30 a.m.** Tom Nerney

**6:00 p.m.** Richard Gugat

**Monday, April 16**

*Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29 (273)*

**12:10 a.m.** Jack Templeman

**Tuesday, April 17**

*Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35 (274)*

**12:10 p.m.** Christie Mulry

**Wednesday, April 18**

*Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40 (275)*

**12:10 p.m.** Michael Ster

**Thursday, April 19**

*Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51 (276)*

**12:10 p.m.** Catherine C. Regan

**Friday, April 20**

*Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59 (277)*

**12:10 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 21**

*Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

*Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69 (278)*

**12:10 p.m.**

**5:30 p.m.**



**Congratulations**  
**on Your Profession of Faith**

*Congratulations to the RCIA participants for receiving their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Eucharist, may your journey as a member of our family of faith be filled with much joy and peace.*

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

**Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a**

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

**OUR COLLECTION**

**Collection for**  
**April 7th & 8th, 2018**  
**By Mass as follows:**

5:30 pm: \$1,940  
9:00 am: \$1,700  
11:30 am: \$4,254  
6:00 pm: \$1,214

**Sunday Masses Total: \$9,108**

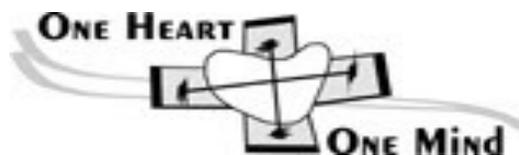
WeShare: \$1,073  
Faith Street: \$3,324

**Grand Total: \$13,505**

### **Special Thank You to All**

Thank you to all volunteers who made Holy Week Special! One of the most moving parts of the Easter Vigil comes just before our brothers and sisters receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They're standing in the sanctuary with their sponsors behind them facing the congregation. Led by the choir, the assembly sings "Veni Sancte Spiritus," begging God to send the Holy Spirit down upon them in a new and powerful way. No matter how many times I experience that moment, it always gives me chills. There's just something about the whole Church crying out together. It strikes me that that moment is, in a way, representative of the entirety of Holy Week. All of the liturgies are extraordinarily prayerful. And all of them are the product of the parish working together to make them beautiful. Led by Joe Brown, Michael Mangiello, John Behre, and Isaac Wash, I was moved to see so many people step forward to help with Holy Week. You were liturgical ministers, ushers, choir members, party-planners, church-cleaners, and more. Each person, in their own way, helped to make Holy Week as beautiful as it was. And the staff and I are more grateful than words can express. May God give you the reward of your generosity!

*Fr. James Cuddy, O.P*



### **PARISH MISSION Monday - Wednesday, April 30th - May 2nd**

**7:00pm (optional Rosary beforehand)**

We're very excited to welcome Father Bill Garrott, OP to preach a parish mission here at Saint Joseph's during this Easter season. Father Bill is a brilliant preacher and veteran of over 100 parish missions throughout the US and Canada.

This mission aims to help us all to enter more deeply into the love of the Holy Trinity and experience God's merciful touch through the Sacraments. We'll come to a profound encounter of the Father who blesses, the Son who heals, and the Spirit who strengthens.

Mark your calendars for what promises to be a unique, grace-filled moment in the life of our parish and a wonderful way to help us to continue our celebration of Jesus' resurrection!

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**

**Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 p.m.**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with **Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.**

Pre-registration is required.

Please contact your parish to register.

**The closing date to register for the Mass is  
Monday, May 14, 2018.**

