

Reflection: Recognizing Jesus

In the stories of Jesus seeing his disciples after the resurrection, several times we see Jesus having conversations with his disciples without them recognizing him – at least not right away. They don't recognize him until he does something familiar.

For Mary, it was when Jesus called her name. For the disciples on the Road to Emmaus in Luke's Gospel, it was when Jesus broke the bread as he had done on the night of the Last Supper. And for Peter, James, and John, it was when Jesus led them to this miraculous catch of fish.

Sometimes we are so preoccupied, we miss the movement of Jesus that is right in front of us. Maybe it is because he doesn't look the way we think he would. Maybe it is because we don't expect to see him work. We don't always recognize Jesus, but Jesus knows how to make himself familiar to his disciples. It isn't the same for everyone, but he knows us so well that it can be custom-made.

This week, we invite you to try to reflect on the following questions:

- Jesus makes himself known to people in various ways. How does Jesus move in your life in such a way that you know it is the movement of God's Spirit?
- We are continually being called by Jesus. Where have you been called by Jesus to go? What is God calling you to do now?
- Simon is asked to show his love for Jesus by feeding and tending his sheep. In what ways do you tend and feed Jesus' flock because you love him? Which portion of Jesus' flock do you concentrate on?
- Jesus cares for them and eats with them and spends some time just being with them. How often do you take time to just be in Jesus' presence? Not asking or even working for, but enjoying Jesus' friendship and simply being in communion with him?

Liturgical Calendar at a Glance

May 12 ----- 4th Sunday of Easter
 May 19 ----- 5th Sunday of Easter
 May 26 ----- 6th Sunday of Easter
 June 2 ----- The Ascension of the Lord
 June 9 ----- Pentecost Sunday

Parish Volunteers Needed

We greatly appreciate the financial support of our parishioners and visitors. Your contributions assist us in providing care for the spiritual and physical needs of our parish community. Stewardship also involves gifts of time and talents. We hope you will consider becoming a volunteer in our parish community.

✂ --- kindly cut here & drop in the collection basket ---

Kindly complete the form below by identifying the parish ministry you would like to assist with and drop the form in the collection basket. Thank you.

- () Lector / Reader () Altar Server at Mass
 () Usher / Greeter () Choir member 11 am Sunday
 () Hospitality & Monthly Social volunteer
 () Counter for collection offering
 () Maintenance & Church Decoration

Your name:

Phone:

Email:

Pastor's Message

I thank all of you for your active and full participation and during our Holy Week and Easter weekend celebrations. I also thank all kind parish volunteers who helped us in our decorations and in the readings and serving at the altar at all our liturgies.

This weekend of May 4 and 5, I invite all parishioners and guests to join us for our Parish Monthly Social Meal in our parish hall after Mass.

We congratulate all the children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. The final group will be receiving their First Communion at this weekend's 11:00 am Mass. Kindly keep them and their families in your prayers.

I will be away for 3 weekends (May 18 to June 4): visiting a family member who is very ill as well as attending a family reunion in Cebu Philippines. During my absence, there will be no weekday Masses from May 21 until June 6 inclusive.

I have invited the following priests to preside our weekend Parish Masses:

- = Saturdays May 18, May 25 & June 1: Msgr. Fermin Sosa
- = Sunday, May 19 both Masses: Msgr. Robert Latour
- = Sunday, May 26 both Masses: Fr. Joseph Gavan, S. J.
- = Sunday, June 2 both Masses: Fr. Larry McCormick

June 7, 2019 Friday Mass at 7:00 pm will be our Parish Celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Grade 6 students, presided by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, V.G