



The Evangelist

Easter 2022

Beginning on April 24th, our Sunday Bible readings will include selections from the Book of Revelation, and will continue throughout the Easter Season. It's a good choice, and let me tell you why...

First, it's special for our parish since the author is said to have been St. John, our patron saint. Now, scholars aren't sure about the authorship of very many Bible texts, so it's not surprising that this book, too, has questionable origins. But, nonetheless, it serves as a way into the messages which that Apostle and saint would have wanted us to know. John's timeless perspective is the power Jesus has to bring us out of darkness into light using God's love.

Second, it is such a complex book that it can be read over and over without ever getting old. There always seems to be something new to discover in its pages. It is also baffling in many ways. Priests and pastors and preachers all secretly wish they could definitively interpret its secrets, but if one of them tells you that he or she can, that's a good time to become suspicious. The name 'Revelation' is a translation of the first word in the Greek text, 'apocalypse,' which can also mean 'unveiling.' But, is it an unveiling of secret messages, a revelation of prophecies, an interesting political perspective on 1st century empires, or perhaps a real prediction about the end of time? Does one need a decoder-ring to figure it all out? The author, presumably St. John, says he accurately wrote down what he had seen in a vision, but did it have the usual distortions of a dream? There's always something new to find and experience in this graphic book.

But most of all, the Revelation to John is a great addition to our Easter readings because it restates the fundamental message of Easter: New Life. When it seems that life has died, that all is lost, that fear might overwhelm hope, that darkness might circumvent the very laws of physics and extinguish light altogether, there endures the Easter promise of Resurrection. Even if the battle between Good and Evil is going badly, even if the world is coming to an end, God is creating a precious new existence through the powerful grace of Christ. That message and vision in the Book of Revelation, as bizarre as it seems, is simply an extension of the glory signaled by the empty tomb. It is a reassuring message, and, no, you don't really need a decoding ring or a dream interpreter's manual to apprehend its meaning. Just let its images and dialogue flow through your imagination, and know that Christ is your mentor and companion.

I hope that our selections from this Biblical text will be stimulating to your faith over the next few weeks, and I encourage you to spend some time with the whole Book of Revelation, seeking Easter joy.

Love, Nick+

Our Parish Prayer List

Doug Miller	Gerrie Miller	Joan Livingston	Roger Wieland
Jane Armstrong	Laura Weismore	Birdy Burdick	Grace Livingston
Anne Hill	Kathryn Zebrowski	Milo	Bill Sherman
Theressia	Tom Campanie	Sally Olin	Tim Lally
Dawn Lanz	Jerry Aylesworth	Betty Janczuk	Joe Smith
Kelly Thurber	Courtney Davis	Mimi	Dylan McCelland
Robin Pike	Larry Knipp	Kathy	Gale
Joanne	Don Sears	Shelia	Butch English
Evelyn Hirst	Kelly Brown	Alma Highers	Art/Judy Pearson
Charlie Hetterich	Diane Austin	Charlie Harrington	Craig Garlock
Charlene Lewis	Scott MacMullen	Colette Coppola	Nancy N.
Michael Connely	Diane Persico	Rose Rinaldo	Kent Drummond
Lorraine Maggio	Ashley/Lito/Lina	Lisa Todd	Debbie Fogg
Haley/Blake	Landen/Porter		

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

April

9th	Autumn McLain
11th	Raven Brown
12th	John Maxey
14th	Christopher Meeker
15th	Peg MacMullen
20th	Grace Livingston
21th	John Reinhardt
21th	Sean Coppola
28th	Cindy Kolceski
29th	Mike Chyrywaty

May

1st	Sheila Aylesworth
11th	Bob Wilkins
	Suzanne Clark



14th	Stan Janczuk
23rd	Emma (Adams) Smith
	David Meeker, Jr.
	Shannon Elizabeth Vair
24th	Brian Hodgins
25th	Ethan LeRoy
26th	Justin Madonia
28th	Gregory Hodgins
30th	Scott Youngkrans

Happy Anniversary!

April

4/17/1982	Mark and Leslie Zebrowski
4/28/1962	Roger and Beth Wieland

May

5/04/1985	Thomas and Shelly Sears
05/28/1983	David and Geraldine Meeker

Little Voice Speaking to You

Hi there. This is that Little Voice inside your head speaking. Yeah, I know. It's been a while. But how are you? How's life? How's the fam? You still doing keto? Listen, I know we haven't talked in a long time, but technically, that's not my fault. You probably don't remember this, but you quit listening to your inner voice just as soon as you hit the fourth stage of puberty. The moment you developed armpit hair, you became a lot more concerned with getting a driver's license, French kissing, and eradicating zits. So over time that voice inside you got quieter. Oh, sure, every now and then you'd hear me droning in the background like Charlie Brown's teacher. But you never actually listened. Although there were a few times...

Remember that rude waiter a few weeks ago? When the meal was over, you almost stiffed him with the tip. But then, you dug into your wallet and gave him a ridiculously generous gratuity. Did you ever stop to wonder why you did this? Well, I'll tell you why. Because the teeny, tiny voice reminded you that being generous was not just kind, it was right. That Little Voice was me.

There was that other time, when you gave a ride to two Mexican young women who didn't speak English. Their car broke down in the Walmart parking lot, and they were crying. You helped them out because that faint voice would not shut up. Also me. And let's not forget about the time you almost got into that fatal car wreck. No, wait. You never knew about that one. You never did know how close you came to the end. Because the Little Voice told you to pull off the interstate immediately before the disaster happened. And you actually listened. In a few seconds there was a ten-car pile up on I-65, and four people were killed. Still, most of the time you keep me turned off. Sometimes you sense me reminding you to use your turn signal, not to play on your phone too much, and not to cuss during third down situations. But most of the time you never even hear me talking. The thing is, if you'd listen to me once in a while, you would discover that I know stuff. Big stuff. Important stuff. I am a very smart Little Voice. I don't have time to run through my whole résumé, but I'll hit the highlights.

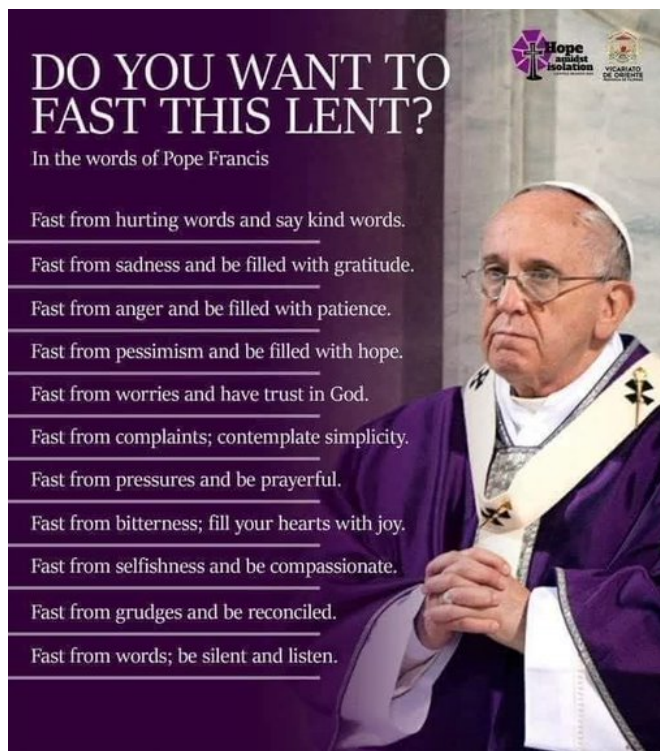


For starters, I'm older than you. Way, WAY older. In fact, I'm ancient enough to remember when the Dead Sea was just getting sick. The Grand Canyon was still a teenager when I was celebrating my 2,000,000,000 kajillionth infinity. Secondly, I love you. I'm part of you. I'm part of your soul. So in a way, you and I are like peanut butter and jelly. We go together. We are inseparable. Think of me as electricity that makes an appliance work. Your body is like a GE washing machine, only with more adipose tissue. Without electricity, a washing machine is just a big metal box. I am the amperage running through the circuit breaker, the plug, the electronics. I am the voltage that makes the agitator spin inside the drum. I am the most important part of the machine. I'm not asking for any credit here, I'm just telling you how it is. In fact, that is why I am writing this letter. Because I've been watching you recently. I saw you crying this morning when your wife was in the hospital; I saw you weeping when hospice

administered your mother's final meds; I watched you crumble on your bathroom floor and bawl because the doctor gave you bad news; I saw you shut down when they told you your son committed suicide. I was with you. I was right there. I was speaking to you, but you were too upset to hear me. Hey, that's okay. Believe me, I get it. This is the darkest period you will ever go through. I'm here to tell you that you're going to make it through this mess. The problem is, your brain is turning against you. Your brain keeps telling you this is the end, that your life is over. Your brain is telling you to quit. To stop trying. Don't trust your brain. Your brain knows nothing. Your brain is full of a plentiful substance commonly found in barnyards and hog pens. I am telling you, without the slightest hue of doubt, you will survive this. You will be okay. One day, by and by, this will all be over, and you'll understand it better. But for now, just know that this is not the end.

And here's the thing: Deep inside yourself, you know I'm right. You don't need a heavenly sign for proof of this. You don't need anything to convince you. Because within the innermost, most profound layer of your soul, you just know. You know what I'm saying is true. Because I am your Little Voice. Or you can always call me by my other name.

Thank you to Sue Slaunwhite for the submission. It really made me think.



Found this and thought it was very meaningful. Good words to live by.

Pancake Dinner



Surprise, Happy Birthday Peter!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Easter 2022

	4/24/22	5/1/22	5/8/22	5/15/22	5/22/22	5/29/22
Celebrant	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+
Preacher	Nick+	Nick+	Nick+	Joe	Nick+	Nick+
LEM	Colette	Joe	Leslie	Gloria	Peter	Colette
Organist	Pat B	Colleen H	Colleen H	Colleen H	Colleen H	Pat B
1st Lesson	Val	Gale	Shane	Beth	Anne	Gale
2nd Lesson	Leslie	Gloria	Colette	Susan	Leslie	Gloria
Acolyte	Stan	Shelly	Val	Sarah	Stan	Shelly
Ushers	Anne/Bob	Gisela/ Suzanne	Shelly/Birdy	Ann H/Beth	Bob/Gisela	Suzanne/?
Computer	Leslie	Marc A	Kelly B	Susan	Marc A.	Kelly B
Camera	Gale	Colette	Kellie	Bob	Gale	Kellie
Altar Guild	Val/Shelly	Gale/Kellie	Gale/Kellie	Gale/Kellie	Gale/Kellie	Gale/Kellie
Counters	Stan/Peter	Val/Susan	Val/Susan	Val/Susan	Val/Susan	Val/Susan
Coffee Hour						
St.Pauly Bx	Mark Z	Shelly	Shelly	Shelly	Shelly	Shelly

Bishop DeDe Visitation`



COLORING AND PUZZLE PAGE



Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day



We give affectionate thanks to those who have donated toward the flowering plants that adorn our worship space this Easter:

Leslie and Mark Zebrowski, thanking God for their 40th anniversary, and lovingly remembering Joyce Sherman, Linda Sherman Celauro, Florence and Henry Zebrowski, Diane and Della Zebrowski.

Birdy Burdick, honoring the memory of Terri Hoffmeister and Lee Lindner.

Betty Kline, remembering Howard Garlock, George Kline, Vera Chapman, and Willie Wickens Deb Miller Misenhimer, in loving memory of her parents, Ed and Susanne Miller.



Norita Kane, giving thanks to God and remembering Dick Kane, Roland and Dorothy Woodcock, and Sally Foster.

Anne Hill, with love for her eternal partner, Arthur Hill.

Doug and Gerrie Miller, fondly remembering Russ and Elizabeth Todd, Don and Lena Miller, Dale and Jeanine Miller, and Bradley.

Suzanne Bauer, lovingly remembering Thomas Bauer and Helen and Rodger Bathke.

The Bennett family, with undying love and tribute for Laura Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peter, John Schneider, Wendy Bennett, Arthur Bennett, and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Madonia.

Valerie Hill, giving thanks for the love and support of her friends and family, and remembering Dorothy and Rodger Hill, Ina and Otis Drummond, and her dear father, Arthur.

Bob and Gloria Wilkins, in memory of Ruth Bucholz Brown, Norman Newton Brown, Pauline Fay Wilkins, and John Absulum Wilkins.

Tom and Shelly Sears, giving thanks for their children and grandchildren, and faithfully honoring Bruce and Grace Olin, Thomas and Althea Sears, and Virginia Olin.

Carol and John Reinhardt, giving thanks to God for their children and grandchildren, and remembering Carl and Pauline Maxeiner, and Kenneth and Kathryn Reinhardt.

Ann Hodgins, thanking God this Eastertide for her children and grandchildren.

Nick and Gale Smith, giving thanks for our St. John's family and for the lives we have shared with all those whom we love but see no longer.

Suzanne Clark, lovingly remembering John Clark.

Joe and Beverly Hannah, honoring the memory of John Smith, Dorothy Smith, Wilson Smith, and Vinon Hannah.

Scott and Leanne Youngkrans, for God's many blessings and in memory of Marilyn and Richard Thomas, Robert and Rhea Youngkrans, and Bonnie and Daud.

Beth & Roger Wieland, honoring their children Robin & Jennifer, and grandchildren Brandon and Alexis.

(we apologize if names have been inadvertently left out, and we invite your corrections to the list)



Fr. Nick with his Prayer Quilt

Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for all your many kindnesses this late winter and spring, while Nick was waiting for his surgical "repair," and for these weeks post-op. Thank you for your well wishes, your prayers, emails, your prayer quilt, and cards, and for the way you each graciously are stepping up to "fill in the gaps." Especially now when he unexpectedly turned out to be Covid-positive, just before Palm Sunday and Easter!

Your love has been very much felt and appreciated by us both. It's true what is written in our collect – at St. John's, we abide in "the miraculous love within this parish."

Many Blessings,
Gale and Fr. Nick



NEW FAMILY MEMBER.

On February 9th, we welcomed our first grandchild. His name is Milo William Zebrowski. He was so excited to meet his parents that he was born about three weeks early. He was only 4 pounds, 3 ounces. Now, about eight weeks later, Milo is over 7 pounds! His grandparents, Mark and Leslie Zebrowski will meet him soon.



Upcoming Issues of Evangelist:

June 4th—for Pentecost and Summer
August 27th –for Fall
November 5th—for Advent/Christmas

Deadline for articles will be two days prior to these dates.
We appreciate all of the articles that were given to us and look forward to the many more that will be shared in the future.

ENJOY!!
Colette Coppola and Colleen Kahler—Co-Editors

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Loving God, by your grace you have gathered us from many walks of life to become a loving family at St. John's. Help us to sustain the miraculous love within this parish, and guide us in sharing this love with our neighbors. All this we ask through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

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