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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14TH, 2024

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

6:00 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 5:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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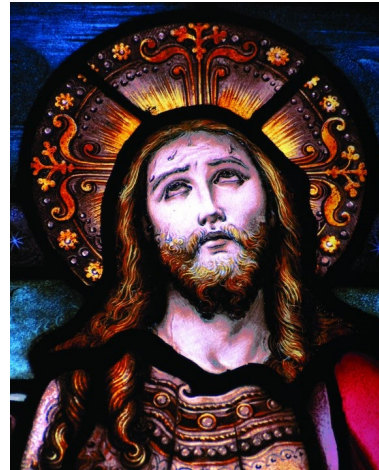
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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of 3rd Sunday of Easter



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

Welcome all women of St. John's & St. Mary's for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! Tuesday April

16th at 6:00p.m. Shadyside South End Grill. RSVP Carol at 740-676-8922.

This Week

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

4-6pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (St Mary Sartori Hall)

6-7:15pm Confirmation Prep Session 2 (St. Mary Hall)

Monday: 1-3pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (SJH)

Tuesday: 9:00am-5:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration (SM)

6:00pm Catholic Women's Night Out

Thursday: 6:00pm SM Finance Council Mtg (SH)

7:00pm OCIA (SJH)

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

4-6pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (St Mary Sartori Hall)

6-7:15pm Confirmation Prep Session 3 (St. Mary Hall)

HONORING OUR GRADUATING HS SENIORS

We would like to honor all our graduating high school seniors at the masses on Sunday, March 19. If you have a graduating senior please ask them to take a "Senior Bio" form at the church entrance and return by Wed. May 15.

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 13th, 3rd Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. (SM) + John Ruskowski 11 year ann. Deceased (Wife ~ Janey Ruskowski)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Joe Ronevich Sr. (Ernie & Mary Ann)

Sunday, April 14th, 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Eddie Oboy 1 year ann. Deceased (Family)

11:00a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Monday, April, 15th

6:00p.m.(SJ) + Melissa Koston Birthday deceased (Family)

Tuesday, April, 16th

8:00a.m. (SM) + John Popovich (Terry Magyar)

Wednesday, April, 17th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Louise Cicogna (Chick & Boys)

Thursday, April, 18th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + John Phillip Salva (Terry Magyar)

Friday, April 19th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Deceased Members of the Benedetta Family (Lindy & Jack)

Saturday, April 20th, 4th Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. (SM) + A. Richard St. John Birthday deceased (Wife & Daughters)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Deceased Members of the Bernard Gerdau Family (Cindy "Gerdau" Edwards & Gerald Gerdau)

Sunday, April 21st, 4th Sunday of Easter

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Deceased Members of the Kiss & Steinke Families (Mary Ann Kiss)

11:00a.m.(SM) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of April 6/7

St. Mary's: Adult (58env) \$1,625, Loose \$235, Easter (5env) \$75, Rice Bowl (2env) \$50, Grade School (4env) \$60, Building Fund (4env) \$80, Food Pantry (10env) \$88, Candles \$112

St. John's: Adult (100env) \$4,991, Loose \$411, Easter (4env) \$225, Easter Flowers (2env) \$45, Holy Thursday (1env) \$25, St. Vincent de Paul (11env) \$176, Grade School (3env) \$120, Building Fund (4env) \$195, Priest Retirement (2env) \$100, Candles \$110

PRAYER LIST



Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a*

person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following: Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, , Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Baby Everett Sommers, Steve Kiss Jr., Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Paul Heagy, Pat Tedeschi, Ed and Rose Grammar, Irene Lloyd, Susan Gray, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Bryan Grimm, Sydney Battistelli, Dr. Matt Sokus, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Sandy Fijalkowski, Ted Corder, Tom Galinski, Barney Wiley, Susan Vasey, Gilbert Patt, Bob, Bill & Tom, Julie Sharpe, Sally Shopper, Judith Weckbacher, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Sally Traversa, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Eric Allen, Herk Sparachane, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, James Jeter, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, Dan Busack, John Hanasky, Beverly, Beau Boston, Mary De Genova , Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch,Susy Sands, Laine Castello, Sandy Grimm, Theresa Baker, Kevin West, Gwen Brown, Jack Selmon, Brody Beckett, Jeff Stolz, Kay Bambek, Peg Stipetich

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1 -5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



Lord, bless and protect those serving our

country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzal, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff Sgt. Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff

Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Corporal Vincent J. Kolenich II, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook



Ministers for the Weekend of April 20/21

St. John's:

April 20th **EM:** C. Flowers **Lector :** T. Bonfini
April 21th **EM:** S. Gibson **Lector :** K. Kelly

St. Mary's :

April 20th **EM:** J. Ferrelli **Lector :** S. Ferrelli
April 21th **EM:** L. Kernik **Lector :** M. Kernik



Pastoral Planning Spring Assembly

The Spring Assembly is our annual time to gather as a community, review and reflect on the seven essential elements of parish life, and track our progress on the goals and objectives of

our pastoral plan for 2024. It's also a time to look at our three-year goal areas and do some additional brainstorming on what we want to do next., to see if there are any new objectives that we want to pursue. Our Spring Assembly will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 12:15pm—2:00pm in the St. Mary Sartori Hall.

Pastoral Council Identification Form

We are looking to identify potential candidates for our pastoral council. Please prayerfully consider parishioners whom we should consider for the pastoral council selection process and submit their names on the enclosed form by Monday, April 29th. Thank you!

Read Acts of the Apostles for Easter...

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

This week: Week 3 Acts 8:4-9:43

“But get up and go into the city, where you will be told what you must do” Acts 9:6

“And so it was that the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had a time of peace. Through the help of the Holy Spirit it was strengthened and grew in numbers, as it lived in reverence for the Lord” Acts 9:31

In this week’s readings, Philip shares the good news in Samaria and brings great joy to the people there. As the Church continues to spread, Saul is dramatically converted. He makes a drastic change from persecutor to preacher; he immediately begins evangelizing the nations who once feared him.

Reflection Questions:

1. Philip received a calling from God to share the news of Jesus to specific people. Who might you be called to share this news with?
2. What is God calling you to change in your life to make room to live for Him?
3. Who has been the person, like Ananais was to Saul, who helped you see or understand better once you knew God’s presence? How did they accompany you?
4. Saul did not work alone when preaching in Damascus and Jerusalem, but was open to the power of the Holy Spirit. How can you better welcome the work of the Holy Spirit?

You can download the full reading plan with reflections for each week on our website: bnspcatholic.org



GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of

liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the Eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— *Father John Muir*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Briella Bell
DelaneyCross**



**Carmine Menough
Sophia Menough**

St. John’s Church on April 6th, 2024



REST IN PEACE

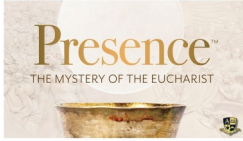
Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Joseph Krsul** and **Joseph Nace** We offer our prayers also for the comfort of their loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him. ©LPi

THIS WEEK ON
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Week of April 14, 2024



God Is with Us
What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!



St. Bernadette of Lourdes
"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



Joan of Arc
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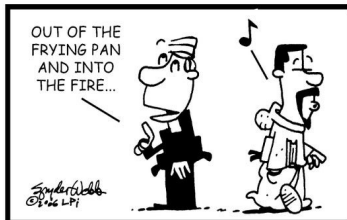
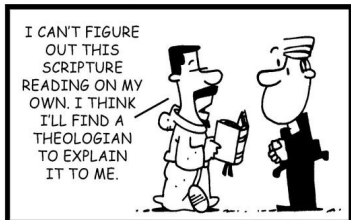
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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday of Easter / April 21, 2024

First Reading: "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Psalms: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Second Reading: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel: Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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CCC 754, 764, 2665: Christ the Shepherd and Gate
CCC 553, 857, 861, 881, 896, 1558, 1561, 1568, 1574:
Pope and bishops as shepherds
CCC 874, 1120, 1465, 1536, 1548-1551, 1564, 2179, 2686:
priests as shepherds
CCC 756: Christ the cornerstone
CCC 1, 104, 239, 1692, 1709, 2009, 2736: we are God's children now



PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus, When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek.
Amen. ©LPi



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Easter is a Season

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK –
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

St. Paul the Apostle

St. Paul the Apostle (c.4-c.64) was named Saul of Tarsus before his conversion. He was born to a devout Jewish family who followed strict Pharisaic traditions for generations. He spoke Greek and was formally educated in Jewish culture, scripture, and traditions. As an adult he worked as a tentmaker as well as an enforcer for the Jewish leadership in their efforts against new Christian converts. He is known to have taken an active part in the stoning of St. Stephen, the first martyr, and considered himself to be a shining example of Judaism.

Saul’s conversation to Christianity took place while he was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians there. According to Scripture, “a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’” (Acts 9:3-4). Stricken blind by the vision, Saul continued to Damascus where he was healed and immediately began meeting with other disciples in the area and preaching that Jesus is Lord. He changed his name to the Roman version of Saul, Paul, after his conversation because it was more common among the Gentiles.

For years he traveled all over the region starting churches and preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul’s letters to the communities he served make up thirteen of the books of the New Testament today. His writings encourage new believers to learn about Jesus through Scripture and prayer, partaking in the Eucharist, and serving those in need. He was eventually beheaded as part of systematic executions of Christian leaders in Rome. St. Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. St. Paul, pray for us! © LPi



**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -
REFLECT AND RESPOND TO
SCRIPTURE**

First Reading: Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. *Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?*

Second Reading: John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. *Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?*

Gospel: The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. *How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?* ©LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Get To Know Jesus

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous *Sixth Sense* twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

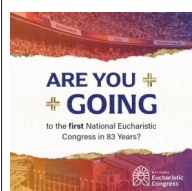
I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39



Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

July 17-21, 2024...5 days

Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. The trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799.00 per person double occupancy (triple, quad & single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790. *See brochure on church bulletin boards for more info!*

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Angels

Question: I’ve heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God’s image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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