

THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

APRIL 19, 2020

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

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PRAYER FOR HEALING AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

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Sunday, April 19
2nd Second of Easter / Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 20
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 21
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

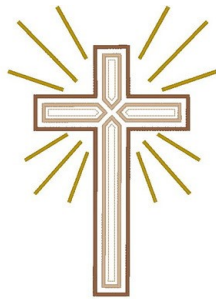
Wednesday, April 22
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 23
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 24
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 25
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26
3rd Second of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35



Rest In Peace

Lorraine Aldridge
Thomas Diggs

May the Angels lead them into paradise

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION
April 26, 2020

For the Special Intentions of
Patricia Heftler



**Fr. Burr will pray this intention in a private Mass*

† PRAYER LIST †

*Wayne Bradley, Sarah Diggs,
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STILL CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON!!

This year was certainly like no other Holy Week and Easter. We missed being with you, but hope you were able to participate in the live streams that were made available.

We have been able to reach most of you by phone and/or email and PRAISE God for blessing you with good health. We are still in need of a few phone number updates. Please do call us with yours when you get a chance.

Your donations continue coming in....thank you. They are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to keep mailing in if you wish. They are definitely safe in our secured mailbox.

Also available now is online giving. If interested, you can go to give.aod.org. It's quite an easy process!!

We are still limiting our hours in the office at this time. Please feel free to call 586.596.2089 if you're in need of assistance and unable to reach anyone.

God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will.

Amen.

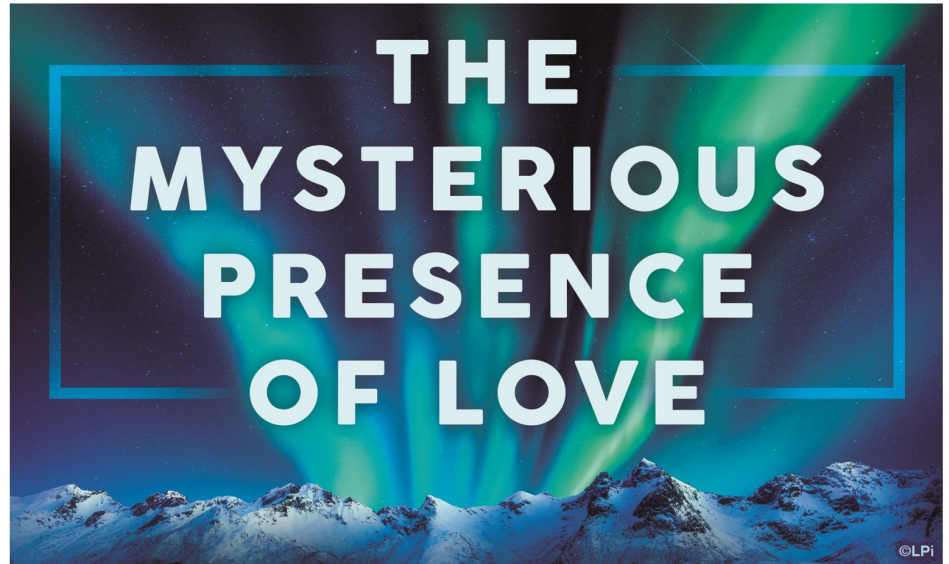
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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GIVE YOURSELF COMPLETELY

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made

all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DISCERN A VOCATION?

The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.



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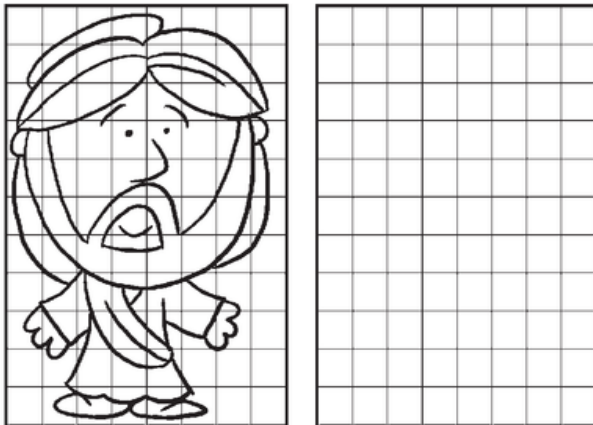
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How to Slow Down and Focus on What Matters Most

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Growing with the GOSPEL



John 20:19-31 ■ 2nd Sunday of Easter

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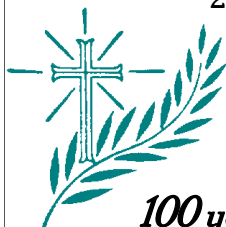
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