

April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
Ps. 4
1John 2:1-5a
John 24: 35-48

What Did You Not Expect?

Depending on your age you have had various experiences in life. Some of the experiences you anticipated and others you had no hint they would ever occur. Still other episodes in your life you anticipated but they just were not what you expected. And if you are relatively young you are looking forward to life experiences that are to come, and you are planning on them. Still, who knows how they will pan out.

So, as the title of this column says, "What did you not expect?" Moreover, what do you expect?

Today's Gospel story provides us with much we may reflect on including the reality of the Eucharist. (They truly believed from the very first days in the Bread and Wine becoming Christ's Body and Blood.) Yet, let us focus on expectations and crisis of Faith.

The Apostles were hiding after the Resurrection. They had true trepidation. To a great extent the Roman use of crucifixion as a deterrent to political subversion worked on them. Remember, they had more the mindset that the messiah was going to establish an earthly kingdom. They did think of ousting the Romans. They saw what happened to Jesus and were afraid it would happen to them. So, they hid wondering what to do next.

All that they had expected and even planned on evidently did not work out, in their eyes. The passion and death of Jesus was a great embarrassment to say the least. It was total devastation. The "two disciples" in the gospel story were the two who were walking away from Jerusalem just a day or so earlier (Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13ff). They gave up on Jesus. In their minds, all the time they had with him was wasted. Then they had encountered Jesus along the road who explained everything to them. Then they truly recognized him and understood in the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist. Now they had returned to Jerusalem and recounted all they experienced and learned. Then Jesus appeared to them in the very room they were hiding in.

The apostles were terrified at first, seeing Jesus appear in the room with them. He settled them by offering Peace. Then all was explained to them as you may

read in today's passage. Jesus reminded them that they were witnesses to all of this. Actually, he was telling them they needed to spend the rest of their lives being witnesses to all of this.

The Apostles and so many others who had followed his earthly ministry did not expect the passion and death. This is reflected in today's second reading. To put it into a short explanation, the surprising events as they happened, and the results of the events actually caused a schism in the early community. The first reading also reflects another early community that needed support through an explanation of all that had happened throughout all of Salvation History.

In the Acts of the Apostles 3 Peter explains how since the dawn of history God has interacted with us. "...But God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand..." People had been misinterpreting what was taught. They misjudged the events and signs. There were those who, as it says, ..."acted out of ignorance".

Perhaps that which surprises us, that which we do not understand immediately due to ignorance may awaken us. We are surprised because the events themselves and or the results of them are not what was expected. It seems when this is the case there are two ways we may respond.

When the unexpected happens we may run away, or we may be drawn in to examine the situation more closely. Members of the early Church were in disarray. However, as always, God did not abandon us. The risen Jesus appeared to the disciples and apostles to teach and reassure them. Further, he celebrated with them and reinforced his presence in the Eucharist.

If you have not already you will have events that you did not expect. Even now you may look at people in the Church who disappoint you. Or you come to encounter the teaching of Christ through the Church's teachings and Scriptures that surprise you. Such moments and encounters may serve as moments you may grow from. As you ponder the why or how of the experiences you have as a Christian you may be drawn deeper into an understanding of Jesus Christ and therefore a deeper relationship with him AND his Church.

What such experiences have you had that brought you what you did not expect? How may you see God working to help you understand and believe?

Stewardship

Attendance last week:	256
Tithes Collected:	\$5,269.00
Online Giving:	\$325.00
Total:	\$5,594.00

Thank you!

Next weeks' second collection is for Catholic Home Missions

Easter Tithes

Thank you to the many who made the extra sacrifice to tithe well for the Easter celebration! You know who you are. You have helped greatly. Now we all must continue to tithe well throughout the year besides the extra we do on the special occasions.

Anyone who has been sheltering at home knows we are praying for you always. This website and the video messages I produce for you each week have you in mind and are a service to you. Thus, if you did not take the opportunity to either give a proper tithe online or mail it in to the office, do so now. The parish must continue on in service to you.

The challenge I made to our visitors on Easter Sunday seems to have had an impact. We did not reach the goal of \$20k but reached a little beyond \$17k. Some visitors understood their responsibility to us who support the parish for their good. One guest of a member donated \$1k. They support their home parish as well.

In time I am confident we may return to supporting the monthly expenses without taking from the Trust income. You are faithful people and God is always on time with his support.

Thank you again. Fr. Bob

Fatherdennisreflections.com **This is Father Dennis's** **New Webpage!**

Take a look at the page. It contains reflections by Fr. Dennis. You have come to know him. For the better part of a year, he has graced the pulpit of Blessed Sacrament Parish with fine, courageous preaching. Perhaps you would like to read his challenging columns.

LITURGY FOR APRIL 18, 2021 **2ND Sunday of Easter (B)**

- **HYMN #1: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
2. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn; Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise, we with him to life eternal by this resurrection rise.
3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, font of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

- **GLORIA:**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

we glorify you, we give you thanks

for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ

Only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God

Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High

Jesus...Christ.

With holy spirit in the

Glory to God the Father, Amen!

- **PSALM 4:** LORD, LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US;
LORD, LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US; SHINE ON US

HYMN #2: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (Smith)

1. In the breaking of the bread, we knew him, Lord Jesus. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Were not our hearts burning as he spoke: Were not our hearts yearning for the Word of God?
3. Put your hand here, see the place of nails, Blessed are those who have not seen, but believe.

4. Risen is Christ, he who died for us. Risen is Christ, shepherd who dies for his flock.
5. Sing to the Lord, all ye nations praise. Great is our God, worthy to be praised.
6. Taste and see, see and behold God. Taste and see, see your God and believe.

• **HYMN #3: THE SUPPER OF THE LORD (L. Rosania)**

1. Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come share the supper of the Lord.
2. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, giving life to us, to all the world.
3. "I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again."
4. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die."
5. "All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God."
6. All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast; in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

• **HYMN #4 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Allelulia!
Our triumphant holy day, Allelulia!
Who did once upon the cross, Allelulia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Allelulia!!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Allelulia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Allelulia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Allelulia!
Sinner to redeem and save. Allelulia!
3. But the pains which he endured. Allelulia!
Our salvation have procured; Allelulia!
Now he reigns above s King, Allelulia!
Where the angels ever sing. Allelulia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Allelulia!
Praise eternal as his love, Allelulia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Allelulia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Allelulia!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 10

- 4:00 p.m. † Hernani Espinosa by Cecilia Espinosa
† John B. Nicotera by Carmela Dee

Sunday, April 11

- 9:00 a.m. † Deb Botta by Chris & Jim Jordan
10:45 a.m. † Pedro & Candida Martin by Children & Grandchildren
† Dottie Jewett by Sharkey Family

Monday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, April 13

- 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Wednesday, April 14

- 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of SVDP Society

Thursday, April 15

- 8:00 a.m. † Octavio Reyes by Cesar & Claudia Aispuro

Friday, April 16

- 8:00 a.m. † Ted Moser by Jean-Pierre Kolodziejcki

Saturday, April 17

- 4:00 p.m. † Tina Bishara by Family
† Jack Symonette by Theresa, Mom

Sunday, April 18

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Robert D. Joyce by John Joyce & Judy Dempsey
† Solange Jeanneau by Catherine

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti

The pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. Every married couple could use a shot in the arm to boost their relationship. Here is that shot.

This two-hour long seminar for married couples is based on the book "Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti" by Bill & Pam Farrel. It helps husbands and wives to begin to understand what makes each other tick. It is a topic similar to the familiar book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus," but explains the topic with a whole new light. If you are wondering how men are like waffles and women are like spaghetti, come to this fun and enlightening enrichment experience for married couples presented by Peter & Amber Badal. The enrichment will take place **Virtually** on Saturday evening, **May 1st, 2021**. The virtual doors will open at 7:15 pm. The presentation will be given from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

This virtual event is being sponsored by World Wide Marriage Encounter of Southeast Florida. We will provide the Zoom Meeting invite to those who RSVP directly back to Steve and Kathy Franzone at steve.kathy.franzone@wwme.org
Call with questions: 754-204-5996

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, VIRTUAL WEEKEND, June 11-13, 2021

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you...THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A WEEKEND IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME. This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. The weekend starts **Friday, June 11th** at 7:00 pm and ends **Sunday, June 13th** at about 3:00 pm. You need a good internet connection and computer/laptop/tablet with a camera and microphone. Sign up here: www.wwme.org (Used Fort Lauderdale for the location).

Contact Information: For more information contact- Frank & Fran Kulzer, 954-961-5078 or Steve & Kathy Franzone, 754-204-5996



Message from the Archdiocese of Miami Development Corporation

1. Your prayers and support enable our Church to achieve great things. If you haven't already done so, please consider supporting your parish by visiting <https://give.adomdevelopment.org/pages/universal-parish-offertory>
2. Giving to the Church can be done either directly or through a gift model that can provide tax benefits and even income. Find out how by visiting our website www.adomgift.org or contacting the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1112.
3. *"But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him"- 1 John 2:5*

True Christian stewards understand that Jesus offered Himself for our sins and the sure way to follow Him is to keep His commandments.

