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Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

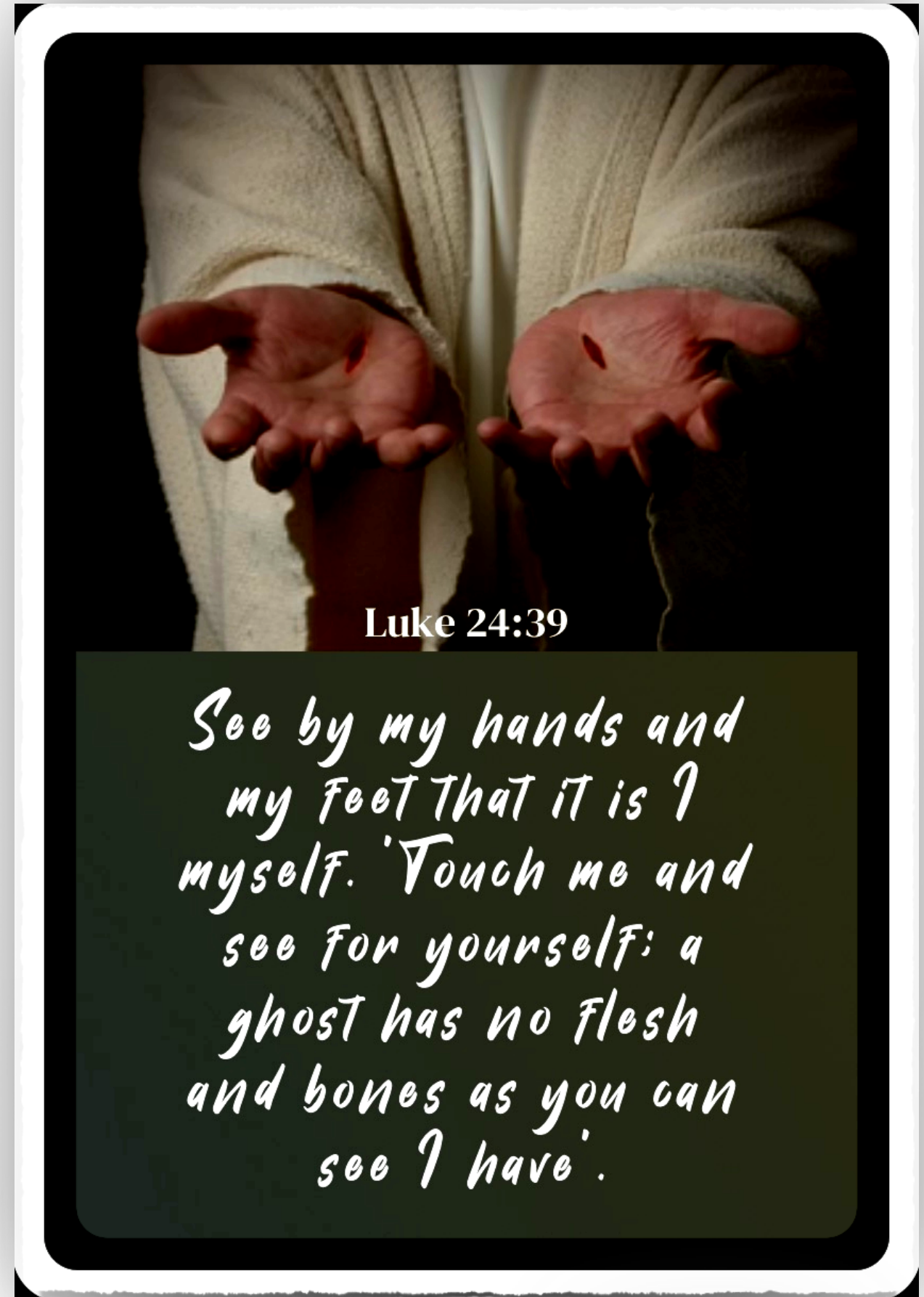
Sanctuary Dedications for the Month of April 2024

Sanctuary Candle Under Renovation

*Eucharistic Hosts
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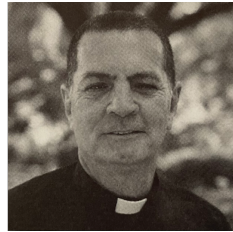
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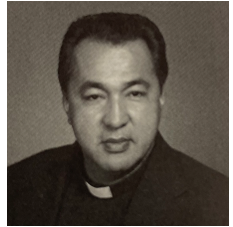
April, 2024 Ministers & Counters

	4/21/2024
	9:00 AM
Sacristan	Terry Smith
EMHC #1	Sen Nguyen
#2	Kathy Smith
#3	Richard Smith
Reader	Laura Walbridge
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INCOME RECEIVED 04-14-2024	AMOUNT
Offertory	920.00
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Annual Barbecue	5,868.85
Annual Barbecue - Raffles	545.00
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Faith Formation Ministry	
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Ladies' Guild	
Knights of Columbus	298.68

Worship & 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!

Liturgical Life

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.

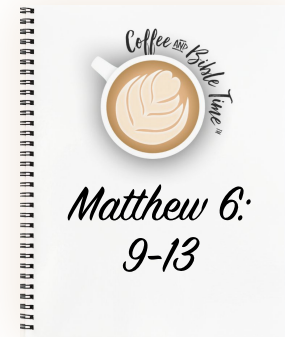
I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how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

Renovation Update

Plumbing continues; ceiling tiles, new locks, the new kitchen stove, and other materials have arrived ready for installation. We will see new carpeting go in all the office areas over the next two weeks and baseboards as well, while they continue the kitchen and bathroom areas. New lights are being installed as well. As always, we ask your continued fervent prayers!



Ladies' Guild Corner!!

We want to thank all who have helped us with the 2024 Annual Chicken Barbecue. Emails will go out this week announcing the winners of the Raffle Prizes as well as all our sponsors who have worked with us this year as well.

Wednesday, April 26, 2024

Our next meeting of the Ladies' Guild. All women of the Parish are invited. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. at the Faith Formation Building.

Thank you! Betti Blouin, President

Knights' Corner!

Any man of our Parish who is interested in becoming a Knight or may have questions, please attend the next roundtable meeting this Tuesday evening, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Faith Formation Building. Current Knights, please attend to show your support and if you have questions as well. This would be a great chance to have your questions or concerns answered. Our quest speaker will be Daniel Noblin, District Deputy, from Saint Francis. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Please contact me should you have any questions, and please join us at our next meeting! blouinlighthouse@gmail.com.



Leo Blouin,
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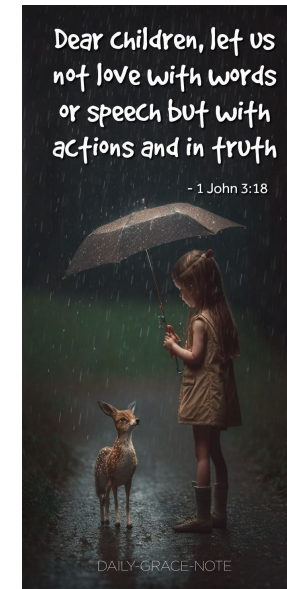
Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

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.

Remember we have now returned to taking two collections during the Mass service. Our Offertory collection will be taken after the Prayer of the Faithful; and, the second collection will be taken after Communion, which is dedicated strictly to the Building Fund.

Thank you for your continued support!

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