#### Reading I: Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

## Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

#### Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

#### Alleluia: John 20:29

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;

Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

#### Gospel: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them. "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." 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." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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# **Lectio Divina**

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.



#### READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

#### Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?"

And why do questions arise in your hearts?

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.

Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. 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."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them,

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

### 2

#### REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

#### 3

#### RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

# What's happening at St. Catharine

#### A full calendar of events can be found online at stcatharine.com/calendar

#### **Little Saints**

#### 1st Tuesdays • 9:00am-10:30am

All moms are invited to the Lower Office/Rectory building for a time of music, activities, and Christian fellowship for them and their little ones. By learning about the saints of the Church we hope to build up future little saints for the world. We are currently accepting new and gently used toys to help build our Little Saints room. **May 4th, June 1st.** Questions? Heidi Thompson, <u>heidithompson522@gmail.com</u>

#### **Youth Group**

#### Sundays at 6:00pm

High School: Every Sunday in the Parish Center • 6pm-8pm // Middle School: April 11th, April 18th in the School Gym • 6pm-8pm Questions? Contact Dorothy Allwein, <u>dorothy@damascus.net</u>

#### **Finishing The Race: Estate Planning 101**

Wednesday, April 21st • 7:00pm

The first in a series of Virtual Gatherings for Funeral Planning with the Catholic Foundation and parishioner, Bob Ryan, from Egan-Ryan Funeral Home. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about what you need to do to plan a funeral and make sure your affairs are in order in regards to your finances and your final wishes. RSVP to Sue Denz: 614-231-4509 or <u>sue@stcatharine.com</u> in order to be sent an invitation to join the Zoom meeting.

#### **Communion to the Homebound**

Be a light to those who need it the most

Our homebound residents who are unable to come to church are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to make a short visit with Holy Communion on Sunday mornings. You can commit to once or twice per month. Or, maybe you feel called to make phone calls to our parishioners in assisted living facilities who aren't allowed to receive visitors yet. Pray and ask Jesus if this is something He is calling you to. Contact Sue Denz in the Office info@stcatharine.com 614-231-4509 or Deacon Chris Reis at deaconchris@stcatharine.com

#### St. Charles Football 5k Run/Walk

#### Friday, April 30th

Dust off your running shoes....it's time to RUN, WALK or ROLL! St Charles Cardinals Football Team presents: Our first annual GAME DAY 5k Run/Walk will take place on April 30th with a staggered start at 6:00pm. Think of it as a spring pep rally. The 5K race and 1 mile walk will start at St Charles head through North Bexley and finish at St Charles. It will be a family-friendly event and we encourage you to form a team or join one for the race. We are also launching our Back the Brotherhood Club (BTB). To become a member, simply select a particular jersey number to sponsor. It could be the number you or a loved one wore while at St Charles, your 'lucky number', the year of your graduation, or just a random number of your choice. For each \$300 BTB sponsorship you will receive a t-shirt featuring the number you selected, recognition on a banner displayed at all 2021 home football games as well as a ticket for our first home football game this fall. Jersey numbers will be reserved when payment is received on a first come, first served basis. Register at <u>www.stcharlesfb.com</u>

#### **Adoration Chapel**

Open Sunday-Friday from 6:00am-9:00pm for quiet prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to make a visit any time.

#### **Kid-Friendly Adoration**

"Let the little children come to me." We have set aside Wednesdays from 9am-10am and Thursdays 3pm-4pm as special child-friendly holy hours for parents to bring their little ones to Adoration. God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house. During these hours we can promise peace....but not quiet.

#### Confession

Tuesday Thursday Saturday 6:30pm 7:00pm (ADORE Night) 9:00am

#### **Offering** (April 4)

<b>Total Offering</b>	\$29,116.62
Less 6%	<u>\$1.747.00</u>
Net	\$27,369.62



# EYEWITNESS PART II

#### DINNER WITH ST. JOHN



Join us for dinner and discussion as we explore the second half of the Gospel of St. John. We gather again as a parish, breaking bread together, to read the chapters of St. John that center around the Last Supper. Participants need not have attended Part I.



MIKE DENZ DIRECTOR OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## WEDNESDAYS 6PM-8PM

6:00 pm - Dinner & Drinks (BYOB)6:45 pm - Presentation7:30 pm - Discussion

Begins April 14th & runs for 12 weeks until June 30th

Childcare available In person attendance only Register online at www.stcatharine.com

### st. matthew youth ministry st. catharine youth ministry

SPRING RETREAT

the truth behind catholic beliefs on life & love

### april 16th & 17th st. catharine parish center

We are diving deep into the timely topics surrounding life and love, and how we should approach these topics in the light of Jesus Christ. Topics such as: Mental health, Abortion, Feminism, LGBTQ & Race, Rejection, Forgiveness, Homelessness, Elderly & Disabled.

Each issue we address will be paired with the solution that Jesus Christ offers us.

This retreat will also include an opportunity for service, where we will put together Blessing Bags for those who are in need in our neighborhood and our city. These bags will then be distributed to local ministries to give to their clients & visitors. **Boxes will be set up in front of the St. Mother Teresa painting** in the Parish Center from Sunday, April 11th - Tuesday, April 13th if you would like to help provide any of the following items:

- socks
- soft granola bars
- mini deodorant
- soft toothbrush
- toothpaste
- \$5 gift cards to Wendy's or McDonald's

This retreat is open to all students in 8th-12th grades.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Dorothy Allwein dorothy@damascus.net

### Register at stcatharine.com/life



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Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

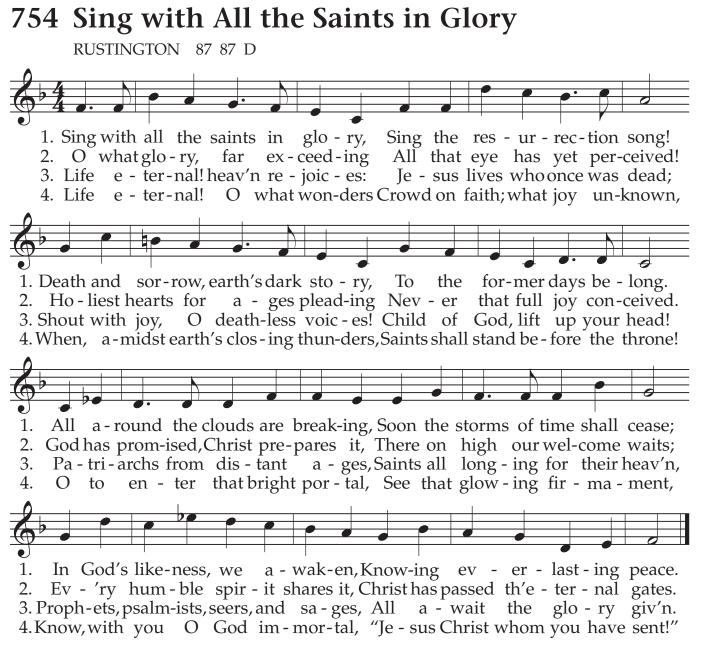
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For Spanish version, see "El Señor Resucitó," #515.



William J. Irons, 1812–1883

Charles H. H. Parry, 1848–1918

### **Because He Live (Amen)**

I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

> Amen, amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives Amen, amen Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone I know, He holds my life My future in His hand

### Jesus I Come

Oh how I need Your grace More than my words can say Jesus I come, Jesus I come

In all my weaknesses You are my confidence Jesus I come, Jesus I come

> I will rise stand redeemed Heaven open over me To Your name eternally Endless glory I will bring

Oh what amazing love We need Your cleansing flood Jesus I come, Jesus I come

In every broken place You are my righteousness Jesus I come, Jesus I come

> Thank You Jesus Just as I am I come Hallelujah Oh what amazing love

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### **More Than Conquerors**

When my hope and strength is gone You're the One who calls me on You are the life You are the fight that's in my soul Oh Your resurrection pow'r Burns like fire in my heart When waters rise I lift my eyes up to Your throne

We are more than conquerors through Christ You have overcome this world this life We will not bow to sin or to shame We are defiant in Your name You are the fire that cannot be tamed You are the power in our veins Our Lord our God our conqueror

I will sing into the night Christ is risen and on high Greater is He Living in me than in the world No surrender no retreat We are free and we're redeemed We will declare Over despair You are the hope

> Nothing is impossible Ev'ry chain is breakable With You we are victorious You are stronger than our hearts You are greater than the dark With You we are victorious

### O Come To The Altar

Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen (Repeat)

> O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Bear your cross, as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## SUNDAY APRIL 11

2:00PM • CONFESSIONS 3:00PM • DIVINE MERCY LITURGY

"On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

