

Theme Sharing

Third Sunday of Easter

Peter, Head of the Church

The gospel is on Jesus making yet another appearance to his apostles following his resurrection. The encounter occurs in Galilee.

There are three distinct sections in today's gospel: the fish catching miracle, the breakfast, and the subsequent dialogue between Jesus and Peter. In giving an account of events in his gospel, John often conveys certain divine truth or message to us. Cases in point are the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by Jacob's Well, thereby revealing Christ as the Messiah; and then the story on multiplication of loaves and fishes, signifying the institution of the Sacrament of Eucharist by Christ. So what is John trying to tell us now about Jesus' encounter with his apostles by the Sea of Tiberias?

This passage from John's gospel is full of symbols, according to the following commentary by Don Bosco Biblical Institute (DBBI) of Hong Kong: "*After Jesus has ascended into heaven, the Church he founded on earth needs a head, leader and trustee. Peter is such a trustee to whom Jesus has entrusted his lambs, sheep and all that belong to him. Peter is given the duty and authority to feed and tend the flock under his care until he passes on. By feeding, Peter is to administer sacraments, preach the gospel and nourish the souls of the faithful. By tending, Peter is to lead the Church in the path of Christ, protect her from heresies, materialism and wrongful tendencies that may overshadow her light or defile her holiness.*"

Specifically, DBBI points to these seven symbols:-

- (1). *Peter forefront in fishing*. - he was the first to jump into the sea and the first to haul the net ashore. Jesus' subsequent dialogue with Peter clearly unfolds the latter's impending role as head of the Church;
- (2). *Catching fish*. - symbolizing the mission of the Church to spread the gospel and draw people to Christ;
- (3). *153 fishes*. - symbolizing the universality of the Church (being the number of known species of fishes at Jesus' time);
- (4). *Nets remaining intact*. - symbolizing unity of the Church, indestructible by men;
- (5). *Breaking of bread at breakfast*. - symbolizing the celebration of the Eucharist

to commemorate the resurrection of Christ; (6). *Jesus' call to Peter to feed and tend his sheep*. - symbolizing the delegation of authority to Peter to lead the Church; and (7). *Jesus' repeated "Love" questions to Peter*. - reiterating the Church as a community of love; and love as the essence of the Church's mission.

John obviously tries to tell us through these gospel passages something about the Church and the papacy. The Church is a community of love. It is universal, one, and mandated to preach the gospel to the ends of the world so that all men will be saved. Christ has entrusted the Church to the care of Peter and his successor popes. Accordingly, the Pope is the supreme head of the Church, serving his flock with love, and ensuring the unity and communion of the universal Church.

Misericordiae Vultus

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Francis, Bishop of Rome, Servant of The Servants of God, to all who read this letter Grace, Mercy, and Peace.

If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. Yet this does not mean that justice should be devalued or rendered superfluous. On the contrary: anyone who makes a mistake must pay the price. However, this is just the beginning of conversion, not its end, because one begins to feel the tenderness and mercy of God. God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice. We must pay close attention to what Saint Paul says if we want to avoid making the same mistake for which he reproaches the Jews of his time: "For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified" (Rom 10:3-4). God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God's judgement on all of us and

on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certitude of love and new life.
To Be Continued.

Diocese & Other News

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

You are invited to a holy hour of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Sunday evening April 17th, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish, Calgary. For further information contact the Office of Vocations at 403-245-2753.

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Please read the declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide as proposed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. If you support this Declaration and would like to add your signature, you are invited to do so using the following link:

English -

<http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/sign-the-declaration/>

French -

<http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/fr-signer-la-declaration/>

Information Day on the Diocesan Priesthood

This day is for men between the ages of 17 and 35 years. It includes talks given by Bishop Henry and priests of the diocese. Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided), at Sacred Heart Church, 1307 – 14th St. S.W, Calgary, (Housey Hall). For further information and to register contact Office of Vocations at 403-245-2753 or e-mail: mjgaffney@telusplanet.net

Calling for Volunteers – Feed the Hungry, Catholic Charities

Thanks to those who expressed interest in the Feed the Hungry Garden. We are looking for volunteers to help with gardening at the garden we are developing at the acreage of one of our volunteers in Rocky View.

For more info please contact Sartre Jean-Gilles, Feed the Hungry Program Manager at 403-218-5532 or Email:

sartre.jeanilles@calgarydiocese.ca

Parish Activities

Good Shepherd Sunday (April 17)

There will be a special collection on Good Shepherd Sunday (April 17).

All the monies that we receive in 2nd collection will be submitted to Diocese for our priests and Vocations.

Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church.

Family Rosary during the month of May

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Parish Pastoral Council along with representatives from different church groups, will bring the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on pilgrimage from home to home and pray family rosary in the month of May. Fr Nguyen will also bless the home during the visit upon request by the family. Parishioners are encouraged to invite their godchildren or godparents, friends and relatives to join the family rosary.

To participate as a host family in this devotion, please call Parish Office.

We will pray the Rosary 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass, and we will pray the Rosary and sing hymns with Choir in front of the Cove of Mary before 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to take part in the Rosary and sing together in dedication to Mother Mary.

Together in Action 2016

The 2016 "Together in Action" The theme this year is: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown Mercy."

Our parish's target is \$22,133, as designated by the Diocese. As of April 4, our campaign has received a total of \$14,630.

We plead for your ongoing support. Together we will help thousands within our own communities and abroad through difficult times. Let's give sacrificially, act out our faith, and join Together in Action

Parishioners can pick up the donation envelopes at the entrances. Let's take action now!

Words of Life Reflection

Let your love for one another be sincere, for love covers a multitude of sins. Welcome one another into your houses without complaining. Serve one another with the gifts each of you

received, thus becoming good managers of the varied graces of God.

(1 Peter 4:8 、 9 、 10)

Weekly Activities

Fri April 15

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

OLPH Scout

Time: 6:30pm.-8:30pm

Place: OLPH Upper & Lower Hall

Faith Sharing Group (Sacred Heart)

Time: 7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.

Contact: Doris Ho 403-271-6884

Saturday April 16

Legion of Mary (meeting)

Time: 9:45a.m.

Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Tai Chi Lesson

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Yoga beginner class

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:45p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

R. C.I.A (Mandarin)

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Place: K of C Room

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Sunday April 17

R. C.I.A (Cantonese and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Sunday School

Time: 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Office Building

Catholic Family Fellowship

Time: 12:30p.m.-3:30p.m

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Let There Be Light

Who is Jesus?

In chemistry,

He turned water to wine.

In biology,

He was born without the normal conception;

In physics,

He disapproved the law of gravity when He ascended into heaven;

In economics,

He disapproved the law of

diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with two fishes & 5 loaves of bread;

In medicine,

He cured the sick and the blind without

administering a single dose of drugs;

In history,

He is the beginning and the end;

In government,

He said that He shall be called Wonderful

Counselor, Prince of Peace;

In religion,

He said no one comes to the Father except through Him;

So, Who is He? He is Jesus!

The Greatest Man in History

Jesus had no servants,

yet they called Him Master.

Had no degree,

yet they called Him Teacher.

Had no medicines,

yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army,

yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles,

yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime,

yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb,

yet He lives today.

I feel honoured to serve such a Leader who loves us.

Join me and let's celebrate Him; He is worthy.

The eyes beholding this message shall not behold evil,

The hand that will send this message to

everybody shall not labor in vain,

and The mouth saying Amen to this prayer shall smile forever.

Remain in God and seek his face always.

Amen!

Stories Faith Sharing

The Greedy Sons

There was once a hard-working and generous farmer who had several idle and greedy sons. On his deathbed he told them that they would find his treasure if they were to dig in a certain field. As soon as the old man was dead, the sons hurried to the fields, which they dug up from one end to another, and with increasing desperation and concentration when they did not find the gold in the place indicated.

But they found no gold at all. Realizing that in his generosity their father must have given his gold away during his lifetime, they

abandoned their search. Finally, it occurred to them that, since the land had been prepared they might as well now sow a crop. They planted wheat, which produced an abundant yield. They sold this crop and prospered that year.

After the harvest was in, the sons thought again about the bare possibility that they might have missed the buried gold, so they again dug up the fields, with the same result. After several years they became accustomed to labor, and to the cycle of the seasons, something which they had not understood before.

Now they understood the reason for their father's method of training them, and they became honest and contented farmers. Ultimately, they found themselves possessed of sufficient wealth and no longer to wonder about the hidden hoard.

Read More Know More

The Essence Of Christianity Is An Invitation To The Lord's Feast

The Christian essence is an invitation: we only become Christians if we are invited," adding that this is a "free invitation" from God. "A Christian is one who is invited," he reflected, but "Invited to what? To a shop? To take a walk? The Lord wants to tell us something more: You are invited to join in the feast, to the joy of being saved, to the joy of being redeemed, to the joy of sharing life with Christ."

Using the analogy of a party, the pontiff described this feast as "a gathering of people who talk, laugh, celebrate, are happy together." "I have never seen anyone party on their own. That would be boring, no? Opening the bottle of wine... That's not a feast, it's something else." "You have to party with others," stressed the Pope, "with the family, with friends, with those who've been invited, as I was invited. Being Christian means belonging, belonging to this body, to the people that have been invited to the feast: this is Christian belonging." Pope Francis clarified that the feast is one "of unity," highlighting how all are invited, "the good and the bad."

"The Church is not the Church only for good people," he explained, stressing that it is the marginalized who will be invited first. "Do we want to describe who belongs to the Church, to this feast? The sinners. All of us sinners are invited," he stated, detailing how at this point we each bring diverse gifts as a

community. "We all have qualities and strengths," noted the Pope, "but each of us brings to the feast a common gift. Each of us is called to participate fully in the feast.

Christian existence cannot be understood without this participation." "I go to the feast, but I don't go beyond the antechamber, because I want to be only with the three or four people that I am familiar with..." You can't do this in the Church! You either participate fully or you remain outside." "You can't pick and choose," proclaimed the pontiff, "the Church is for everyone, beginning with those I've already mentioned, the most marginalized. It is everyone's Church!" Jesus tells the parable of the man who had a feast and invited many, but they made excuses not to come, lamenting that "They don't accept the invitation! They say 'yes,' but their actions say 'no.'" These are the Christians who "are content to be on the guest list," which is not enough, because if we do not participate then we are not really a Christian, he warned "You were on the list," he declared, "but this isn't enough for salvation! This is the Church: to enter into the Church is a grace; to enter into the Church is an invitation" which cannot be purchased. To enter into the Church "means to be responsible for those things that the Lord asks of us," explained the Pope, emphasizing that "No one is the protagonist of the Church," but that rather, "we have ONE" who has done everything.

"God is the protagonist! He who does not follow Him is the one who excuses himself." "The Lord is very generous," added the pontiff, and he understands when we say to him "No, Lord, I don't want to go to you." Jesus understands and waits for those people because he is merciful, Pope Francis expressed, but he "does not like those who say 'yes' and do the opposite, who have good manners, but go their own way and do not follow the way of the Lord." It is these people, he continued, "who do not know joy, who don't experience the joy of belonging." Pope Francis concluded by urging those to pray for the "grace of understanding," reflecting that "how beautiful it is to be invited to the feast, how beautiful it is to take part in it and to share one's qualities."

"How beautiful it is to be with Him and how wrong it is to dither between 'yes' and 'no,' to say 'yes,' but to be satisfied merely with being a nominal Christian."

Pope Francis

主日分享

復活期第三主日

伯多祿是教會之首

本主日的福音記述耶穌復活後又一次顯現給祂的門徒，與祂的門徒們在加里肋亞相會。

福音記載可分三段：第一段講捕魚的奇蹟，第二段講奇蹟後的早餐，第三段講早餐後耶穌與聖伯多祿宗徒的會話。我們知道，聖若望宗徒經常藉著敘說故事，闡發超性的真理。他曾記錄耶穌在雅各伯井畔與撒瑪黎雅婦人的會話，說明了耶穌的默西亞身份；他又會描述五餅二魚的奇蹟，預示了耶穌要建立的聖體聖事。現在，他記述耶穌復活後與宗徒們在提庇裏亞海邊的會晤，是宣佈什麼道理呢？

這一章的聖經記載富有象徵性。思高聖經學會給它作出樸實確切的注釋說：「吾主耶穌升天以後，祂留於世上的教會，需要一位元首，一位領袖，一位耶穌的代理人。這位合法的代理人就是伯多祿。耶穌把祂的小羊和大羊，換句話說，就是屬於耶穌的一切羊群，都交給了伯多祿。為此伯多祿的職務，直到他為羊捨命，是餵養和牧放。餵養是說，給信友施行聖事，宣講福音，養活他們的靈魂；牧放是說引導教會，使她跟隨耶穌，保護她，免得邪說的烏煙遮掩了她的光明，罪惡的名韁利鎖損害了她的聖潔。」香港天主教聖經學院給了我們一個明白的回答。它指出七點象徵。那就是：

- 一，伯多祿領導捕魚；首先跳下海中，把網拉上岸；耶穌三次問他，都指出伯多祿在教會內元首的地位。
- 二，捕魚：漁網象徵教會傳福音及拯救人類的使命。
- 三，一百五十三條魚：象徵教會的普遍性。
- 四，網沒有破：象徵教會的合一，人無法完全破壞她。
- 五，早餐時耶穌「拿起餅來，遞給他們」：表明教會以「擘餅禮」，即感恩祭，紀念耶穌的復活。
- 六，耶穌叫伯多祿「餵養」，「牧放」祂的羊：是指授給他領導教會的職務。

七，耶穌問伯多祿「你愛我嗎？」：是強調教會是愛的團體。以及愛是教會牧職的真諦。

從這七點象徵中，我們不難認出聖若望宗徒這次的寫作用意。他要向我們宣佈有關教會和教宗的道理。教會是愛的團體，她是普世性的，不可分裂的，她的使命是傳福音及拯救人類。基督將祂的教會委托給聖伯多祿宗徒及其繼任人羅馬教宗。所以，在教會內，教宗有首席地位，他要為愛德服務，為普世教會的合一共融作保證。

節錄自梵蒂岡電台

慈悲面容

慈悲特殊禧年詔書

天主眾僕之僕、羅馬主教方濟各願所有閱讀本函的人士，充滿恩寵、慈悲及平安

如果天主把自己祇限於正義，祂就不再是天主，而是變得像人一樣，祇要求尊重法律。但單單正義並不足夠。經驗指出，只求伸張正義會導致正義淪亡。故此，天主以祂的慈悲和寬恕，來超越正義。但這不表示正義被貶抑或不必要了。相反，任何人犯錯都必須付上代價。可是，這祇是悔改的起步，而不是終點，因為這正是人感受到天主的憐憫和慈悲的開始。天主總不離棄正義。天主卻涵蓋正義，並以更偉大的事件來超越正義，使我們經驗到愛才是真正義的基礎。我們必須注意聖保祿斥責他同代猶太人的話，以免我們犯上同樣的錯誤：「因為他們不認識由天主而來的正義，企圖建立自己的正義，而不順從天主的正義：因為法律的終向是基督，使凡信的人獲得正義」（羅10:3-4）。天主的正義是祂的慈悲——透過耶穌基督的聖死與復活而分施給每個人的恩典。這樣，基督的十字架就是天主向我們所有人及向全世界所施行的審判，因為藉著十字架，基督給予我們愛情和新生的確證。 待續

堂區活動

善牧主日(4月17日)第二次捐獻

4月17日為善牧主日(世界聖召日)，請為世界聖召祈禱。當日會有第二次捐

獻，所得款項全部捐作教區神職人員培訓及神修、工作坊等費用。請大家慷慨支持及回應！

聖母月家庭玫瑰經聚會

五月是聖母月，堂區牧民議會及堂區善會代表，將於五月帶同聖母像探訪教友家庭，誦唸家庭玫瑰經。如有需要，阮神父會同時為教友家庭舉行聖屋儀式。

我們並鼓勵主持家庭玫瑰的家庭，邀請其代子女或代父母參與家庭玫瑰。有意邀請聖母到家中誦唸家庭玫瑰經的教友，請致電堂區辦事處（403-265-7926）。

我們特別恭敬聖母，並在主日每台彌撒前20分鐘公唸玫瑰經，並在十一時三十分彌撒前於戶外聖母岩前誦唸玫瑰經。

2016教區公益金，齊來獻愛心

2016年教區TIA籌款的主題為：『憐憫的人是有福的，因為他們會獲得憐憫。』本堂所須籌募的數目為教區指定的22,133元。

截至4月4日，捐款已累積至14,630元。懇請各位教友繼續支持，合力幫助本土社區及國外成千上萬的勞苦大眾。讓我們無私奉獻，活出信仰，攜手一起行動，慷慨解囊！

捐款信封可在聖堂入口處索取。

每週生活聖言反思

你們應該彼此相愛，因為愛德遮蓋許多罪過；要彼此款待，而不出怨言。各人應依照自己所領受的神恩，彼此服事，善做天主各種恩寵的管理員。

（伯前4:8、9、10）

活動一週

星期五 4月15日

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午9時至正午12時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

永援聖母堂童軍

時間：晚上6時30分至8時30分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂及下禮堂

信仰小團體 (Sacred Heart)

時間：晚上7時30分至10時

聯絡：Doris Ho 403-271-6884

星期六 4月16日

聖母軍

(聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團)

時間：上午9時45分(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

楊式太極班

時間：上午10時至12時30分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

瑜珈初班

時間上午11時30分至12時45分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

成人慕道班(國語)

時間：下午3時至5時

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

大專青年團練習聖詩

時間：下午5時至7時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期日 4月17日

成人慕道班(粵語及英語)

時間上午9時30分至12時30分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

主日學

時間：上午10時至1時

地點：寫字樓大廈，聖堂騎士會室

公教家庭開會

時間下午12時30分至3時30分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

心靈小品

玻璃海灘

在二十世紀初，加州布拉格堡的居民總是將垃圾從山崖上丟棄到附近的海灘。瓶瓶罐罐、餐具，還有大型的廢棄家具等，在海灘上累積成龐大噁心的垃圾堆。後來，即使居民不再將垃圾丟棄在這裡，這海灘仍然留下臭名，成為一個看來無法清理的垃圾場。然而，多年以後，海浪沖走那些垃圾，剩下的玻璃和陶瓷被擊碎。隨著海浪的沖刷，那些稜角尖銳的玻璃碎片在海床上翻滾磨擦，被磨得圓潤光滑，成為寶石般的「海玻璃」，最終又被海水沖上海灘，成了點綴海灘的七彩寶石。海浪創造出了一個有如萬花筒般的美景，令到訪「玻璃海灘」的

遊客都讚嘆不已。或許你覺得你的人生也像是垃圾場般一團糟，沒有一絲希望。如果是這樣，你必須知道有一位愛你的主耶穌，祂正等待你回轉歸向祂，要救贖和改造你。把你的心交給耶穌，求祂煉淨你的心吧！或許祂會稍微顛覆你的生活，可能需要一點時間來磨平你生命中的稜角。但祂永遠不會放棄你，祂會使你成為祂手中的寶石。

靈修小故事

福音的大能

“天主的道是活潑的，是有功效的，比一切兩刃的劍更快，甚至魂與靈、骨節與骨髓，都能刺入剖開，連心中的思念和主意，都能辨明。”

創進化論的達爾文旅行南美洲的時候，會到過一個小島，見到那裡的土人，沒有文化，過著野蠻的生活，赤身露體，居住山穴，茹毛飲血殺人而吃，他看到這種情形，便下結論說：“這樣的原始民族，倘若要進化到像我們一樣，最少需要一個世紀。”但是三十年後，他再經過那個野人島時，發現那裡的人屬溫文典雅，性情善良，有文化，有禮貌，居住房屋，身有衣著，原有的野蠻氣象已無，而變成文明之人了。經打聽以後才知道原來有一些基督教傳教士冒生命危險，把福音傳給他們，領他們信了主耶穌，所以全島的人民生活和風氣改得這麼快，這麼好，使他驚佩不已。

保祿說：“我不以福音為恥，這福音本是天主的大能，要救一切相信的。”

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全心參與上主的宴席，不要祇做有名無實的基督徒

基督徒的本質是受邀參加宴席。在宴席上，我們應該“全身心的投入”，與眾人同宴，不可親此疏彼。基督徒不可因“榜上有名”而沾沾自喜，否則將錯失宴席。

基督徒的本質首先是一項邀請。然而受邀去做什麼呢？去購物？去散步嗎？上主告訴我們：'你被邀請參加宴席！'基督徒受邀參加宴席，去享受得救

的喜樂，救贖的喜樂，與耶穌共度生命的喜樂。我們知道，宴會是許多人談笑風生、歡慶享樂的集會，是一個有許多人參加的集會。我從未見過有人獨自一人舉行宴會。歡宴要有他人參與，須在家庭中慶祝，得與朋友共享，應該與其他像我的一樣受邀的賓客一同慶祝。作基督徒需要有一種歸屬，屬於'在基督內的一個身體'，融入受邀赴宴的人群中。這就是基督徒的歸屬”。

天主的宴席是一個“全體的宴席”，所有人都被邀請參加，不論他是“義人或是惡人”。而最先被邀請的是那些被邊緣化的人。

教會不是一個只為義人的教會。我們眾罪人都受到邀請，組成一個團體。在這個團體中，各人都有不同的恩典：有人講預言，有人行牧職，還有人作教師……各式各樣。每個人都有他的品質和優點。然而在赴宴時，我們都帶上自己的恩典，與眾人共享。此外，我們還應該全身心地投入宴席。若沒有這種投入，我們將無法理解基督徒的本質。〔有人會說：〕'我去參加宴席，但只留在入口處，因為我必須和自己認識的三、四個朋友在一起……'。在教會內我們不可以這樣做！教會是眾人的教會，求主賜予我們恩寵，讓我們明了受邀參加宴席的美好，也讓我們懂得口是心非的醜陋。這些人嘴上說'是'，卻只滿足於成為有名無實的基督徒”。 教宗方濟各