

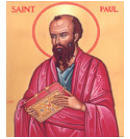
THE COLLECT: Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31^{NKJV}

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



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SUNDAY April 15th 2012 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Birthday = April 18th = Jeff Hunt - April 16th is the 8th anniversary of Fr. Jerry's Ordination to the Priesthood.

Keep on praying every day for those who are sick or recovering from their illness. The prayers of this Church family are powerful. God hears and answers our petitions on behalf of each other. Let's agree together for the continued healing of Pat Bird, Elton Blair, Judy Gerard, Carol Acklin, Jean Dillon, Ted Hover and Kevin Helms. Thank God for their healing, let's envision all of them healthy, whole and strong.

The Henderson Heritage parade is this coming Saturday, April 21st. We are using Jerry Anderson's tractor and wagon for our "float." We have the invitations ready, the music getting ready, the hand-out bead necklaces are done, and the decorating of the float with the banner and all the other decorations. We need people who will volunteer to hand out the bead necklaces/invitations, while accompanying the float for the duration of the parade route.

Flower Power: the following is the list of memorials for today's flowers:

Phyllis Kinney in memory of Dorothy Kinney
Fr Jerry and Clara Meixner in memory of Ella May Meixner, Victor Alcaraz, and Clara's twin brothers.
Nick and Robyn Palsgrove in memory of Flossy and Jack Palsgrove, Rocco and Anna Zappia, and Carol Cornell.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-26

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. ²² For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. ²³ Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.' ²⁴ "Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. ²⁵ And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' ²⁶ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

THE PSALM Psalm 111

- ¹ Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart
***in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**
- ² Great are the works of the LORD;
***they are pondered by all who delight in them.**
- ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
***and his righteousness endures forever.**
- ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
***the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
***he remembers his covenant forever.**
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
***giving them the lands of other nations.**
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
***all his precepts are trustworthy.**
- ⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
***enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**
- ⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
***he ordained his covenant forever
holy and awesome is his name.**
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
***all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5 ¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.