

The Love of Jesus Casts Out Fear

When we receive the power of the resurrection and experience its effects, then we become transformed Christians. Somehow we like to hold on to our fears and failures. They are what we know, and in some way they can make us feel strangely secure. Yet Jesus wants to free us from old fears and set us on a mission motivated by love.

All of the apostles, after encountering the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit, show new courage in proclaiming his name. Whether before politicians, church leaders, or before their fellow Jews, they had no fear of the consequences of preaching the Way. Why? Because Jesus showed them death wasn't something to fear. He had received the fullness of evil's wrath and, by rising victorious, proved love is stronger. The apostles had seen him tortured and dead, and then they saw him alive. Jesus had promised that same power to his followers. It is with this confidence and trust that they travel throughout Judea and all of the Roman Empire. Perfected love casts out all fear.

Although the apostles had failed Jesus and denied his friendship, each had experienced his mercy and forgiveness. Yet Jesus didn't blame them for their sin. He reassured them of his confidence in them.

Once we have experienced love, there is no stopping us. We have seen it in a small way when we have fallen in love with someone or set our hearts and minds passionately on a goal. Once our hearts have been captured and we believe, everything else is absorbed into that gravitational pull.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Is there a denial or sin in my life that I need to let Jesus forgive? Perhaps this is what holds me back from fully trusting him.

Is there a way I need to release someone else by forgiving him or her?



So [Jesus] said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."

John 21:6

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May 05, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

Weekend Masses

Weekday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Mon.- Fri. 5:30 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals.

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
May 05	Sophia & Jennifer Touesnard Belle Smith Genevieve Stephen Sophie & Amy Gagnon	Tony Whittle Eddie Smith	Jaxin Coombs Avianna Babiuk Gagnon Family	Bea Lepine Andrew Cassidy Dee Lepine	Parents of the First Communicants
May 12	Doris Coudron Jason Morissey	Gerry Engen Darm Crook	Morissey Family	Susan Bouchard Tony Whittle Pete Boden	TBP
May 19	Gerry Engen Andrew Cassidy	Pete Boden Jason Morissey	Brito Family	Doris Coudron Shirley Gutierrez	TBP
May 26	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	TBP	TBP

The Announcement for 3rd Sunday of Easter, May 5th, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- As some of our kids receive their first Holy Communion this Sunday,, we congratulate them and their parents. We pray that the Body and precious Blood of Jesus they are beginning to receive nourish them in body and soul. May they become great witnesses of the joy of the gospel. We ask you, our parishioners, to continue to keep them in your prayers. We thank most sincerely, Sister Maggie, Brigitte Stephen and Deede Lepine who helped to prepare them. May God bless you.

----- .Attention Parishioners; the CWL annual Mother's Tea is coming up on May 11th. CWL is once again asking for your support. Donations of bake goodies to serve for the tea and bake sale, as well as trinkets, jewelries, etc for the white elephant table will be appreciated. Proceeds go back to our community. Thank you for your unending support.

-----The sale of the "Mothers' Day Tea raffle ticket" is still ongoing; contact Deb Dechief or Penny -Lane Clark for your own ticket.

----- CWL Provincial convention in Grande Prairie is fast approaching; members who are planning to attend are encouraged to register ASAP as deadline for registration is around the corner.

----- We are once again reminded that Megan documents are available for those who will like to pick some copies. Contact Fr. Innocent any time if you are interested in having copies..

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:30am..

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

"All grace flows from mercy, Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." - No. 1507 / Diary of Saint Faustina

Are you ready to open the door of your heart just enough to invite God in so He can show you how His mercy is stronger than your post-abortive pain? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and come alive again as you are warmed by the rays of His healing mercy.

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\$1,159.15	Collection
	Hall Rental
\$1,159.15	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
-\$671.85	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Calendar

Monday
MAY 6

Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday
MAY 7

Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday
MAY 8

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday
MAY 9

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday
MAY 10

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday
MAY 11

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday
MAY 12

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52
Rev 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

Dear Padre,

How is the martyrdom of the recently canonized St. Óscar Romero different from most?

In 1980, Archbishop Óscar Romero of El Salvador was gunned down by a right-wing assassin while celebrating Mass. Many believe he died defending the poor and for denouncing persecution by the repressive, military-controlled regime.

Traditionally, sainthood was reserved for martyrs slain in *odium fidei*—in hatred and persecution of the faith. People were given a choice of renouncing their faith, thus saving their lives, or holding onto their faith and dying.

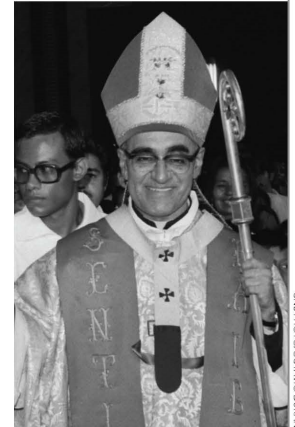
Romero's death was different. We understand his martyrdom through the lens of *triplex munus*, meaning Jesus fulfilled his role of Messiah by serving as prophet, king, and priest in a hostile environment.

As prophet, Romero denounced oppression by the powerful. He became the voice of the voiceless. He called to conversion those responsible for social evils. Romero's martyrdom was also due to his loving service as king—a good shepherd or pastor of his flock, who came not to be served but to serve and give his life as ransom for many.

Finally, his martyrdom while celebrating Mass was the ultimate expression of priesthood. Romero offered the Body and Blood of the risen Christ at the altar, but also his own body and blood in memory of he who died on the cross. Following Christ's example, he sacrificed his own life.

Óscar Romero lived fully as Christ's follower, suffering death to fulfill his own mission as prophet, king, and priest. He walked the way of Jesus, the way of the cross, while embracing his own cross.

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Archbishop Óscar Romero greeting worshippers in San Salvador, El Salvador.



A Word From Pope Francis

May the Christian communities be sustained by the intercession and example of our many martyrs and saints who bore courageous witness to Christ and have themselves attained full unity. So what are we waiting for?...As his disciples, we are called to testify everywhere, with Christian fortitude, to his humble love.

—Address to commission for theological dialogue, January 27, 2017



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