

THE WEEK AHEAD
Live the Word

Mon 11 Apr St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119; John 6:22-29

In the giving of gifts we so often get lost in the gifts themselves and miss their deeper meaning. Every gift reveals the love of the one who gives it. This is what Jesus wanted the people to understand.

Tue 12 Apr (St Zeno of Verona, Bishop)

Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 31; John 6:30-35

Violence is never a solution to anything! It only leads to further violence. It also teaches a child the tools they will later use as adults to problem-solve their own issues. Kindness is a greater teacher.

Wed 13 Apr (St Martin I, Pope & Martyr)

Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 66; John 6:35-40

Each of us is created in the image and likeness of God, and each uniquely reflects part of the mystery of God. In life, our job is to find out what part of the mystery is ours to reflect.

Thu 14 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66; John 6:44-51

God's mercy is infinite! We often speak of sins being punished by God's judgment before we speak of being forgiven by God's mercy. We need to learn to put mercy before judgment.

Fri 15 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59

John emphasizes that it is the risen Jesus that we encounter in the Mass and receive in the consecrated bread and wine. Thus we come face to face with our own destiny – the mystery of the resurrection.

Sat 16 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116; John 6:60-69

In moments of illness and death, which we cannot understand or make sense of, we may be tempted to walk away from Jesus. In moments like these, pray for the strength to imitate Peter's response.

Sun 17 Apr 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14.43-52; Psalm 100; John 10:27-30

Many people speculate about what eternal life will be like, but John says 'it has not yet been revealed'. Focus rather on how to be a more faith-filled, loving child of God. That will help you to know your future.

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
Colour – Liturgical colour of the day or feast)

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 30.

RESPONSE:

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

1. I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from the grave, restored me to life from those who sink into the pit. **R**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones; give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but at dawn comes joy. **R**

3. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me; be my helper, O Lord. You have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

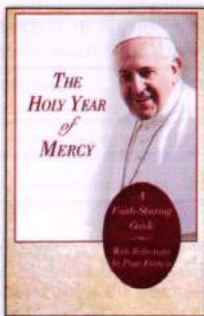
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ has risen, who created all things and has had mercy on the human race. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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INTERROGATIONS

THE WORD 'interrogation' can have a slightly sinister sound to it: it can conjure up a 'third degree' style of questioning by police to obtain information or elicit a confession.

St Peter knew all about interrogations. All four Gospels tell how on the night Jesus was arrested, Peter was interrogated three times by various servants, including one who was a relation of the man whose ear Peter had cut off earlier that night.

The issue was his relationship with the accused, Jesus: 'Aren't you another of that man's disciples?' (Jn. 18:25), 'Didn't I see you in the garden with him?' (Jn. 18:26), 'Your accent gives you away' (Mt. 26:73). Each time Peter denied all knowledge of Jesus. He re-enforced his denials by 'calling down curses on himself and swearing' (Mk. 14:71).

We know that on hearing the cock crow, Peter remembered the words of Jesus to him and he 'burst into tears' (Mk. 14:72) and 'wept bitterly' (Mt. 26:75).

After the Resurrection Peter experienced a very different kind of interrogation. With six other disciples he had gone back to his old trade, fishing. We hear in the Gospel how unproductive that proved until a stranger on the shore suggested a change of tactics. It was the beloved disciple who recognised that the stranger was in fact, the risen Jesus. There followed a sea-shore breakfast and then the new experience of interrogation.

Jesus did not ask why Peter had denied him.

He did not ask Peter if he was sorry. He did not ask Peter if he would never do that again. Instead he asked him 'Do you love me?'. Again and again he asked the same simple question.



This is Divine Love and Divine Mercy at work. This is Easter Mercy which restored Peter's dignity, reinstated his position and commissioned him as a pastor: 'Feed my lambs... Look after my sheep... Feed my sheep' (Jn. 21:16-17).

We may not have fared any better than Peter when put to the test; indeed we may wish that our betrayals were

limited to three! We may regret our past sins, even if not moved to tears over them. But, like Peter, we have nothing to fear from the gentle encounter with Mercy Incarnate. All of us have known the love God has for us in Christ; all of us can echo the profound insight of Peter: 'Lord you know everything; you know I love you' (Jn. 21:17).

The last thing we should do in this Year of Mercy is to let our past failings prevent us from accepting the loving kindness of the heart of our God. Aware of the trust Jesus places even in those who have on occasion failed him, we delight in following him and letting that gentle mercy flow through us to others.

Peter remained Peter with all his human strengths and weakness, but he never looked back from that day, he never failed his Master again, he never wavered in that love which he knew was in his heart and he knew Jesus knew too.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - GOODWOOD

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PARISH PRIEST: FR. MARI JOE ocd**

MASS TIMES:

Sat: (for Sun) 17h30: Sun: 09h00 and 10h30: Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri: 08h30: Tues 08h00

HEALING MASS: 1ST Friday of every month at 08h30 and 19h00

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 10h00 – 11h00, and 16h30 – 17h15; any time on request

BAPTISMS: Last Saturday of the month at 11h30

ADORATION (Goodwood): Wednesdays and Fridays at 08h00 – 08h30 and 1st Friday 19h00

Care Group – Contact Danielle -072 5494724; **Legion of Mary:** 4th Sunday of every month at 15h00

Neo-Catechumens: Thursdays for sharing the word of God 19h00 & Saturdays for the Eucharist at 19h15

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY- RUYTERWACHT

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RESIDENT PRIEST: FR. GABRIEL GOIBAIYER - PH: 021 535 2326

MASSES: Sat 16h00, Sun 08h00: Wed 17h00 and 1st Fri 09h00: **CONFESSIONS:** On request

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING: Lord, in your great mercy and love, please lay your healing hands on our sick and loved ones. May they find healing and peace.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Blessings and loving wishes to all those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the coming week! **MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!**

MARRIAGES: According to Archdiocesan regulations, the Parish Priest must be informed of the intention to marry at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

COUNSELLING: A family counsellor is available for those who want to share their family issues, how to cope with grief, or handle stress. Please contact Ann Gonçalves on 082 4616581.

ANOINTING: Anyone who is going to be admitted into hospital is requested to get anointed prior to the admission. Emergency cases are, of course, understandable.

OUR YOUTH IS CALLED "JUICE"- Joseph's United In Christ's Example. We gather every Friday at 6.30pm for fun, prayer and fellowship. You are welcome to join us.

BAPTISM MEETING: On Monday 18th April at 6.30 pm in the hall for all parents desiring to have their children baptised this month. It is important that you attend.

WORKSHOP: for the Proclaimers Part 2 on Saturday, 16th April at St. Joseph's hall from 10.30 – 13.30.

UNHAPPY MARRIAGE: Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? A program to help couples heal and renew their marriages- Retrouvaille Cape Town, weekend date: 13 - 15 May 2016 Contact: 074 175 7523 or ct@retrouvaille.org

THANK YOU: I would like to thank all those helped in so many ways during the 40 days of Lent, Holy Week and also at the feast of the Divine Mercy. Special thanks to all the Flower ladies for their creativity in setting up the church for every celebration. May God Bless you all. Fr.Mj

Fr. Mj will be away **AT A PRIESTS INDABA** from Monday to Friday. In case of an emergency contact office (021 5912229) or Pat (0832746620). There will be a daily Eucharistic Service.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR OF MERCY - 9th /10th APRIL 2016

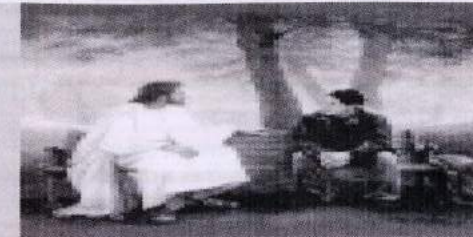
Introduction: Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented and then received from Jesus the Primacy in the Church. The Gospel also shows us God in search of man, even when man tries to evade Him.

The first reading taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit transformed Peter, whom Jesus had appointed head of his Church, from a man fearful of powerful men into a brave witness to the Resurrection.

The second reading: taken from Revelation (the Apocalypse), presents John's vision of the Risen Lord as the glorified "Lamb of God," enthroned in Heaven. The whole of Revelation is an expression of Christian hope in the Risen Lord.

Today's Gospel: Gospel tells the post-Resurrection story of our merciful Saviour who goes in search of His band of disappointed and dejected disciples. The incident proves that Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances were not mere hallucinations.

The second part is a dialogue between Jesus and Simon where Simon is asked three times whether he loves Jesus, and he answers that he does, as if in reparation for his triple denial of Jesus.



"DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THEN THESE?"

PRAYER REQUESTS AT HOLY MASSES:

SAT 9th 16h00	Private Intentions (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary)
SAT 9th 17h30	Oscar Bracale +, José Raymond Alves +, Simão da Luz +, Manuel S da Luz +, Merle Kleyn +, João Alves +, Anne Allende (+ Birthday), Brenda Miller & Family (Intentions), Maria Manuela dos Santos & Family (Thanksgiving).
SUN 10th 08h00	For the intentions of the Ruyterwacht Community. (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary)
SUN 10th 09h00	John Victor +, Juvenal Nunes Pereira +, Manuel dos Santos +, Angela dos Santos +, Antonio da Silva & Maria Leibrandt da Silva +, Dino Viera +, Alexandre Castro +, Souls in Purgatory, Manuela dos Santos & Family (Thanksgiving).
SUN 10th 10h 30	Manuel Francisco +, Larry Damonze +, Melim & Andrade Families (Intentions).
MON 11th 08h30	Manuel Alves +, Celestino da Luz +.
TUES 12th 08h30	José Raymond Alves +, João Alves +.
WED 13th 08h30	Manuel Alves +, Souls in Purgatory, Manuela dos Santos & Family (Thanksgiving), Our Lady of Fatima (Thanksgiving), Peter Deary (intentions)
THU 14th 08h30	José Raymond Alves +, João Alves +.
FRI 15th 08h30	Manuel Alves +, João Alves +.

WHEN WE OPEN OUR EYES, EARS AND HEARTS WIDE TO SEE, HEAR AND EXPERIENCE THE RISEN LORD COMING INTO OUR LIVES IN VARIOUS FORMS, CIRCUMSTANCES AND EVENTS:

- The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements.
- The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering.
- The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers:
- The Risen Lord is present in our Christian worship.

WISHING ALL A BLESSED SUNDAY & A BLESSED WEEK AHEAD
Love you all and God Bless you all – Fr. Mj