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ST. JOSEPH HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 30th at 8:00 AM *Ruth Piotrowski*

Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 PM *Tom Thomas*

Sunday, April 6th at 8:00 AM *Amy Shook*

Confessions:

St. Joseph – Tuesday: 5:15 to 5:45 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM

St. Mary – Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

St. Mary, Glasgow, Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday (vigil): 5:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM

Adoration:

St. Joseph – First Tuesday-2:00 PM to 5:45 PM
St. Mary – First Friday after AM Mass to 11 PM

Holy Rosary:

St. Joseph – Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 AM
St. Joseph – Sunday morning at 7:40 AM, before Mass
St. Mary – Saturdays 5:05 PM

Mission Statement – St. Joseph Catholic Church seeks to be an actively visible faith community that works to make disciples of Jesus Christ through our hospitality, education, sacraments, & service.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: If you know of anyone needing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites, please let Father know. If it is an emergency, please call the office phone or send Father an email. If a family member is in a neighboring hospital (Columbia, etc.) and it is an emergency, please let your doctor or nurse know to contact a Priest – they have priests on-call every day of the week at the larger hospitals. If it is not an emergency but you'd like Father to visit in the hospital, please talk to him to arrange a time for a visit.

Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage: a preparation process is required before either of these Sacraments is celebrated. Please contact Father or Parish Secretary at least 6 months before a wedding is planned or as soon as the pregnancy is known so that proper arrangements may be made for the spiritual preparations.

Bishop McKnight's **March prayer intention** for our Local Church: For a spirit of humility and repentance, that we may confess our sins and seek reconciliation in preparation for the Easter feasts. May our hearts be purified and opened to the grace of God. We pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marjorie Koenig*	Mike Vroman
Linda Wallace*	Eula Kempf*
Amy Shook (cancer)	Terrie Young
Tom Boss	Tess Hayes (healing)*
Adrienne Thies (healing)*	Steve Kempf (cancer)*
Steven John (cancer)	Wilma Liley
Mark Monnig	Carolyn Polson*
Becky Streff (cancer)	Lou Thompson (healing)*
Blake Wies (healing)	Thad Prinster
Jennifer Jex	Ryan
Johnny Sulltrop	Jane Weiland (healing)*
John Heitz (healing)	Cecile Young
Bart Ballew	Jim Ray Kluck (healing)
Joe Bonnema (B. Sullivan's uncle)	
Dallas & Erma Wasson (B. Witte parents)	
Repose of the Soul of Sherry O'Connell	

* = Parishioner of St. Joseph

Keep St. Joseph kids that are preparing for First Communion and/or Confirmation in your prayers: Finley Asher, Cayle Ballew, Abigail Crowley, Cayden De La Torre, Karolyn De La Torre, Elliot Parker, Raylee Stockhorst, and Talon Stockhorst.

Pray for our Seminarians –2024-2025 school year

We currently have nine seminarians studying in our Diocese. Please pray for an increase in Holy Vocations to the Priesthood so that the Sacraments & Holy Mass may continue in our parishes:

Jacob Hartman	Gage Neisen
Shane Kliethermes	Gabriel Eckstein
Bryce Smith	David Cahill
John Paul McGuire	Samuel Cramer
Luke Dalton	

Birthdays

Jackson Dorson	March 31
Larry Fuemmeler	April 3
Finley Asher	April 4
George Shook	April 5
Tess Hayes	April 6
Mathias Cole	April 7
Gracelyn Flaspohler	April 8
Quincy Dorson	April 9
Clara Crowley	April 14
Lenore Araiza	April 16
Gene Gerlt	April 18

Anniversaries

John & Nan Geha	April 17 (26 years)
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St. Joseph Parish Tithing Stewardship

March 2, 2025	\$ 1,739.00
March 9, 2025	\$ 3,016.25
March 16, 2025	\$ 2,313.52
March 23, 2025	\$ 1,520.00
March 30, 2025	\$
<i>(below – accrued totals for the month)</i>	
<u>ACH Deposits / Blackbaud</u>	\$ 2,783.30
<u>Total for month</u>	\$ 11,372.07

Weekly Goal / March 2025 **\$3,100.00**
('24-25 Budget Goal) / March **\$15,500.00**

Offertory Goal YTD \$117,800.00
Offertory YTD Actuals \$104,055.78
Surplus/(Shortage) YTD **\$(13,744.22)**

Calendar of events

Today	PSR after Mass
Today	Fellowship after Mass
Tues. April 1	2:00 PM Adoration
Thurs. April 3	6:30 PM Penance Service
Fri. April 4	6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Sun. April 6	PSR after Mass

SAVE THE DATE(S) – COMING UP!

- **FULL LENTEN SCHEDULE MAY BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF CHURCH!** Please pick one up to see all the different Lenten opportunities that are happening around our Parish and community!
- Lenten Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 2:30pm during Lent at St. Mary & 6:00pm at St. Joseph, Fayette. *There won't be 2:30pm stations during 1st Friday Adoration (Apr 4).
- KofC Fish Fry's – Fridays during Lent (March 7 – April 11)
 - St. Mary = April 4th
 - St. Joseph = April 11th
- Adoration – **April 1st** at St. Joseph, Fayette from 2 – 5:45 pm. **April 4th** at St. Mary, Glasgow, beginning after Mass and conclude at 6pm.
- Chrism Mass – All are invited to the Diocesan Chrism Mass on April 15th at 3 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, MO. A light meal will be available in Cana Hall after the Mass. RSVP online at diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament is Tuesday,

April 1st from 2:00 – 5:45 PM. Benediction and Mass will follow. We would like at least two people in the church with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. There are sign-up sheets at each church entrance. Times are broken down in hour increments but please know that you may come and spend any time with the Blessed Sacrament.

The Knights of Columbus are still seeking homemade desserts for their fish fry on Friday, April 11th. Please contact Chuck Thompson at chuckthompson75@gmail.com if you can help.

Items for the April 6th bulletin need to be turned in by Tuesday, April 1st. If you have items for the bulletin, send to secretary email: secretary-sjf@outlook.com.

Parish Stewardship – Liturgical Ministries

March Eucharistic Ministers: Brittany Sullivan, Frank Flaspohler, Joe Geist

April Eucharistic Ministers: Roger Dorson, Benji Dorson, Susan Thomas

Sunday, March 30 –

Lectors: Carrie Arazia, Gracie Flaspohler;

Gift Bearers: K. Asher Family;

Servers: Charlie Niemeier, Anne Crowley;

Music: Sheila Wallace, Becky Kurtz, Elaine Smith, Becky Nolke;

Sacristan: Mary Hrdina;

Greeters: Bob Cessac, Cris Roberts;

Ushers: Charlie F., Jerry E., Benji D., Ryder D., Steve W., Brian S.

Sunday, April 6 –

Lectors: Mary Hrdina, Susan Thomas;

Gift Bearers: Bill & Brittany Sullivan;

Servers: Gracie Flaspohler, Anne Crowley;

Music: Nancy Anderson, Glenn Ludtke;

Sacristan: Sally Coats;

Greeters: Roger & Kathy Dorson;

Ushers: Gerald H., Zach N., Ron A., Tim C., Bill S., Austin S.

Ministers taking Communion to shut ins: Week of March 30 (Beth L.) Week of April 6 (Susan F.)

Church cleaning: March 30 to April 5 (Cris R.) April 6 to April 12 (Zim B.)

LENT STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You. May this season of Lent help us be good stewards of this time: to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

LENT PENANCE SERVICES – *area dates:*

Penance services are coming up, some this week (bold) – Check out the Lenten Calendar in the back of Church for more info --

- o **Glasgow = Wednesday, April 2nd (6:30 pm)**
- o **Fayette = Thursday, April 3rd (6:30 pm)**
- o Boonville = Sunday April 6th (4:00 pm)
- o Salisbury = Tuesday, April 8th (6:30 pm)
- o Pilot Grove = Wednesday, April 9th (7:00 pm)

EASTER LILIES & FLOWERS - Easter Lilies & other Spring flowers for the Church will be purchased this year in collaboration with St. Joseph (Fayette) Parish to reduce the overall cost. If you wish to donate towards these flowers in memory of a loved one, please place your special offertory envelope or a marked envelope in the collection. Thank you to those who have contributed so far!

CURSILLO HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND THANK YOU & CURSILLO ULTREYA –

Thank you all, for such a warm and joyful welcome as I visited to share about Cursillo in the Diocese. May God bless your parish abundantly! – Becky Sander, Diocesan Cursillo Representative, jeffcity.diocese.cursillo@gmail.com.

+Men: June 5-8, 2025 in Columbia, MO at Fr. Tolton High school or Oct. 2-5, 2025 in Eldon, MO at Sacred Heart Parish.

+Women: June 12-15, 2025 in Columbia, MO at Fr. Tolton High school or Oct. 16-19, 2025 in Eldon, MO at Sacred Heart Parish.

Please pray for guidance in considering making a Cursillo. Fellow Cursillo parishioners are willing to share more with you. You can also contact Debbie Brucks (660-728-9788), Debra Johnson (760-728-5187), or Becky Sander (573-808-3758) for more information. Applications are available from a sponsor or in the parish office. Cursillistas, or those interested in attending a future Cursillo Weekend. Please join us for our Mid Missouri Cursillo Ultreya on Thursday, April 3rd at the Sacred Heart Church Activity Building (105 Waugh Street, Columbia, MO). There will be snacks and fellowship beginning at 6:30pm with the Ultreya starting at 7pm.

FINDING HOPE IN SUFFERING

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING PILGRIMAGE

APRIL 5
9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
DOORS OPEN AT 9AM

COST: \$15
LUNCH IS PROVIDED

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REGISTER AT
diojeffcity.org/wm-spring-pilgrimage-registration

MEET OUR SPEAKER
Mary Lenaburg

Mary Lenaburg is a best-selling author, speaker, wife and mother sharing her testimony about God's redeeming love. Mary has served her local parish as Liturgy Coordinator, youth ministry, and Confirmation catechist. She travels the country speaking to all age groups, sharing laughs and building faith.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION, APRIL 6TH – We have three openings for pastoral council and we are pleased to share the following parishioners who have agreed to serve on our pastoral council, if elected: Amber Stockhorst, Kellie Asher, Mandy Stallo, Becky Kurtz, and Zim Schwartze. Thank you to Brittany Sullivan, Nan Geha, and Beth Lammers for faithfully and happily serving on the council for six years!

SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese is pleased to offer our parish families the following summer opportunities, *mark your calendars now!*

* **TOTUS TUUS:** Held at *St. Mary Parish*. -- **June 8 to June 14, 2024.** Open to kids in grades 1 to 12. The morning session will be for *grades 1-6* and the evening session will be for *grades 7-12.* **The cost is free!** Save the date and plan to attend this great summer opportunity held **locally!**

* **CAMP LOLEK:** for Jr. High students (incoming 6th to 8th).

* **CAMP MACCABEE:** 5-day adventure camp for (High School) incoming Freshman to incoming Senior guys.

* **CAMP SIENA:** 5-day adventure camp for (High School) incoming Freshman to incoming Senior women.



Joyful
community & faith



Camp Lolek
FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Boys: June 8-12
Girls: June 15-19

Adventure

Sisterhood | Brotherhood
Leadership



Camp Maccabee **Camp Siena**
FOR YOUNG MEN FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Session 1: July 13-18
Session 2: July 20-25



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ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

+ **Holy Mass and Stations of the Cross** Mass this week was on Wednesday, March 26th, and Friday, March 28th. The students participated in the Stations of the Cross with the eighth graders leading. Mass next week will be on Wednesday, April 2nd, with the 2nd grade as ministers. Mass on Friday, April 4th, will have the 8th grade as ministers. *We love to have parents, grandparents, and parishioners join us for student Mass and help to model the faith for our students.*

OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS

* St. Mary has a **third-grade** teaching position open. We want to thank Allie Schulte for teaching this semester. She will be greatly missed!

* St. Mary also has a **preschool aide** position open. Thank you to Morgan Kaylor for her years of service with our preschoolers!
----Please forward inquiries to Father Duncan, Mary Ann Hudson, or Callie Westhues (for preschool aide).

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	<p>2531 Main Street Boonville, MO 660-882-2055 Open Daily 6am – 2pm All you can eat: Breakfast Bar – Saturdays Lunch Buffet – Sundays Come join us!</p>	<p>SPONSOR A SPACE IN OUR BULLETIN! Support St. Joseph Parish! Contact the Parish Office 660-248-2439</p>	<p>Banking Made for You! EXCHANGE BANK OF MISSOURI ebmo.com info@ebmo.com 24 hr voicemail 866.642.4144</p>	

Encountering THE SEASON

Lent for the Family

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12
2 Corinthians 5:17–21
Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

Dear Family:

This week, reflect on the theme of *resistance* as we journey with Mary and Jesus through the mounting tension surrounding his ministry. Dive into the reflection questions in the “Ponder and Pray” section, engage with the challenges in the “Live It” section, spend time with your family through the activity provided, and embrace the *visio divina* prayer exercise as we explore how Jesus and Mary face growing resistance.

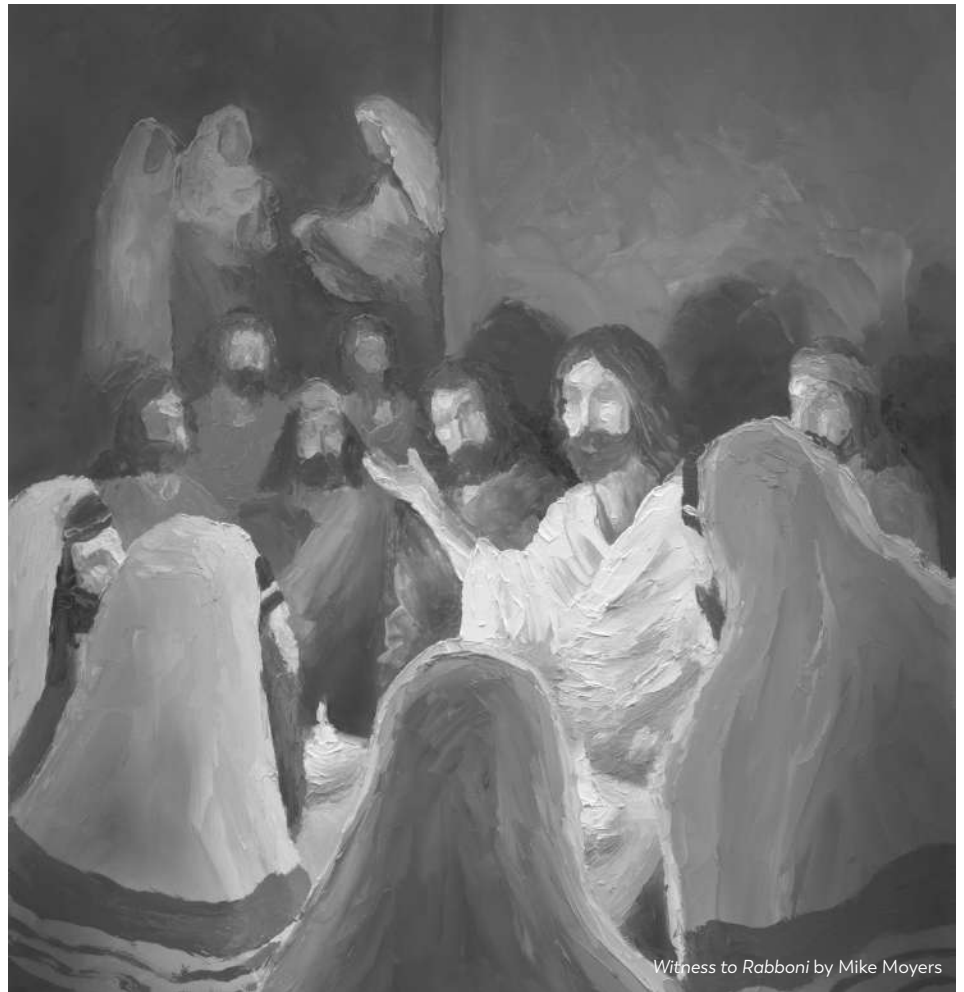
Jesus and His Mother Ease Our Tension

As we enter the fourth week of Lent, the tension surrounding Jesus’ ministry intensifies. The Pharisees and scribes scoff at Jesus, attempting to trap him with his own words (see Luke 11:53–54). Their resistance to Jesus is rooted in pride and fear, and their hearts harden in the face of his message of mercy. While many embrace Jesus’ call, others resist the truth, rejecting the light he brings into the world.

Now imagine yourself standing beside Mary, watching this scene unfold. She witnesses the growing hostility directed at her Son. The tension is palpable as Jesus continues to preach, knowing he is walking toward rejection and suffering. Mary stands firm, with eyes fixed on

“ If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. ”

—2 Corinthians 5:17



Witness to Rabboni by Mike Moyers

Jesus, her heart fully aligned with his mission. She does not turn away, even when resistance and mockery increase.

Mary teaches us how to resist the temptation to turn away from Christ when faced with division or fear. Her unwavering love for Jesus and her ability to stay present during moments of hostility remind us to keep our eyes

on him, no matter the tension around us. As we journey through this week, let us ask for the grace to resist fear, pride, and distraction, staying close to Christ, even when the path becomes difficult.

To read more about how Mary stood firm in the face of resistance, see *The Ascension Lenten Companion: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem*.

Ponder and Pray

- How can Mary’s unwavering trust in God during times of hostility inspire you to remain steadfast in your faith even when you face rejection or difficulty?
- In what areas of your life do you feel tempted to resist God’s call? What might be holding you back from fully embracing his invitation?
- Were you ever misunderstood or mocked for your faith? How can you draw strength from Jesus and Mary to persevere in those moments?

Live It

This week, when faced with tension or resistance—from others or within yourself—pause and pray. Ask Mary to intercede with Jesus for you to help you resist the urge to pull away from Christ. Stay present in your prayer, in your Lenten practices, and in your relationships with others, even when things become difficult. Resistance is an opportunity to grow in faith and trust.

Visio Divina

Spend time reflecting on the image of the week. In this scene, Jesus is surrounded by a number of people, including Pharisees, as he shares his wisdom. Mary quietly observes from the background as she works, fully present in the moment, noticing everything.

Question 1:

What emotions arise as you reflect on Jesus teaching in the presence of those who both listen and resist? How does his calm presence amid tension speak to you?

Question 2:

Imagine yourself sitting at the table, listening to Jesus. What is he teaching you in this moment, especially as tension grows with those around him?

Question 3:

How does Mary’s quiet, attentive presence in the background inspire you to remain faithful and observant in your own life, even when you are not at the forefront?

For free videos and downloadable resources featuring *Lenten Companion: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem* with Fr. Mark Toups, scan this code with your camera. This bulletin’s reflection by Fr. Toups and “Family Fun” were adapted from *Lenten Companion*.



Fun for the Family

This week, as a family, create a “resistance challenge.” Set up a simple obstacle course or activity where family members must push through small challenges (balancing, hopping, or holding a pose) to reach the end. Afterward, discuss how it felt to push through obstacles. Relate it to how we resist temptations or difficulties and how perseverance helps us grow stronger in faith.

Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 • 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 • Luke 15:1–3, 11–32



Our Father Loves Us No Matter What

We encounter one of the most cherished parables of Our Lord in this Sunday's Gospel. It is usually called "The Prodigal Son," but I prefer to think of it as "The Story of a Generous Father"... it truly captures the essence of God's love.



The Return of the Prodigal Son by Pompeo Batoni

The parable presents us with two brothers. The elder son is dutiful and obedient, while the younger one takes his inheritance prematurely and squanders it on a life of excess in a distant land. When he finds himself destitute, the younger son experiences a profound realization, called *metanoia* in Greek—a complete turnaround from destructive patterns toward life-giving choices.

The father's reaction is remarkable. Seeing his son from afar, he runs to embrace him, celebrating his return with great joy. The elder son responds with resentment. He struggles to understand his father's lavish welcome, feeling that his own faithfulness has gone unrecognized.

This narrative speaks of the feelings of envy about another's good fortune. Envy is often rooted in a misunderstanding of our heavenly Father's love. God's affection for us is based on our relationship with him, not on our accomplishments.

The reading from 2 Corinthians complements Jesus' parable beautifully. It reminds us that, in Christ, we become a new creation. Moreover, we are entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation, serving as Christ's ambassadors in the world.

Whether we identify more with the prodigal son or the elder brother, the message is the same. Our heavenly Father welcomes everyone with open arms. Having experienced this profound love, we are called to extend it to others. This Lent, let's embrace our role in seeking out those who feel distant from God, embodying the Father's unconditional love and acceptance.

Live the Gospel

Jeff Cavins says, "This week, I invite you to identify someone in your life who might feel like a 'prodigal son'—someone who feels far from God, the Church, or both. Be like the father in Jesus' parable and—without conditions—reach out to this person with a message of love and invitation. By embodying God the Father's welcoming embrace, you will give and receive love at the same time."

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



Or go to:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/fourth-sunday-of-lent-c/>

Ponder and Pray

» In what ways in my life have I acted like the prodigal son or the envious older brother?

» How can I better understand and embrace God's unconditional love for me?

» Who in my life needs to experience the Father's welcoming embrace through me?

Make It Your Own

You and others in your household may use this space to write anything about today's Mass. Your view of Jeff Cavins's reflection, your priest's homily, your answers to the questions on this page—anything to help you and your household get the most out of today's Mass.

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**This son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again.**

”

-Luke 15:24



Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus

BEING CATHOLIC MATTERS

Why Should I Be Catholic and Not Just Christian?

What's the main difference between the Catholic Church and Protestant denominations or non-Catholic churches?

Fr. Mike Schmitz answers, "Authority."

He says, "Many of us don't like authority. We're like 'Yuck, authority! That doesn't sit right with me.' I would say this: The Church can teach us. The Church teaches authoritatively. The Church can teach us in the name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the glory of God the Father. Authority means that the Church can tell us, 'This is true, and this is not true.' The Church can establish doctrine."

Authority Is Visible

Fr. Mike goes on to say, "I'm not talking about some invisible kind of universal body of believers. I'm talking about the Church that Jesus himself founded in Matthew chapter 16.

"Jesus looks at Simon and says, 'Simon, your name is now Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.' Jesus goes on to say, 'I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.'

"Now, here's the interesting thing that you may or may not know," Fr. Mike says.

"Jesus came to establish the kingdom, right? But it's not an invisible kingdom. Why?

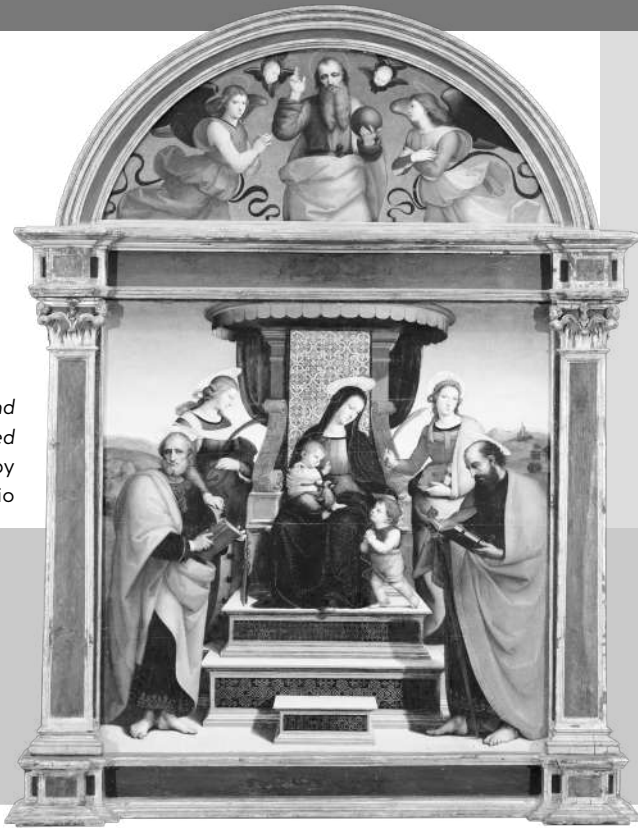
"Because when he says to Peter, 'I give you the keys to the kingdom,' he's referencing the book of the prophet Isaiah. In Isaiah, there's the king obviously, but there's also the prime minister, the one who is the overseer.

When the king is gone, this person is in charge. This person has the authority of the king.

It says that in Isaiah chapter 22. And it's almost word for word what Jesus gives Peter, the keys to the kingdom of heaven. He gives the Church a visible structure and an actual hierarchy.

"Jesus says you can teach now. Teach in my name. The Holy Spirit will lead you to all truth. And this is exactly what happens."

"Jesus came to establish the kingdom, right? But it's not an invisible kingdom."



*Madonna and
Child Enthroned
with Saints* by
Raffaello Sanzio

Ponder and Pray

- What do you love about your Catholic Faith?
- What do you find challenging about being Catholic?
- How do you relate to the authority of the Church as it comes from Christ?

Make It Your Own

Read Matthew 16:15–20 and reflect on who Jesus is, who the Church is, and who you are in that equation. Answer these questions here.

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to listen more:



Or go to: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2024/04/26/why-be-catholic-and-not-just-christian-from-fr-mike-schmitz/>