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Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

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'LORD, YOU KNOW EVERYTHING; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.'

JOHN 21:17

Dearly Beloved,

Note 1: Every Liturgy [including daily Liturgy] will be Streamed Live on [SaintTheresa Brockton] Facebook Page.

And on YouTube with a delay to the channel Saint Theresa Brockton.

If anyone would like to receive communion or get anointed with the Holy Oil, please let me know, as I will come to your door and not go inside.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we navigate through the evolving COVID-19 situation together. Please know that I can be reached anytime 24/7.

**May God bless you
Abouna Joseph Daiif**



Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

Sat. May 9 at 4:00 PM Liturgy will be Streamed Live on [SaintTheresa Brockton] Facebook Page.

+All living and deceased Mother's of St. Theresa Parish family

Sun. May 10 at 10:30 AM Liturgy will be Streamed Live on [SaintTheresa Brockton] Facebook Page.

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Please subscribe to Saint Theresa Brockton channel on YouTube to watch the Liturgies and Adoration in HD





Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس

يا إِخْوَتِي، وَأَنْتُمْ، فَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِكُمْ وَخَطَايَاكُمْ، الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ قَبْلِ بِحَسَبِ إِلَهٍ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، بِحَسَبِ رَئِيسِ سُلْطَانِ الْجَوِّ، أَيِ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْعُصْيَانِ؛ وَمِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعًا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِ فِي شَهَوَاتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيِّ، عَامِلِينَ بِرَغَبَاتِهِ وَأَفْكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَوْلَادَ الْعَضْبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِنَا، أحيانًا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالْغَمَّةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخْلِصُونَ؛ وَمَعَهُ أَقَامْنَا وَأَجَلَسْنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظَهَرَ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَبِالْغَمَّةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخْلِصُونَ بِوَسْطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ: وَهَذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَا هُوَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِئَلَّا يَفْتَحَرَ أَحَدٌ؛ لِأَنَّ نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِكِي نَسُوكَ فِيهَا.

Gospel: John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

بَعْدَ الْغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هؤُلاءِ؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِزِعْ حُمْلَانِي». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِزِعْ نِجَاجِي!». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». فَحَزِنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِزِعْ خِرَافِي! أَلْحَقَّ أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتَ شَابًّا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ حِرَامَكَ بِبِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَبْسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخَرَ يَشُدُّ لَكَ حِرَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ». قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمِينَةِ الَّتِي سَيَمُجِّدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «إِتْبِعْنِي!».

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Parish Support : Offertory needed each week \$ 2,000.00. Our offertory is needed for the following: Parish Assessment, paid monthly from Feb. thru Nov: \$750.00. Parish Building Insurance, paid monthly from Jan. thru Nov: \$970.00. **Offertory received by mail: \$596.00**



**Religious Education
Calendar**

Please Note: Classes are postponed along with First Holy Communion indefinitely. As soon as we have new dates we will communicate them with you.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



For the Month of May

Bread & wine for the Holy Gifts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

*+All deceased members of the Bolus Saba families
by the family*

Vigil candle for the Gospel Throne is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

+Special Intention

Sanctuary candle for the Tabernacle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of a

+Peter and Margo Asack

Vigil candle for Shrine of St. Theresa is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

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Lent and Easter 2020

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful:

Since my letter to you on Holy Tuesday, April 7, 2020, I have felt the need to give you an update, and to give some good news. A few days ago, I tested "very positive" for the COVID-19 antibodies, which means that I had it, and developed some resistance to further exposure. I thank you all so very much for your prayers.

My greatest joy in all this was being able to confirm you, my brother priests, as Saint Peter was asked to do, simply by living with you the same social distancing and the same necessary outreach required in this pandemic. I learned how well you priests served and suffered with your parishioners during this time. In the midst of it all, I felt, and I still feel, that God is very much with us.

As Pope Francis has urged us, this quarantine time has been a time of serious self-reflection. This past Lent and Easter reminded us all that a loving, yet exacting God, has accompanied us throughout. We can be more confident in his mercy, and acutely aware that he is asking so much more from us. Let us then be ready to respond generously to the Merciful One, as generous as we can.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory John Mansour

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Just A Reminder



Please Note: Our address for mailing is the following.

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