April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."-- Philippians 3:8

How do we "gain Christ" in our everyday lives? Do we put other "gods" first? Generous sharing of our gifts helps us to keep God first. Sharing our time and talent in charitable works, spending intentional time in prayer and monetarily supporting the Church and its ministries are ways that we can use our gifts in ways that are Christ-centered, rather than self-centered.

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. "-- Luke 22:34

How often do we act or react similarly to Peter? Of course, it is easy to say that we know and follow Jesus when we are at church or with family or with fellow Catholics, but what about when someone outside of our "Catholic circle" makes a negative comment about our faith or God? Do we "deny that we know Jesus" by remaining silent? Do we not engage in conversation because of "what people might think" or because we are uncomfortable talking about the Church or Jesus? Pray for the strength to speak up, and always show, that you know and follow Jesus.

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." -- Acts 10:38

In this passage, Peter tells people that God was with Jesus when He began his public ministry. God had bestowed the Holy Spirit upon Jesus. God also gives us the Holy Spirit, but we must be open to receive it. When we have the Holy Spirit in our hearts, we can then share God's love and mercy with others.

April 24, 2022 Divine Mercy Sunday

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." -- John 20:21

The first word that the risen Jesus says to the disciples is "peace." He sends them into the world to proclaim His peace and mercy. Jesus calls us to do the same – to both those who we know and like, as well as strangers and those with whom we may consider "enemies." Think about how you can spread peace and mercy to your "enemies" – and then act.