

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER
 Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

MONDAY 4/15

Acts 6:8-15
 John 6:22-29

TUESDAY 4/16

Acts 7:51--8:1
 John 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY 4/17

Acts 8:1-8
 John 6:35-40

THURSDAY 4/18

Acts 8:26-40
 John 6:44-51

FRIDAY 4/19

Acts 9:1-20
 John 6:52-59

SATURDAY 4/20

Acts 9:31-42
 John 6:60-69

Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week
 No commemorations this week.

7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Service	Service	Service	Mass

Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.

SEEDS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The SEEDS scholarship program of the Diocese of Stockton provides the opportunity for a Catholic education to children within the diocese. The diocesan-wide tuition assistant group is seeking donors for the annual Adopt A Student program. If you are interested in adopting an elementary school student at one of the diocese's schools, please contact Kathy Etchebarne at 209.531.6380 or suezbear@aol.com. Families dependent on the tuition support are notified in May 2013. To receive the SEEDS annual statement or for more general information, contact Toni Raymus at 209.824.3080 or toni@raymushomes.com.

FATHER PAUL TO RETIRE

Our pastor Father Paul has announced his retirement from active ministry effective June 30 of this year. This comes after prayerful consideration of many factors, including age, health, and the needs of his home diocese of Norwich, Connecticut, near where he will be residing. Bishop Blaire of our Stockton diocese has graciously accepted Fr. Paul's retirement plan and will announce a new pastor soon. When that information becomes available, you will see it right here.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

We gather in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, on the first Friday of every month to celebrate First Friday devotions, Holy Mass followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

PRAYERS

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, John Wallis, and Jill Morstad.



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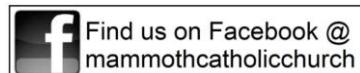
You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.
 -Saint Vincent Ferrer

April 14, 2013

Third Sunday of Easter

I looked again and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."

Revelation 5:11-12



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM
La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM
Lee Vining:
Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -
Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

"The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses."

In Christ, God has announced a new covenant. It is, as the prophet Jeremiah writes in 31:32, not like the original covenant God made with the people through Moses. In that old covenant, death was the consequence of breaking the law. (Just like we always suspected: all sins were mortal!) In the new covenant, God forgives the sinner and raises the dead. Now that's entirely different

from the old one! That's why the only way to "get" this new covenant is through repentance, the absolute turning around of how we understand the divine perspective, God's will, and the cosmic reality of existence. Jesus calls this the Kingdom of God.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the final, definitive, and certainly the most dramatic sign of the kingdom's dawning in time, and the inaugural event of the new and eternal covenant. Yet the entire life, ministry and preaching of Jesus was itself a sign of the kingdom's coming. From the moment that the virgin conceived, you knew something new and paradoxically different was up. She sang of the mighty being cast down and the lowly lifted up. Wherever Jesus went, the blind would see, the lame would walk, the deaf would hear, and the hungry would be fed. He proclaimed a kingdom

in which the last would be first. To see this, to "get" the kingdom, to live the new covenant, one must make a complete repentance, a total 180-degree turnaround.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11–14

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.

The old covenant in the law had no power to save humanity from sin and death since it was beyond humanity to keep the law and there was no escaping the consequences of violating the law. The commandments were written in stone, and so it was that the covenant was broken from the beginning. (See Exodus 32:19) Therefore, in keeping with the commands of the law, a sacrifice had to be made for the purpose of atonement. Normally, that would be an animal sacrifice offered up to God by a priest, and such a sacrifice had to be offered repeatedly because of repeated offenses.

But in the new covenant it is God who offers the sacrifice. And because the victim, the sacrificial lamb, is the Son of God, the one sacrifice is eternal and it therefore fulfills the law completely and for all time. There is now no power on earth or in heaven, nothing in the past, the present or the future that can separate us from the love of God that we have in Christ. (See Romans 8:38–39) God has taken the old covenant "with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, (and) removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross." (Colossians 2:14)

A slaughtered lamb is not a pretty sight. Drain the life from a helpless animal and what is left has no power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory or blessing in this world. But in the kingdom, where the least

becomes the greatest, such a lamb has it all.

GOSPEL: John 21:1–19

Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a 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."

Sacrificial offerings were stipulated by the commandments of the old covenant to be eaten by the priest. But in the case of the new covenant, the one and eternal sacrifice is eaten by the people. Like the sacrifice of atonement, the sacrifice of the new covenant is internalized so that people understand where this is all taking place. "We are . . . always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body." (2 Corinthians 4:10)

It is the mission of the church's leaders, symbolized by Peter, to always feed the flock. This mission is enacted through what we do in the Sunday worship: proclaim the gospel of Christ and offer the sacrament of his body and blood.

The epistle to the Galatians indicates that this mission can and does revert to old covenant moralism, when it sets up laws and commandments and religious precepts as normative for salvation. When this happens, the living flesh and blood of the new covenant reverts to the lifeless stone of the old covenant and it loses its power to save.

If the preachers, teachers, and leaders of our religion truly love the Lord Jesus, then they will hear what this gospel says to them. Three times Peter denied the Lord, and three times Jesus called him to repentance. There is always a need in our church for the apostolic leaders to repent.

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Apacienta mis corderos

Los que seguimos al Señor tendremos que contestar las mismas preguntas que Jesús le hizo a Pedro. Si decimos que amamos al Señor, Él nos llamará a servir a su pueblo. Jesús no hace esta pregunta

sólo una vez, como si una vez fuera suficiente. Hace la pregunta varias veces. Al decirle a Pedro que tendría que servir hasta su vejez nos muestra también a nosotros que el ministerio es algo para toda la vida. No nos "jubilamos" de amar a Cristo, y no podemos dejar de servir a los necesitados. Hay muchas maneras de dar de comer y cuidar de las ovejas. ¿A cuáles ovejas has dado de comer hoy?

