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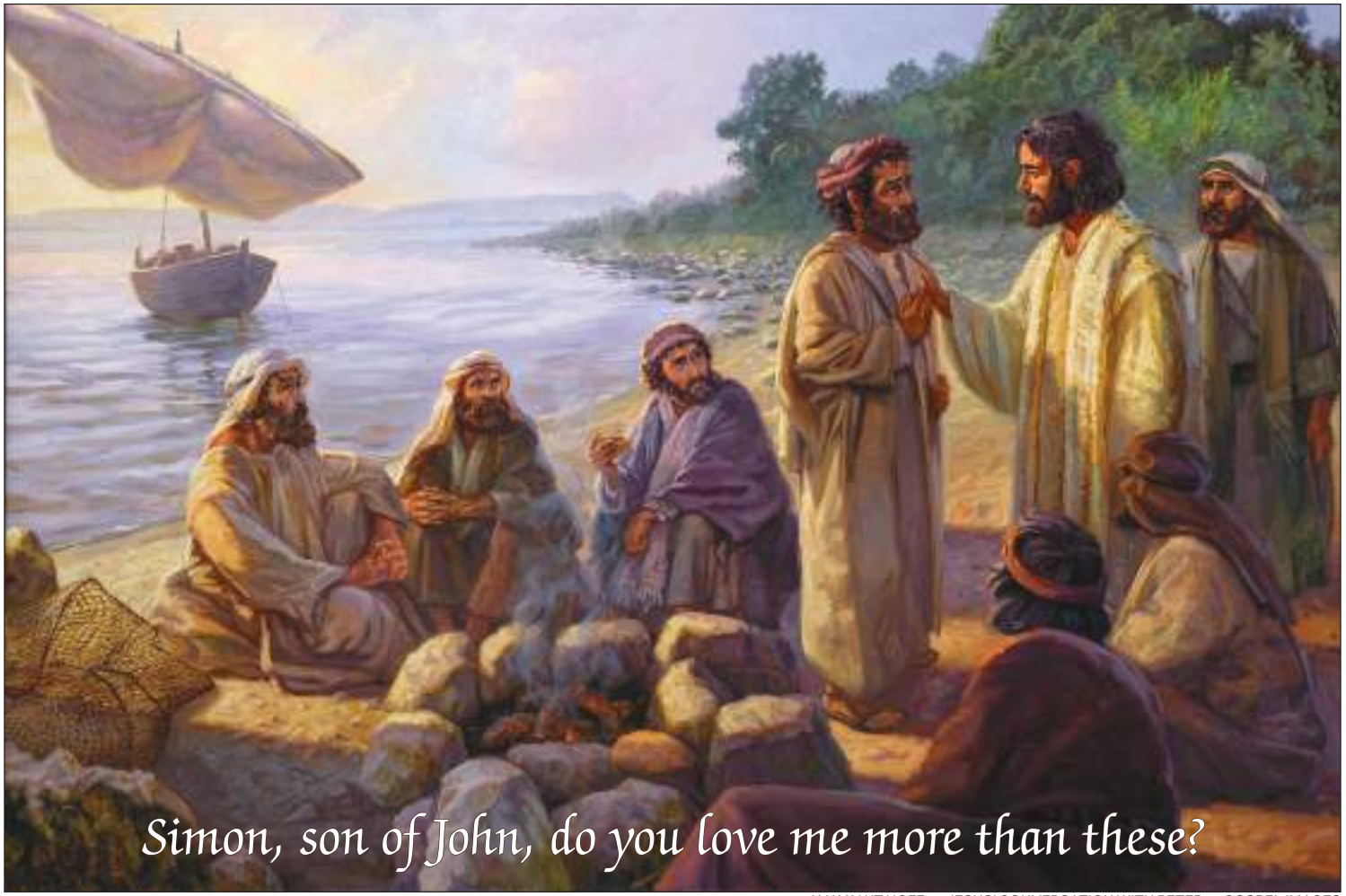

JAN VAN 'T HOFF — JESUS' CONVERSATION WITH PETER — GOSPEL IMAGES

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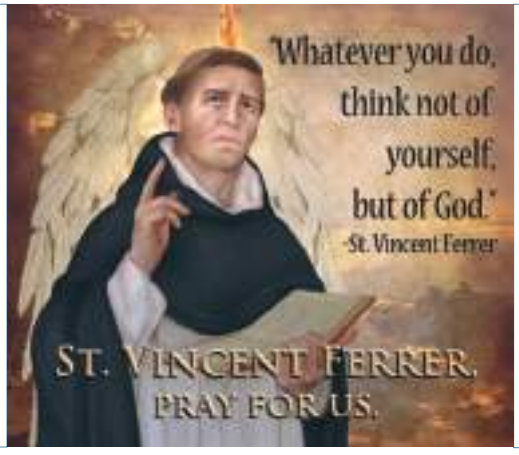

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, May 3rd **5:00 p.m.**
Gregory Marshall — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Lavern Marshall & Family

Sunday, May 4th **8:00 a.m.**
Sean Scope — In Memoriam
Requested by Sheila Scope

11:00 a.m.
Marc Jean — Healing and Blessings

Monday, May 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Shirley Bailey — Birthday Blessings
Patrick Bernadine — Birthday Blessings

Tuesday, May 6th **9:00 a.m.**
Antoinett Harris — In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, May 7th **9:00 a.m.**
Coutard Family — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Marie Coutard

Thursday, May 8th **9:00 a.m.**
Daisy Frankson — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, May 9th **9:00 a.m.**
Charlotte Mena Kalala — Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Lydia Ford

Saturday, May 10th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

This Year's Easter Flower Donations Totaled $3421.00

Thank You for your generosity!

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Rose and Eugene Bambara
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Flowers
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Shirley Bailey — Birthday Blessings
Patrick Bernadine — Birthday Blessings

Sanctuary Candle
Religious Education Program —
Catechists and Students

Mary's Chapel
Marie-Ange Bernier — Birthday Blessings

HE IS RISEN!

MASS INTENTIONS

THE MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2025

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

Place your request together with your **name** and **phone number**, in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

Please make a $20 donation with each request.

Read the following scripture: John 21:1-19

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. When have I been aware of how abundantly God provides for me? How can I share this abundance with those in need?

They realized it was the Lord. When do I recognize God acting in my life? How can I be more attentive to God's presence?

"Do you love me?" Do I truly love God? How do I express that love?

After a period of silent reflection, recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

(From Psalm 30)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday, May 4

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep (3). Later, in face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus (1), the Lamb who was slain (2) and who rescues us from death (Ps).

Monday, May 5

Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 John 6:22-29

With faith in the one sent by the Father (2), Stephen, blameless in life (Ps), performed signs for all to see (1).

Tuesday, May 6

Acts 7:51-8:1a Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
John 6:30-35

Stephen entrusts (Ps) his spirit to the just one (1), the bread of life come down from heaven (2).

Wednesday, May 7

Acts 8:1b--8 Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-7a John 6:35-40

Resolute in their belief in the Risen One (2), the disciples joyfully proclaim (Ps) Jesus the Messiah (1).

Thursday, May 8

Acts 8:26-40 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 John 6:44-51

With joyful praise (Ps), Philip proclaims the good news to the Ethiopian (1): belief in Jesus bring eternal life (3).

Friday, May 9

Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 117:1b-2 John 6:52-59

Paul is called by Jesus (1) to proclaim the good news to all peoples (Ps). Jesus invites all to his Eucharistic banquet.

Saturday, May 10

Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116:12-17 John 6:60-69

Peter, calling upon the name of the Lord (Ps), speaks words of life (2) and raises up Tabitha from death (1).

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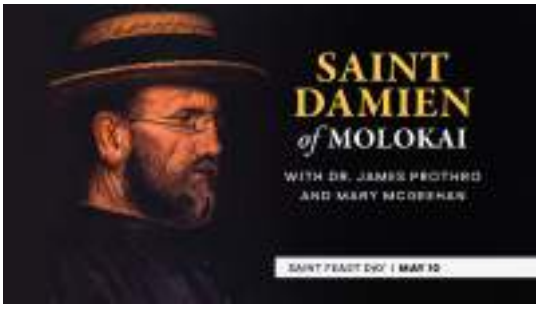
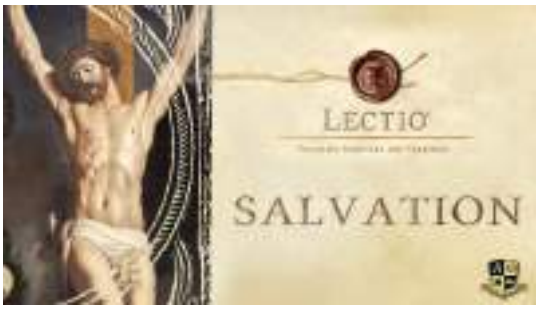
This Week on Formed

Week of May 04, 2025



St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.



Lectio: Salvation

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.

Eastertide Special | The Annie Moses Show

Patterned after classic variety shows, The Annie Moses Show brings together a musical family of singers, players, actors, and creators, unified under one mission: to declare the truth, beauty, and goodness of God.

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Scripture Reflection

Holy Ground

Recently, a friend asked me to pray for his sister. "Fourth stage cancer," he said grimly. "Of course," I said, thinking I'd ask that her pain be relieved.

But that's not what my friend wanted: he wanted total healing. I was surprised that a man who never speaks of God would ask for a miracle. But I got busy praying anyway.

A month later, my friend came by. "How is your sister?" I asked. He gave an insouciant wave. "She's fine. The doctors made a mistake. She doesn't have cancer after all."

"What?"

"No, really," he said. "I told her she should sue."

A mistake? Would a major hospital staffed by highly paid specialists actually inform a patient she had only weeks to live when she didn't have cancer at all? But my friend reacted as many of us would—miracles don't happen.

Yet faith requires a more capacious imagination than this. For it to grow and develop, faith requires intellectual humility—the recognition that life is indeed mysterious, and much of what happens is entirely beyond our grasp. Those one hundred and fifty-three large fish rushing to fill a net, for example. Or that recently crucified rabbi inviting his disciples to "Come have breakfast" on the beach.

In the face of the astonishing, do we automatically default to contemporary skepticism? Assume a trick of sunlight on water? Or do we take off our shoes and bow our heads in awe, realizing that we are standing in the presence of the Holy? —Paula Huston

Paula Huston is a longtime Camaldolese Benedictine oblate and the author of ten books, including The Hermits of Big Sur, and One Ordinary Sunday: A Meditation on the Mystery of the Mass. For more information about her work, please visit her website at paulahuston.com.

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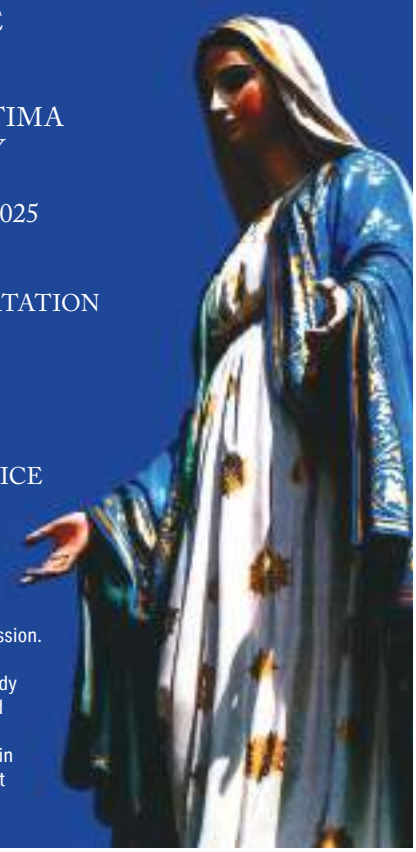
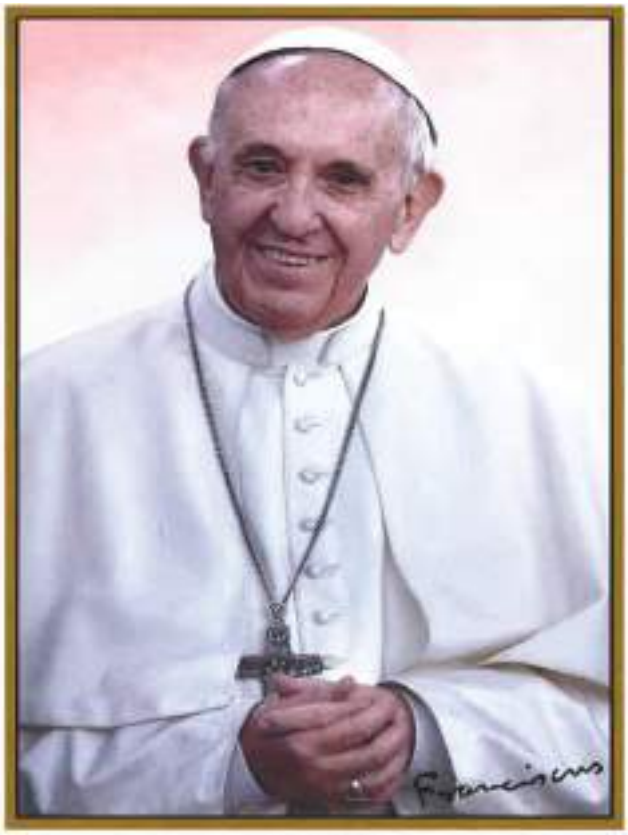


As we celebrate this holy day, let us reflect on her selfless example and draw strength from her divine intercession. With hearts full of gratitude for the Mother of God, may we strive to embody her virtues and bring light to the world through kindness and mercy. Let this day remind us of her vital role in God's plan and renew our commitment to living in service and humility.



In Memory Of

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POPE FRANCIS

266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church

Born: December 17, 1936
Ordained Priest: December 13, 1969
Ordained Bishop: May 27, 1992
Created Cardinal: February 21, 2001
Elected Pope: March 13, 2013
Entered Into Eternal Life: April 21, 2025

Papal Memorial Prayer

Heavenly Father,
May Your faithful servant, Pope Francis,
a son of the Church, rest eternally with You
in deep peace and great joy.
During his tenure as Pope, he taught us
that tenderness and mercy are the heart of the Gospel
and that a Church without joy was unacceptable.
He reminded us that we are all made
in the image of You, loving God.
He stressed our responsibility to protect
marginalized people and advocate
for poverty reduction around the world.
As he will be remembered for unifying
Catholicism's voice and centralizing it's doctrine,
many of us will celebrate his love of joy,
his simple ways and his great humility.
Eternal rest grant unto him and let the perpetual
light of Your love shine upon him always. Amen.

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POPE FRANCIS: IN HIS OWN WORDS

"Peace begins with a smile" This message, shared by Pope Francis on several occasions, highlights how small acts of kindness and the willingness to smile can be the first step towards building lasting peace.

"Where there is love, there is God" In his 2014 Christmas message, the Pope invited everyone to seek true love in human relationships, because in that genuine love lies the divine presence.

"Peace is the fruit of justice" In his speeches, the Pope has repeatedly reminded us that authentic peace cannot be achieved without first working for social, economic, and political justice for all.

"Love is more than a feeling: it is an act of will" The Holy Father has pointed out that true love is not just an emotion, but a commitment to action and sacrifice for the well-being of others.

"There is no peace without forgiveness" In the context of reconciliation, the Pope has spoken about the importance of forgiveness to heal past wounds and create a future of peace among nations and people.

"The world needs men and women who are builders of peace" Pope Francis has emphasized the responsibility of everyone in building a more peaceful world, urging each person to become an agent of positive change.

"May the mercy of God be the force to renew the world" On several occasions, the Pope has spoken about the importance of divine mercy as the key to overcoming conflicts and building an environment of peace.

"War destroys what peace builds" In his firm stance against violence and war, the Pope has pointed out how these conflicts undo the progress made by nations on the path to peace and mutual understanding. Living the love of God, living brotherly love, living the love of the poor, is the best response to hatred and violence. The Pope has emphasized that love for God and for one's neighbor, especially for the most needy, is a powerful path to eradicate hatred and promote peace.

"Peace cannot be bought, it must be built" In several of his interventions, the Pope has made it clear that peace is not something that can be acquired materially, but must be cultivated with effort and dedication by everyone.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

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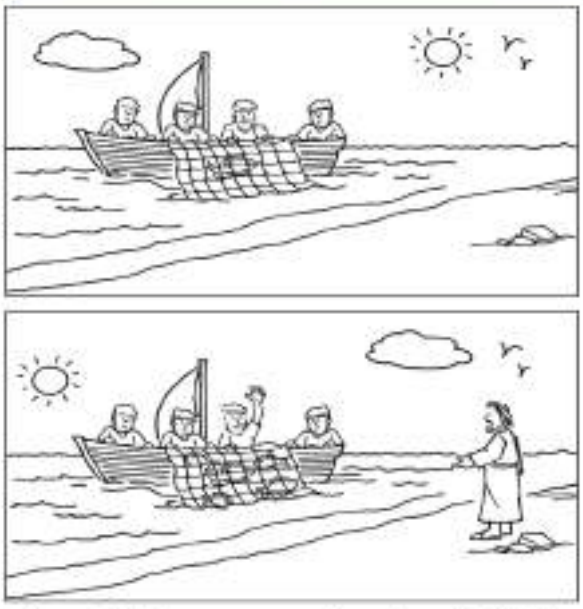
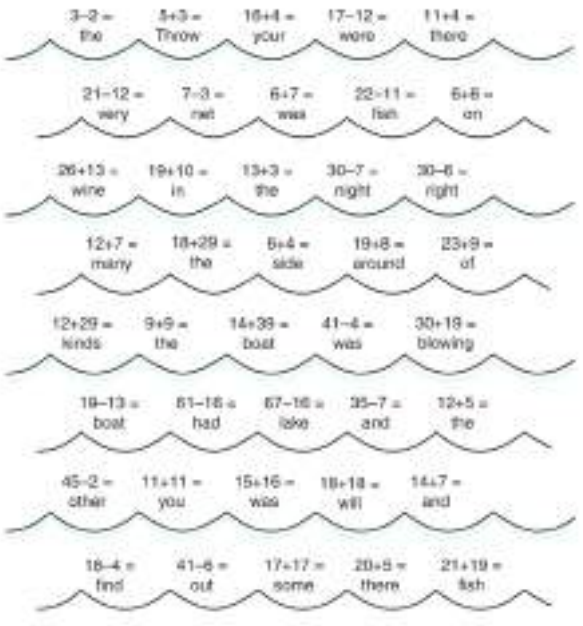


He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat. ..." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Early the next morning, Jesus stood on the shore and called out to the disciples.

Do the math problems in the waves. If the answer is an odd number, cross that wave out. For the even-numbered answers, write the words from those waves in order on the lines below.



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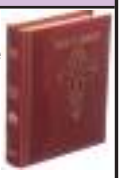

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