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Third Sunday of Easter • April 22, 2012

dear Padre

Which Bible stories are true?

April 22, 2012

It seems to me that Church teaching on biblical fundamentalism isn't consistent. For example, the Church doesn't teach that the world was created in seven days, but it does teach that the Last Supper happened exactly as written. How does the Church decide what in the Bible really happened and what is just a story?

Aidan

Dear Aidan,

The Catholic Church doesn't divide the Bible into what "really happened" and what is "just a story." We believe everything in the Bible is the inspired Word of God and, as such, is all true.

The Bible isn't only one book. It's a *collection* of books written by different people in different times and with different purposes. Parts should be read like poetry, others like history, and others like the law. We don't read, "Your teeth are like a flock of ewes to be shorn" (Song of Songs 4:2) the same way we read, "Be careful to observe my commandments. I am the LORD" (Leviticus 22:31).

A Catholic study Bible will help you understand how the Church interprets the Bible. If your parish doesn't have a Bible-study group, ask your pastor for one. Studying the Bible by yourself is a great thing, but you can learn even more through guided group discussion.

So no part of Scripture is "just a story." It's all the inspired Word of God, who reveals himself throughout the Bible in a variety of ways.

Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21 - 22, 2012

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, APR. 21

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Lois Dunham request of Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, APR. 22

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Mary K. Radion request of the Radion Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Robert and +Michele Rouleau request of Margaret Rouleau and Family

Youth Chorus Practice after 10 A.M. Mass

2:30 – 4:30 P.M. – Meeting for 1st Communion Parents and Children in the Church Basement – Children will make banners for 1st Communion

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 23 –

9:00 A.M. Mass of Thanksgiving

5:00 P.M. Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, APR. 24 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APR. 25 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of the Armstrong and Zabielski Families

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 P.M. – Finance Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, APR. 26 – No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 27 – No Mass

SATURDAY, APR. 28

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28 - 29, 2012

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, APR. 28

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl request of Irene Kehl

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner, Maria Cinea

Lector: Kyle Toce

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, APR. 29

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Frances Treschuk request of Michele & Arlene Giglio

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:00 to 9:45 A.M. – FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. – ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of the Armstrong and Zabielski Families

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, APR. 30 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Henry Leonard

5:00 P.M. Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 1 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ivan and Paul Dube request of Solange Fournier

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Levi and Paul Dube request of the Family

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, MAY 3 – No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 4 – No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 5

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2012

Last week's Offertory Apr. 14 – 15 \$3,679

Last year's Offertory Apr. 16 - 17 \$3,052

"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts. Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.'" – LUKE 24:38-39

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when He sacrificed His entire body for us?

Readings for the Week of April 22, 2012

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk

24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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NEEDS FOR THE FAIR

The Fair Group is looking for pint and quart size canning jars. If you can help with that need, please leave them at the Parish Center (outside is fine), or call Dorli Cloutier at 860-649-6255. Thank you!

HARTFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This summer, between July 10-14, Hartford Habitat is holding a 'Building on Faith' week. During this time, we would like to get 30-45 volunteers per day from area faith groups to come to our South Marshall Street construction site in Hartford and build together.

All faith communities are welcome to take part in the event as we build houses, fellowship and partnerships with families in need. Please RSVP by June 28. Register your faith group by emailing Turquoise or call 860-541-2208 x108.

Can't build?

There are many other ways your faith organization can participate:

- Organize a small group (2-4 individuals) to help with logistics at the worksite (set up, registration, handing out t-shirts, cleaning up)
- Deliver our morning or mid-morning devotions
- Provide morning snacks and/or lunch for about 15-20 people during one of our build days
- Donate. We are only 1/3 of the way to our \$100,000 fundraising goal for the *House of Faith*.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Choosing a family cemetery lot is inevitable. Instead of leaving this decision to a loved one, a friend or perhaps even a stranger, why not make this a family decision now?

For a limited time all Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest-free installment payments up to 4 years at Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury and St Mary Cemetery in East Hartford and St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries in Manchester. Mausoleum entombment space (casket & cremation) is also available at Holy Cross and St. Mary Cemeteries.

This offer will conclude on May 15, 2012. Please call the office at St. James Cemetery 1t 860-646-3772 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

What may happen by the end of 2012 and soon after?

Saints and Scripture have foretold great events with the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart. You'll love the coming era of Peace. A great message of hope and God's mercy (despite potential unprecedented tribulation soon). Presented by Catholic psychologist Michael Petrides at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Hall, Oakdale on Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30pm.

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October 9 to 18, 2012

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Price includes local bus to/from Boston airport, departure lunch, all tips, breakfast and dinner daily, and also includes departure tax and fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made by July 6, 2012.

Cost of Tour:

\$3,440.00 per person double occupancy
\$ 539.00 deposit required (\$239.00 optional insurance)
\$ 500.00 single supplement (*limited number*)
\$ 239.00 Travel Insurance

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