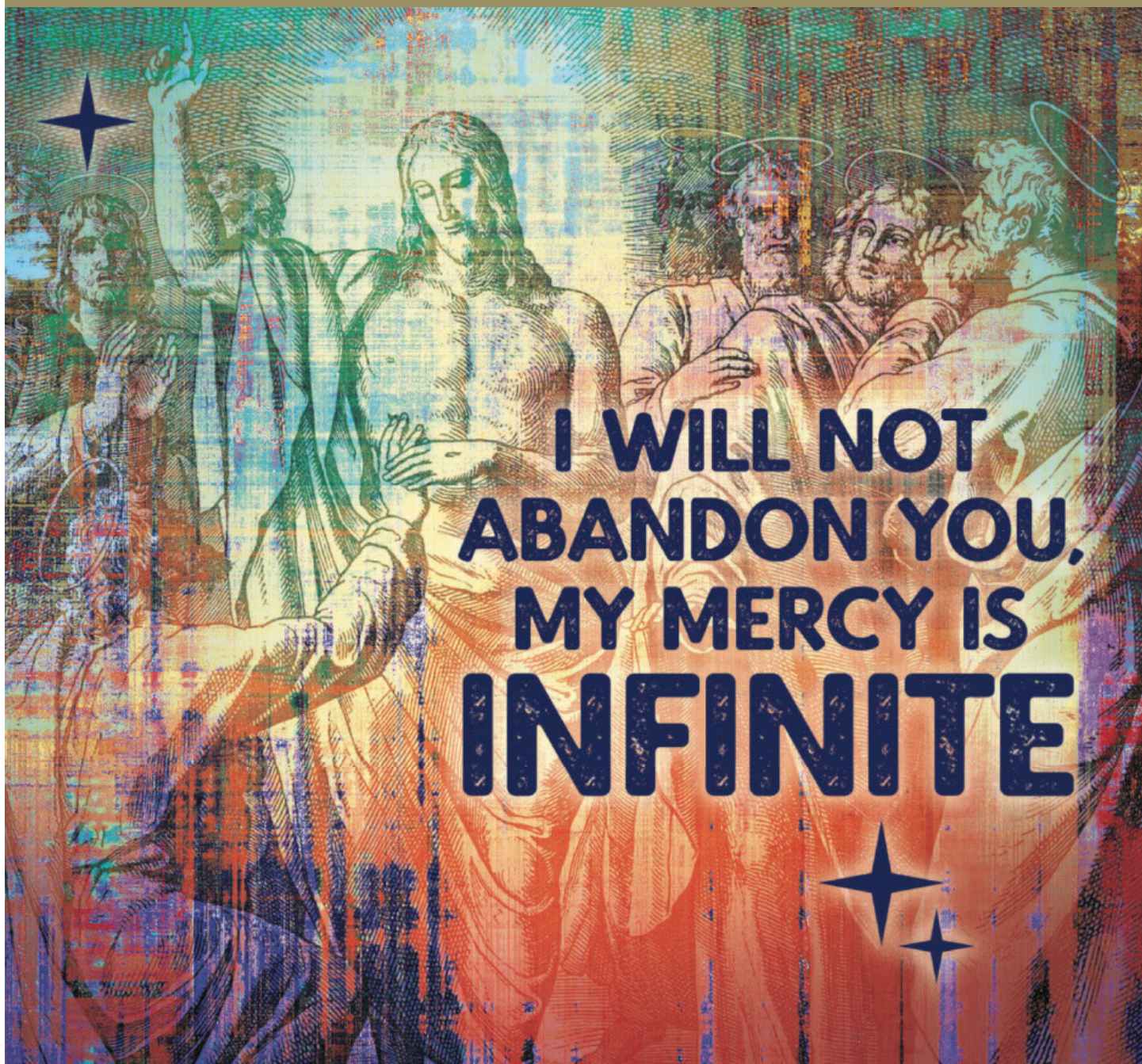


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



APRIL 16, 2023 • Second Sunday of Easter

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH

38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday at 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 pm; and Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH

1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am;

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 am; Saturday at 8:00 am (Confession following Mass, 8:30 to 9:00 am)

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Fr. Carl's Corner



Last Sunday was the perfect Easter Day. It was sunny, the weather pleasant and dry, and folks came out in healthy numbers to celebrate this most important aspect of our faith, Jesus Christ is RISEN! May we continue to celebrate Easter joy and hope by gathering together each weekend around the table where Jesus continues to be present to us in the words of scripture, in the Holy Eucharist, and in the community assembled. In my Holy Saturday Vigil homily, I spoke about Jesus telling the disciples he would go before them and meet them in Galilee. There, they experienced for

themselves the Risen Lord, raised beyond the limits of what we know of this earthly world. That same Jesus continues to go before us now into the future, whatever that future may bring. This, I feel, is such good news for us to hold in our minds and hearts as we continue to walk together and begin the journey of Building a New Reality. I can't be sure what all this means, however, we can be sure that the Risen Lord goes before us and is with us.

I want to offer a word of thanks to all who helped create the prayerful and beautiful environments for the Triduum and Easter Masses and services. Many thoughtful meetings and busy hands allowed it all to come together. To our liturgy committee, environment workers, music ministers, choir members, guest musicians, lectors, communion ministers, ushers, greeters, servers and our wonderful office staff, **THANK YOU!!!** We are blessed with your generosity and efforts. Go to our website, www.stgilesparish.org, and visit the photo gallery. The pictures are beautiful and remind us of the effort that went into creating these sacred days.

A special word of thanks to Marci Madary and Deacon John Walters for their work with those who were welcomed into the church and our community. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, the sacraments of initiation, are at the heart of our church and celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Marci, the Director of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process was assisted by Deacon John. We had a wonderful celebration at the Easter Vigil with five baptisms, two receptions into the church and the entire group of thirteen receiving the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. It was truly a joyful event!

Finally, this is Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, it is said that in a series of revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as the "Feast of Mercy" or Divine Mercy Sunday. He promised that anyone who honors Him as King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy. This celebration is a reminder that each time we come to Mass and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, we are also receiving His Divine Mercy. This was the gift given to us as Jesus selflessly suffered and died on the cross for our salvation. By attending Mass and receiving the sacrament we profess, "Jesus, I trust in You!" If you want more information, go to the website TheDivineMercy.org or call their Prayerline at 1-800-804-3823.

Happy Easter Season to all! Remember, we have nothing to fear if we trust the Risen Lord who is with us for our future, no matter what that future may hold!

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Fr. Carl

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Spiritual Life & Worship

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Jori Baker, Phyllis Baker, Marissa Becker, Kyle Becnel, Joe Bigliotti, Danita Bowie, Herbert Breidenbach, Phil Calabrese, Tiffany Church, Patrick Cibula, Ray Cimms, Patricia Crotty, Lucille Dalbis, Bill DeBiase, Andrea Dickson, Donald Pettis Edmond, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Tom and Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Michael Gallo, Grace Gryzlo Goodman, Jennifer Hanna, Maggie Astacio Hedges, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Frank Huss, Morton Johnson, Ginny Jones, Phillip Jones, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Pat Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Kimberly Lester, Jim and Linda Lewis, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Amelia Patterson, Cary Phillips, John Poppett, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Dennis Rusin, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Renee Smith-Quinn, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Cheryl Sullivan, Joann Taylor, Julie Troost, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Meg Welch, Nancy Wesclitz.

(Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intercessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intercessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died.

Our Parish Weekly Stewardship For Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

4/2/2023

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 19,273.00	\$ 665,946.80
Loose	\$ 2,491.02	
Electronic*	\$ 7,666.50	\$ 445,808.50
Total Giving	\$ 29,430.52	\$1,111,755.30

*3/27/23-3/29/23

Thank you to all who continue to support St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles Parish. Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church websites:

www.stgilesparish.org OR www.stcatherinestlucy.org.

Contact Sharon at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430 Ext. 420, with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 17

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 — † Bob Engels
† Lance Reddick

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 — † Boyd Kessler, Sr.
† Mary Shaker
† Dorothy Gilaty
8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors
† Bill Rice

Thursday, April 20

8:30 — † Lorraine Kirsten
† Jane Greiff

Friday, April 21

6:30 — † Gertrude Daley Moran
† Owen Petzelka

Saturday, April 22

8:00 — † Rose Jantelezio
*4:30 — † Dr. Harold and Carol Bonus
† The Hammer Family
† Lorraine Kirsten

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 — † Frances Hammer
† MaryAnne and Terry Keshner
† Art Hyde
† Owen Petzelka
10:30 — † Margaret Harmon
† Carlos Mazon
† Janis Josephine Ardito

**This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, stgilesparish.org.*

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, April 19

8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, April 22

5:00 — † Leon Williams
by Donna Kanapes

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 — † Cirzah Anne Marklund
by Donna Kanapes
† Rita Stokes
by Lisa Puccinelli



Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm



Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

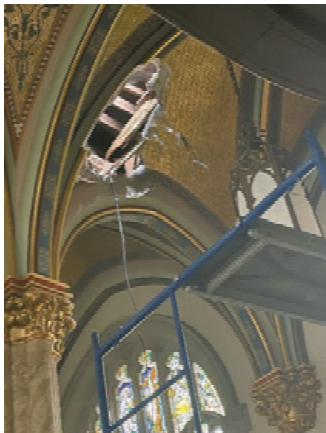
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Spiritual Life & Worship

Dear Oak Park Parishioners,

Easter Blessings to you all! Despite the significant damage to St Edmund Church, we are most grateful that no one was injured, particularly those at The Children's School. Thanks be to God!

As instructed by the Village of Oak Park, a team of engineering and construction firms will continue to perform a complete assessment of the damage at St Edmund campus. Work also continues to stabilize the structures and to ensure everyone's safety. Fortunately, the school building remains open, with significant restrictions to ensure safety for children, teachers, and staff.



View from inside of church of hole made through the roof by limestone finial.



View from roof of limestone stabilized in attic to prevent further damage until it is extracted.

Thus far, we know that large limestone pieces were dislodged by the micro-burst weather event. Some careened off building roofs, others fell directly to the ground or landed on lower roofs where they remain wedged against parapet walls. Unfortunately, several large pieces shattered the church roof and fell into the church. There, they caused additional damage, some of which may be structural. Some pictures are shared with this update.

As directed by the civil authorities, we cannot use St Edmund Church until further notice and the perimeter will remain fenced. We are blessed to have Ascension Church fully available. All liturgical and sacramental services at St. Edmund Church will continue to be held at Ascension Church. We have also been informed that heavy construction equipment will be onsite during the next few weeks. To assure everyone's safety, we have been advised to relocate all parish activities to the Parish Office of Record on the Ascension campus for the time being. Phones are being forwarded to Ascension and staff will be located there. Office hours at Ascension are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am – 7:00 pm (closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:00 pm.) and Friday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Mass schedules across Oak Park are listed below. We encourage you to continue to come together for Mass and prayer at Ascension or you are welcome to come to one of our other churches.

When we face the very difficult challenges, let us recall the Easter message of Hope.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rex Pillai and Fr. Carl Morello



Limestone finials from roof strewn across sidewalk alongside school building.



Impact damage to church area where finials landed.

OAK PARK MASS SCHEDULE		
Ascension Church	St. Giles Church	St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church
M-F, 8:15 am	M, W, F, 6:30 am	W, 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm	T, W, Th, 8:30 am	Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am	Saturday 8:00 am, Vigil 4:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30am, Family Mass Community 10:00 am	

Rite of Christian Initiation

Congratulations to those newly baptized!

Angelina Andrychowski

Joseph Flores

Arlo Hungerford

Gesenia Mendez

Tanesha Webster



Congratulations to those
who joined the Catholic Church!

Glynis Hall

Max Quinones

Congratulations to those
who received the
sacrament of Confirmation!

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Enrique Francisco

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Saint Giles Church
Sunday, May 7, 2023
10:30AM Mass

Reception follows after Mass at McDonough Hall
Hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and lots of great conversations!

Parish Life

New Parish Pastoral Councils Are Forming

An informational meeting will take place on **Monday, May 1, 7:00-8:30 pm, in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles campus** (1101 Columbian Avenue).

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC) for our new unified parishes, please join us and former PPC members from across Oak Park to learn more. Rick Moreno from the Archdiocese will share the new PPC vision and qualities of a Renew My Church Council and its members. From this meeting, you can discern your own interest and future engagement.

The Senior Corner



Join us for a special treat after Easter Sunday as we will present a guided tour of St. Giles Church given by Denise Hartney and Russ Parker. Learn about the intricate details of our exquisite architecture, several historic symbols within the church, our altar, the beautiful stained glass windows, as well as the storied history of how this all came to be. Our get-together will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at 11:30 am inside St. Giles Church. Following this program, we will move over to McDonough Hall for a Brown-bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. All are invited to attend this special presentation on the history of St. Giles Church!

This spring, our parish will again participate in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies and have saved over 40,000 babies and their mothers from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you this weekend, fill it with your spare change, and return it on the weekend of May 13-14. The bottles can be found in the gathering space of both Church sites. If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note that the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

"THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU"

Your wonderful support of the Lenten project generated over 200 Easter Sunrise Shoeboxes. How beautiful they all were!! They were of various sizes and shapes and many decorated with bows, pictures and words of encouragement and love.



The Franciscan Outreach Program was thrilled to receive the majority of the shoeboxes that were distributed at their various locations. In addition, the remaining ones were delivered to Housing Forward and used right in our own village.

As the Easter boxes were passed out, the thought that these were prepared especially for them from people they didn't know made the recipients feel very special!! No words had to be exchanged. For, as one volunteer said, you saw the broad smiles and sometimes even tears on their faces.

Let your hearts rejoice for your generosity brought the joy of Easter to many lonely people who thought they were forgotten.

Again, thank you and God bless you and know that your works of mercy have made a difference in people's lives.

Barb Schulz

Faith & Fellowship



"Come Into God's Presence..."

Don bustles into the Rectory, hurrying to prepare the Prayer Circle for the Wednesday Night Group he leads. Youngmi serenely has organized place mats, plates, cups, and food for the Agape to be shared later – so immersed in this task that she temporarily forgets the pressure of being a student at Catholic Theological Union. Barbara struggles to maneuver down the stairs, but Rick is there to patiently steady her. Ross is the first to arrive, and maintenance man Mike has let him into the building while Connie is headed over to pick up Martin and Greg at Central Plaza. Jack and Steve come barreling in through the front door; Marcial moves slower, carrying a large thermos of hot chocolate. We are God's people, and we enter the gates with thanksgiving.

Parish Life

Spiritual Classics – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is the Spiritual Classics choice for our next discussion on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm** over Zoom.

In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, renowned Christian minister and professor, recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945) was a renowned and beloved Christian minister, seminary professor, and theologian who was imprisoned and later executed by the Nazis for his resistance to Hitler.

Registration is required. To participate, just send an email to llaafc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You'll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting. For more information, links to obtain the book, and details for the upcoming discussions on spiritual classics, go to www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussions – feel free to just come and learn about Dietrich Bonhoeffer's ideas on spirituality and community. All from the unified Oak Park parishes are welcome.



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Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm in the St. Giles Parish Center Living Room at 1025 Columbian Avenue, and over Zoom

All are welcome - It is **NOT** necessary or required you attend each week... Come when you can!!

We will be continuing our series of diving into the Gospels using **The Chosen – Season Three** as a tool to help explore more deeply the reality of Jesus as God and man. We'll be sending out study guides, including bible verses/chapters that will be referenced in the episode that we will be watching each week as well as questions to ponder and discuss together.

Contact **Maria Samatas** at msamatas@me.com for more information!



Semi-Retired? Retired? Open the Doors of Your Heart

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** may be for you! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities two days per week (September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, companions to the elderly, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online www.ivcusa.org/chicago

Join us for an information session to learn more and meet current IVC volunteers on **Thursday, April 27 at 2:00 pm** in the **St. Giles Parish Center, 1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park.** Please RSVP to Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312-961-6206 or jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org.



FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

St. Giles Church weekly collection continues. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products to the St. Giles shrine in the gathering space at the church or to the covered bins located at the back door on the north side of the Parish Center.

The next **FOOD FIRST** weekend at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be on **May 6/7**. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products with you to this weekend's Masses. Donations are brought to the altar during the Offertory.

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Food For Thought Path to Divine Destiny

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in him, you rejoice with an indescribable
and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith,
the salvation of your souls." (1 Peter:8-9)*

Culminating in his claim to be
so intimately identified with God
as to transcend history
and exist before Abraham,
Jesus said to his religious critics:
*"Amen, amen, I say to you,
before Abraham came to be, I am."*
(John 8:58)
Jesus was immediately accused
of blasphemy by angry opponents.

We also reach a culmination at Easter,
a claim of Christian Faith.
If Jesus is just human,
we can still admire him;
But if he is God,
we must listen and follow.
Jesus' divinity and humanity
can make us ask who we are.
The gospel answers.

We are created in the image
and likeness of God,
enabled by baptism
to enter with Jesus
into a new life
as adopted children of God.
This gift of grace is a truth
that is revealed when we live it,
and embrace its reality.

*"A human being fully alive
is the glory of God." (Irenaeus).*
Be astonished! The purpose
of the Incarnation: Jesus, fully divine,
took on our human nature
and experience, including temptation,
suffering and death, in order
to transform us. He became human
in order to perfect our nature.

Estrangement from God, caused
by Adam and Eve, brought death
to us all, but Jesus rescued us.
He came not as a divine hero,
but as our human brother,
offering us his relationship
with God, and his human life.
He is our path through humanity
to our divine destiny.

This is the gift of divine mercy,
poured out on saints and sinners.
To believe this is to engage
the mystery of Easter.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com. 4/16.23
Source: NCR, P. Marrin, 3/30/23
John 8:51-59

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