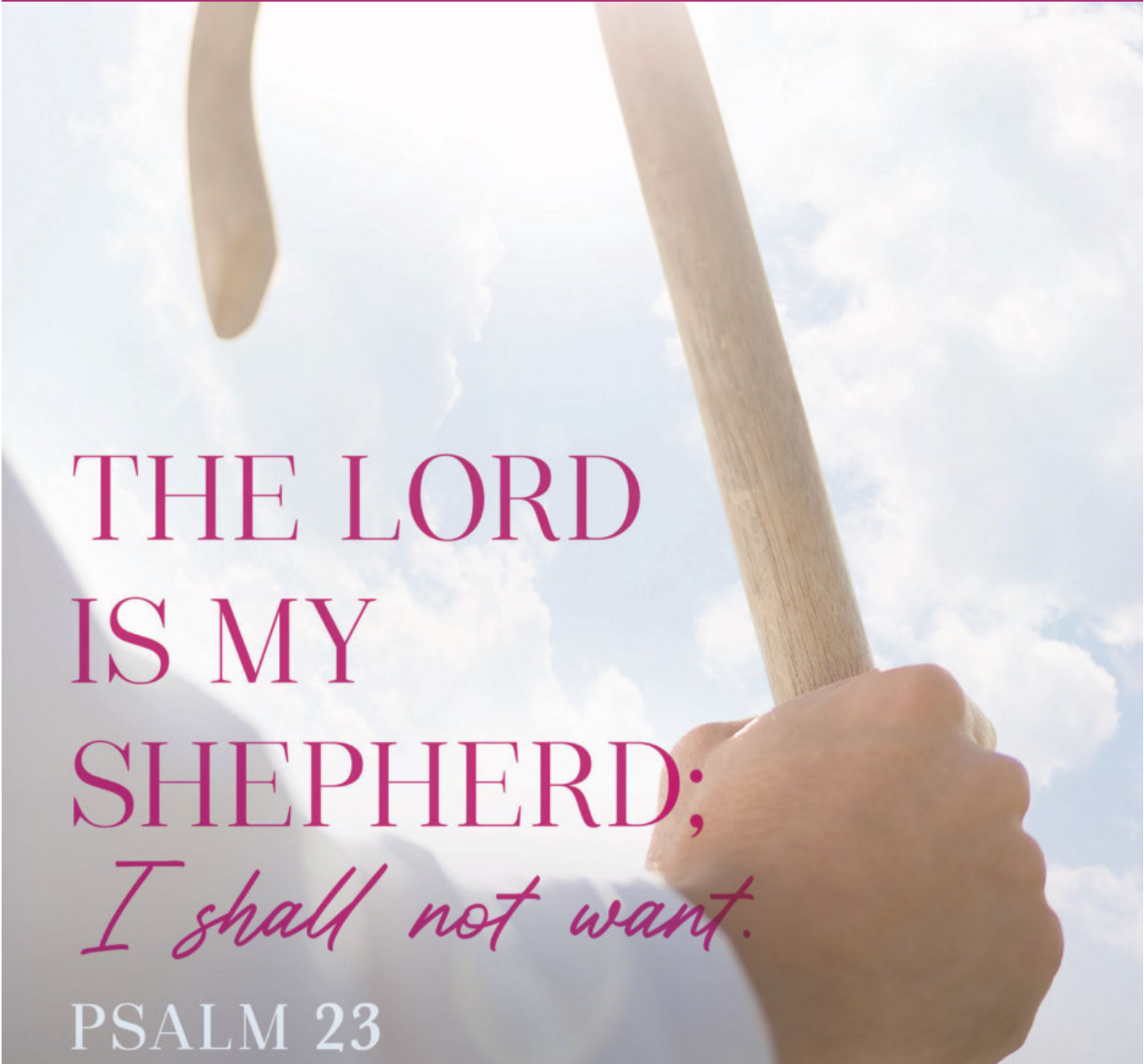


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH

A hand holding a wooden staff against a cloudy sky. The staff is light-colored wood and the hand is a light skin tone. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds.

THE LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD;
I shall not want.

PSALM 23

APRIL 30, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH

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WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday at 8:30 am

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

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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



Congratulations to Deacon John Walters and his wife Barbara! Deacon John was ordained to the diaconate on April 30, 1988. John is celebrating 35 years as a deacon and supporting him along the way has been his wife, Barb. Thank you both for your example of faith and dedication to the church and the diaconate.

Speaking of anniversaries, April and May are the months for most ordinations in the Archdiocese. As you have seen in the bulletin, Fr. Ed, Fr. Tom and I all share the same anniversary date, May 7. This is what we will celebrate at a shared Mass next Sunday, May 7, at 10:30 am. There will be a reception in McDonough Hall following Mass.

I would ask you to please keep all of us celebrating anniversaries in your thoughts and prayers this month. Fr. Robert Carlton, May 19, 2019, 4 years; Fr. Brian Taber who says Mass at our St. Giles site, June 3, 2017, 6 years; and Fr. Tom Walsh who says Mass at our St. Catherine-St. Lucy site, May 24, 1986, 37 years.

We also celebrate our deacons, William Pouncy (wife Abbie), May 16, 2004, 19 years; Kevin Morgan (wife Marci), May 14, 2022, 1 year! Now retired, John Henricks (wife Lois) served us for many years. His anniversary is May 1, 1993, 30 years.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL! Thank you for your service and ministry to the community and the parishes served.

April 30 brings an end to the lease on our temporary shelter at the rectory at our St. Catherine-St. Lucy campus. This transitional shelter has gone well in large part due to the support of many volunteers who helped with meals and other needed essentials. The monetary donations received were very helpful as well. While Housing Forward did help defray the cost of our utility bills, we incurred other expenses that have amounted to approximately \$35,000. We have been able to fund all but about \$5,000 of those expenses. If you would like to help us cover this small deficit, please send a gift to the office with "Shelter donation" marked on the envelope. Any donation will be welcomed.

I am also happy to announce that we have signed a year lease with Housing Forward that will allow the shelter to remain open for the coming year. We are building a good partnership with them as they work with those in need, many who desire to grow out of their challenging situations. Once again, this space is being utilized for good and Housing Forward is helping with utilities and a modest income to assist with other expenses. I hope you can agree, what a beautiful way to utilize this valuable space at this time.

Finally, we have all heard the expression, "When one door closes, another door opens." There is another part to that quote that makes sense to me as we live life. God may open doors in our lives, but we have to get up and move toward and through that opening! What an interesting phrase to remember as we walk together through the many expected and unexpected aspects of Renew My Church and now Building a New Reality. As we work toward a united Religious Education program and the creation of a Formation Center where ministries and talents can be shared, along with the cost of programs, let us recognize the "open doors" and the blessings and opportunities set before us. Will we have the courage to move toward these "openings?"

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and Jesus reminds us that we matter. He knows our name and we are worth saving. God is a friend to all and trusts us to return that love. One of the main goals of any parish is to help others come to know Jesus and build a relationship with him. As we learn to listen to the Shepherd's voice, we are nourished and renewed to live our lives of faith with eagerness and passion. We then can give to others in our lives what we received from Jesus who is kind and considerate of us in so many ways.

I know that many decisions still need to be made as we unify our new parish communities. There are opportunities and challenges as we work toward greater participation in our parishes and in our efforts to create a new reality within our larger Oak Park Catholic Community and beyond. But as we hear about the Good Shepherd today, let us find strength trusting that the Good Shepherd is always present to help and guide us. It is true when one door closes, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will open another – for the Lord is our Shepherd and there is nothing we shall want!

Reflect on... When God opens a door, do you regularly get up and move toward it? Move toward the door of McDonough Hall on Monday evening, May 1, at 7:00 pm. Come and hear about building our new parish councils and how you can be a part of the leadership as we work toward building our new reality. Come and hear!

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

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, 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, Dennis LeValley, 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 Poplett, Bob Quane, Patricia Reardon, Tom Rezek, Lillian Ricci, 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, especially Donald Pettis Edmond, and Minerva Cincan.

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

4/23/2023

	Total	YTD
Envelopes	\$ 11,594.00	\$ 709,542.64
Loose	\$ 2,073.62	
Electronic*	\$ 11,288.39	\$ 485,703.63
Total Giving	\$ 24,956.01	\$1,195,246.27

*4/18/2023-4/24/23

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, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish
† Earl Madary

Tuesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 — † Anna Marie Sciaraffa

Wednesday, May 3

Saints Phillip and James, Apostles

6:30 — † Phillip Clervi
8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, May 4

8:30 — † Thomas Hunt

Friday, May 5

6:30 — † Owen Petzelka

Saturday, May 6

8:00 — † Leanne Storch
*4:30 — † Bill Rice
† Robert Engles
† The Deceased Members of the St. Giles Class of 1977

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 — † Louis and Elizabeth Toth
† Meghan Menconi
10:30 — † Katherine and William Sargent
† Donna Kanapes
† Patricia Huebner

**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, May 3

Saints Phillip and James, Apostles

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors
by

Saturday, May 6

5:00 — † Annie Smith
by Evie Stockinger
† Lily May Williams
by Evie Stockinger

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 — All Parishioners and Benefactors



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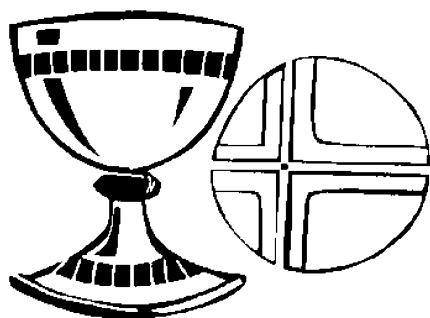
Saint Giles Church
Sunday, May 7, 2023
10:30AM Mass

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

Congratulations to our 2023 Communion Class!
May you grow ever closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
We welcome you with great joy!



*Our large banners were
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Parish Life



WOMEN
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Congratulations to Hope Jaeger, the CCW Woman of the Year!

Please join us in recognizing Hope on Sunday, April 30, at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Giles Church and at a celebration afterward in McDonough Hall.

Hope is a long-time member of the St. Giles community, having been a member of parish since her childhood.

Hope and her husband Dean have two children, Matthew and Jacob, who attend St. Giles School.

Being a long-time member of the parish, along with her family, she is actively involved in St. Giles School fundraising events, the annual rummage sale and various CCW events including the basket making committee and the book club. Hope also donates her time and talent to provide meals for our parish priests.

Those who know Hope describe her as a lovely, hardworking and sincere person! She is a pleasure to be around and is always willing to lend a hand! All in all, Hope is an example of what the "Woman of the Year" embodies.



Saturday, May 6 - Walk to Grotto and Rosary

As we honor Mary during the month of May, we hope you will join us for a morning walk and pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary at the beautiful and peaceful Grotto at Dominican University.

We're inviting anyone who would like to join us on Saturday, May 6 at 8:30 am, at St. Giles Church (following the 8:00 am Mass).

We will walk to Dominican together for the Rosary and will return back to St Giles around 10:00 am.

Parish Men's Society Smoker 2023

Join us for the Fourth Annual Men's Society Smoker. The evening will be filled with friendship, humor, beverages, and grilled meat. What more do you need?!

We will be awarding the Fr. Carl Morello Award for the Man of the Year. That person will be chosen by a select committee of John Gallo and the prior award winners: Fr. Carl, Pat Carew, and Frank Hulefeld. If you would like nominate someone, send an email to johnngallo@gmail.com. You'll recognize the prior winners at the event: they'll be wearing their Men's Society MOTY tuxes.

The event will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM in McDonough Hall on the St. Giles Campus - 1101 Columbian Avenue in Oak Park, IL 60302

Cost should not be an obstacle to coming! Pay what you can. That said, we are suggesting specific amounts to offset the costs of food and beverages. In other words, if you can pay the suggested amounts, do so!

Specifically, a single-sign-up is \$50. There is deep discount if you buy a table of eight, which goes for \$350. Those buying a table can also reserve seats for eight dudes at that table.

Please, please, please register as soon as possible so that we can get a good head count for food and beverages. Scan the QR code here to register.

We're looking forward to another great event celebrating the Men of the Parish.

--The Leadership Council



Parish Life

Faith & Fellowship



"BIG SHEBANG" – Thanks! Praise! ¡Alabaré!

Come and give thanks and praise with Faith and Fellowship for all God's gifts and blessings this past year... our "Big Shebang!" This year's celebration will be **Monday, May 8, 7:00 pm Mass** at St. Catherine-St. Lucy, followed by a catered dinner from Corky's. This has been a special year as we have enjoyed our place in the coming together of St. Catherine-St. Lucy, St. Giles, and the St. Giles Family Mass. Let's celebrate the gift of great people in God's great love!

Mass is y'all come; for dinner, RSVP by Tuesday, May 2, is a must so we can confirm our food order. Contact Connie Rakitan, faith_fellowship@hotmail.com or 708-383-9276.

This spring, our parish is participating 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.

New Parish Pastoral Councils Are Forming

Are you interested in guiding future ministry and parish life?

Join us for an informational gathering 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 of **Ascension and St. Edmund** and **St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles**, 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.



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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Parish Life

Wednesday Night Bible Study New sessions begin this week, May 3!

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at 1025 Columbian Avenue, and over Zoom

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

Join us for a new series of meetings on the **Acts of the Apostles!** We'll be sending out study guides, including bible verses/chapters that will be referenced as well as questions to ponder and discuss together.



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

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Food For Thought

The Theology of Liberation

Jesus came to Nazareth...and entered the Synagogue
on the Sabbath and stood up to read. And the volume
of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him...
he found the place where it was written:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
because he has anointed me;
to bring good news to the poor
he has sent me, to proclaim
to the captives release,
and sight to the blind;
to set at liberty the oppressed..."*

And he said to them: *"Today this Scripture
has been fulfilled in your hearing."* (Luke 4:16-21)

The apostles were thrown into jail
for preaching of Jesus in the Temple,
but they were mysteriously set free
that same night from their locked and guarded cell.
The resurrection's power clearly showed.
Luke's account from Acts 5 parallels the scene
from the tomb.

Despite the stone that sealed its entrance,
and with guards, the risen Lord emerges,
escaping both his death and entombment.
His mission (above) is "set captives free."
He will lead us on the path to freedom
from the most basic of captivities
of all, death.

Jesus granted liberation's power
to all his followers: freedom from fear,
from oppression, and attempts to define
and limit the transformation they're including you
and announcing by the way that they live.
Liberation's concept is contentious
in the Church.

Opponents of "liberation theology"
say it reduces the resurrection's
spiritual meaning to a freedom
movement in this world. The Church should not take sides
in national matters, and Jesus Christ
should not be seen only in a social
mover light.

Proponents of liberation theology
say the Gospel's meaningless if it doesn't change
the actual lives of people in this world,
especially the poor and the oppressed,
due to injustice and violent repression.
Christ identified with the poor; should not
the Church also?

Pope Francis said we must work for the actual,
social liberation of the world's poor.
Jesus' words say he was sent not to condemn
this world, but to save it. Freedom to live freely
is part of the liberation for all people.
Risen life begins here.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com

Sources: NCR, P. Marrin, 4/19/23;
Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21.

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