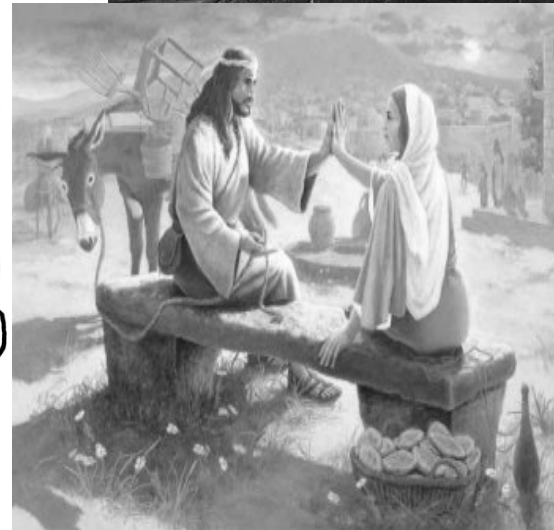
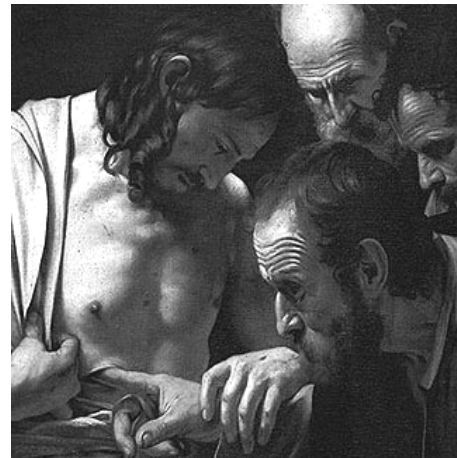


Saint Mary Youth Ministry

The Gospel of John

January 2011

Believing...



JOHN 20

The Empty Tomb

- Mary Magdalene went to the tomb after the death of Jesus.
- She saw the open tomb...she ran to tell the other apostles thinking that Jesus' body had been taken.

Three of the apostles, including Peter ran to the tomb (John was probably the one who arrived first because he was the youngest).

- The cloths of burial were sitting where the body had been.
- The apostles returned home

The Appearance to Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene remained outside the empty tomb weeping,

- Two angels appeared to her and asked why she was weeping.
- Mary M said they have taken Jesus...then a voice said Mary...it was Jesus...and she said Rabbouni ("teacher").
- Jesus said stop holding onto me, go and tell the others.

Appearance to the Disciples. The evening of Jesus rising from the dead he came to the house where the apostles were hiding for fear of the Jews.

- Jesus came through the locked doors and said, Peace be with you and showed the apostles his hands and feet full of the scars of the crucifixion.
- Jesus said to them...As the Father has sent me so I send you....receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain are retained. *This was the giving of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

Thomas was not present when Jesus first appeared to the apostles. He did not believe Jesus appeared to them. The next time Jesus appeared to the apostles, Thomas was present. Jesus put out his hand for Thomas to see and to touch his side. Thomas said my Lord and my God. Jesus said blessed are those who believe but have not seen.

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God!

Find a partner and talk about the following.

Have you ever missed out on some big event or experience?

Has anyone ever said to you, "You just had to be there"?

Large group

What is it like to try to explain something to someone who missed the moment?

How does it feel to be the one who missed out on some pivotal experience or event?

Choose a partner and work together to make a list of 5 or 6 things you wonder about in relation to your faith or the resurrection.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.



So I Send You

Read John 20:19-31

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Imagine Jesus saying these words to you each morning.

What would He send you to do today?

What would you do differently if Jesus personally asked you to love each day?

Small Group

Using your Bible, choose any miracle recorded in the Gospels. Imagine you have just witnessed this miracle. Create a 3-minute presentation for the large group convincing them that this miracle happened.

John 21

Appearance to the Seven Disciples. Some of the apostles were fishing by the Sea of Tiberias. They caught nothing after fishing all day.

- Jesus stood on the banks of the water, the apostles did not know it was Jesus.
- The man on the banks told them to cast out their nets again...they did it and the nets were overloaded with fish.
- Peter knew then that this man was Jesus.
- The disciples went to the shore where Jesus had charcoal burning awaiting the fresh fish. Jesus said to them come and have breakfast.

After breakfast, Jesus gave Peter three chances to express his love toward Jesus. He did this to give Peter three chances to make up for the three times he denied Jesus.

There were many other things Jesus did but there would not be enough books to put them all of them into.

On an ordinary day, what are you doing at 8:00 a.m.?
Imagine that, in the middle of a very ordinary day, you were to meet the resurrected Jesus. What might that be like? How might you feel?

Why do you think the disciples returned to their fishing jobs?

How do you think they were feeling as they went about their work?

Remember Peter's actions at the time of the crucifixion - denying Jesus and running away. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus asked, "Do you love me?"

Who Are Today's Sanhedrin? Distribute paper ad pencils. Recall how by the use of intimidations the Sanhedrin tried to prevent the apostles from proclaiming the Gospel.

List ways society today tries to suppress other ways a typical teenager can become intimidated from spreading the Gospel message (attitudes, advertisements, or societies priorities).

List other ways a typical teenager can become intimidated from spreading the Gospel message. Include concrete ways to overcome the intimidation.

Recall how Jesus appeared to the disciples in their ordinary lives. Create a banner that shows ways in which you can recognize Jesus in the typical daily life of a teenager.

What things are your friends and classmates most in need of Christ's healing for in their lives? Give some examples.

Why do you think Jesus would entrust His Church to the leadership of sinful men (such as Peter)?

Why did Jesus give us the Holy Eucharist?

"How well do you know Jesus?" is not a question based upon facts but upon faith; it's not about saving information in your head but about having your soul saved by Jesus, the Head of the Body. Answer the following questions silently:

- What color are Jesus' eyes when you look into them?
- Is there any gray in His beard?
- What does His voice sound like?

- What do His hands look like?
- Describe His smile.

- What is He wearing when you pray to Him?

Go to youtube and listen to "Unstoppable" by Rascal Flatts (Olympics version)

When your heart is full of doubt/And you think that there's no way out/You find your faith has been lost and shaken; You take back what's been taken/Get on your knees and dig down deep/You can do what you think is impossible/Keep on believing/Don't give in/It'll come and make you whole again/It always does/ Love is unstoppable.

LITURGY

We need to be with the community of believers...

February is the Sophomore Youth Mass.

Each faith group provides:

1 reader: _____ 1 greeter: _____

1 usher: _____ 1 server: _____

Unlimited singers and musicians...

Let Sabrina know if there is special music you'd like to sing.

ACTIONS

January Actions

Faith Formation: Aides/subs needed.

Justice & Peace: Community Action

Pastoral Care: *Camillus*. January 8/9 after Masses;
Gathering Place bags.

Liturgy & Worship: Weekend Masses
Child Care (2nd & 4th Sundays during 10:30 am)

Special Projects: Blood Mobile - January 14 (bake cookies)
MS Youth Rally - January 26