

One Hundred and Fifty-three Large Fish

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. [John 21:4-6](#)

Recall the first time there was a miraculous catch of fish in the Gospels. In [Luke 5:1-7](#), Jesus was preaching to the people on the shore from where He sat in Peter's boat just a short distance away. After preaching, Jesus told Peter, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter did so and there was such a large catch of fish that the Apostles needed help to haul it in.

In today's Gospel, some three years later after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples from the shore and instructed them to cast their nets "over the right side of the boat." They did so and caught 153 large fish. In commenting on these two passages, Saint Augustine teaches that the first miraculous catch was a sign that the Gospel would be preached to all people, which is indicated by Jesus simply saying "lower your nets." But after the Resurrection, Jesus specifically tells the disciples to cast their nets "over the right side" to indicate that grace is now given to those who stand on His right side and are separated from the condemned who are on His left. Thus, this second miraculous catch symbolizes the end of the age when the good and the bad are judged.

Saint Augustine also notes that the 153 large fish, caught off the right side of the boat, are a symbolic representation of those who conform not only to the Ten Commandments but also receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit by grace. He explains that $10 + 7 = 17$ and if you add all the numbers together between 1 and 17 you arrive at 153. Thus, these 153 fish represent everyone who receives His gift of grace and obtains salvation. The boat represents the Church, and the gift of salvation is offered by Christ through His Church.

One clear message we must take from Saint Augustine's interpretation is that grace and mercy are offered to all, but not received by all. At the end of our lives and at the end of the world, judgment will take place. Those who responded to the offer of grace and mercy, repented of their sins and gave their lives to Christ will eternally share in the Resurrection. But those who refused to follow His Commandments and closed themselves to the transforming power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be separated from eternal joys.

Facing the reality of hell is not pleasant, but it is a message that must not be ignored. It is a message that is real and, therefore, hell is a possibility for us all. Therefore, it is important to remind ourselves from time to time of this spiritual truth. Are you among those 153 large fish found on the right side of the boat? Do you allow the ministers of Christ within the Church, represented by the disciples in the boat, to draw you to Christ through preaching and the Sacraments? Though all of us might quickly answer "Yes" to that question, we should never fail to be attentive to the fact that salvation requires action on our part. It requires that we accept Christ Jesus by following His Commandments and live by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as it is dispensed by the Church.

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Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am
12:30 pm English Mass

Reconciliation: Sundays at 12:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active members at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

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Lectionary #48C - Liturgical color: white

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32; 40b-41
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30:2 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

The Gloria
Apostles' or Nicene Creed

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center (IHRC)

Cooking Class

"Chef Matt's Heavenly Kitchen: Simple Recipes, Big Flavors" IHRC Chef Matt McDaniels
Sunday, May 4, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Please register in advance: (509) 448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net ... Individuals: \$46, Couples: \$90

A Wholehearted Women's Day of Prayer

"Refreshing the Oil in Our Lamps"

Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC and Alisa Kostecka
May 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (8:30 am check-in)
Please register in advance: (509) 448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net
\$46 per person or (\$56 with room). Lunch included.
***Nursing babies are permitted at this Day of Prayer.**

Cooking Class

"Chef Matt's Heavenly Kitchen: Simple Recipes, Big Flavors" IHRC Chef Matt McDaniels
Sunday, June 8, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Please register in advance: (509) 448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net ... Individuals: \$46, Couples: \$90

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

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Reflect, today, upon the symbolism found in this Resurrection account. Consider the fact that the Gospel has, indeed, been shared with you. Have you listened to the Word of God as it is preached by the Church? Do you immerse yourself in the grace given through the Sacraments? Do you follow the Ten Commandments faithfully? Do you continually open yourself to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Seek to be among that catch of fish caught on the "right side." Never doubt that hell is real and possible. For that reason, never waver from your fidelity to Christ, so that you will remain firmly grounded in His grace and share one day in His Resurrection.

My resurrected Lord, You have offered Your grace and mercy to all, but not all have responded. I pray that I will always be among those who continually respond to Your invitation. I repent of my sin, dear Lord. Please help me to stay faithful to Your commands of love and to be daily immersed in Your transforming Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.

Dear Lord,

Your presence in the Eucharist is truly the source and summit of our faith and life. In the Breaking of the Bread, you invite us to see beyond our immediate gathering and unite us with the larger gathering of our sisters and brothers around the world.

All that we have we give to you.

As we recognize you in the Eucharist, help us to also recognize You among those who hunger and suffer in the world.

All that we are we give to you.

Guide us so that our faith in Your presence will move us to share Your life and Your love with the world.

All that we hope to be we give to you.

Deepen our faith, make us good stewards of Your Eucharistic presence, and help us to bear fruit in the lives of those we encounter, especially those most in need of Your love and compassion. Amen



Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.



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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am
12:30 pm - English Mass

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL/MAY

27	Sunday	Pro Populo
28	Monday	
29	Tuesday	
30	Wednesday	Deanna Swanson
01	Thursday	Bob Staufer
02	Friday	
03	Saturday	
04	Sunday	Pro Populo

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Please contact Linda Pearson if you are interested in joining her at 509-879-0753 or email sookiesue@msn.com

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