

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

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April 10, 2022

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 19:38

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

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(K-8 & PRE-SCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

3120 Parkwood Lane
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PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
8:00 AM THUR/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOU TUBE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MARYLAND HEIGHTS)*

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

Eucharistic Chapel Hours

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.

Saturdays: 12am to 7am

Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.

Eucharistic Exposition

Suspended until Further Notice

SPECIAL REQUESTS

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS & CLASSES:

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Registration

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org.

New information, such as change of address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office at 314-739-0230

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name.
Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.



A Note From Father Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

As I look back over the past two years, I can't help but to think that we have come a long way. Two years ago, we were all living under a "stay-at-home" order because we were in the beginning of the pandemic and the entire celebration of Holy Week was in private and only available through our live-stream. Last year we opened up a little, but many people stayed home because of concerns for covid. This year, we are without any restrictions. I would like to invite everyone to come and join in all the celebrations of the Triduum.

Today, Palm Sunday, is the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn time in our liturgical year. We reach the summit of our year during the Easter Triduum, from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though these days are chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

We will begin our celebration of the Triduum with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:00 PM. During this Mass, we celebrate the three gifts that Jesus has given to His Church: the priesthood, the Eucharist, and a Love that is even stronger than death. Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament will be in repose in the Parish Hall. We will have Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 PM.

On Good Friday we celebrate this day that Our Lord gave himself up for us thus redeeming us from sin and death. We begin with Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM, and concluding with services at 7:00 PM which include the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after both of these celebrations on Good Friday. Confessions will begin one hour before each service and will continue for as long as necessary after each service.

Holy Saturday, the day of waiting for the Lord's Resurrection, concludes with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This celebration is truly the summit of our year. Jesus, who took on our human flesh, suffered and died for us, now rises in that same human body, glorified and immortal, as befits the new life of Resurrection. We begin our celebration of the Vigil at 8:00 PM with the blessing of the Easter fire. We will have the fire in the front of the church if the weather permits. Following our celebration, we will have a reception in the parish hall to welcome our newest members in the faith. Our celebration of our salvation continues Easter Sunday with Mass at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am.

Let's continue to pray for each other this week. Blessings of Holy Week to all!

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 10

7:30am Luke Boenker
9:00am George Hendrickson
11:00am People of the Parish

Monday, April 11

6:30 am Leo Batas

Tuesday, April 12

6:30am Bill Hake

Wednesday, April 13

6:30am Jean Eise

Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00pm Kathleen Marie Doherty

Good Friday, April 15

The Passion of our Lord—No Mass intentions

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:00pm Mike Rolfes

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am John Roberson
11:00am Demetrio Rabinatas



*Have a Blessed
Holy Week!
Please Note...*

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday, April 17

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for March 21– March 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 8,865.00
Loose Collection	\$ 462.85
Online Donations	\$ 5,872.00
Total	\$ 15,199.85
Weekly Budget	\$ 19,196.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$(3,996.15)

Hands	Parish Improvements
\$724.00	\$189.00

PRO-LIFE NEWS



Project Rachel Day of Hope & Healing for Women Wounded by Abortion, SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Project Rachel, an Abortion Healing Ministry program of the

Archdiocese of St. Louis, is holding a **Day of Hope and Healing** for women on **Sat. April 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The day retreat, which includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a light lunch, will be held in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area.

The cost is \$25 per person, with financial scholarships available. Marisol Pfaff, Project Rachel coordinator and certified spiritual director, and Fr. Mark Madden, spiritual advisor to the Respect Life Apostolate, will help participants realize the hope, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Encourage those wounded by abortion to accept this opportunity for healing by contacting 314.406.0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org.

To learn more about Project Rachel and the Archdiocesan Abortion Healing Ministry visit <https://www.archstl.org/hope-healing>



Consider Electronic Giving Year-Round

TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING, GO TO
<https://holyspiritstl.org/Online-Giving>

If you need help navigating the website, please call
Mary Saputo at the Parish Office
314-739-0230

OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick and Home-Bound Parishioners
and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Till Fehrebacher	Bob/Tootie
Nancy Barr	Ray/Betty Garvels	Ponder
Lorraine Bath	Jim Gerdes	Carolyn Putnam
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Kathy Glaser	John Rath
Carol Bonner	Sherry Holland	Jean Schepers
Becky Bonner	Kenneth Jordan	Kathy Schindler
Sr. Bernice Coreil	Sue Knoesel	Pete Schwaninger
Sr. Mary Eliz.	Susie Meyer	Gary Szevery
Cullen	Glenn Mueller	Jan Telthorst
Leon Deimeke	Jacob Painter	Ron Unterreiner
Charles Dent	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Bill/JoanWeinzirl
Tom DuBois	Karen Piskulic	Tom/Jeanne
Martha Elmore	Pat Romano	Zemblidge

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kendell/Tina	Suzanne Johnson	Judy Taylor &
Bedell	Jenny Lemkemann	Family
Ann/Bill Boewer	Barb McDonald	Caroline Van Scoyk
Brenda Joyce	Trish Merklin	Jerry Sutterer
Crouch	Lou /Betty Merritt	Chris Wells
Brenda Ellis	Colin Meyer	Paul Williams
Harold Feltmann	John Misauraca	Michelle Wilson
Kathy First	Melinda Oeth	Ruby Winschel
John Garvels	Liz Prange	
Michael Gill	Mike Prinzi	
Greg/Jane Hefley	Jan Redden	
Steve Hercules	Alford Snowden	
Paul Hyduchak	Grace Solimando	



Holy Spirit Ladies Club **April Meeting**

April 12 at 12:00 NOON
in the Rigali Room.

An Easter Celebration!

Please bring a sandwich & a drink
For more information, call Karen: 314-291-1971

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED **for Faith in Action**

to help with things like rides to Mass or
doctor appts., yard work, simple home repairs or
emergency meals.

Please contact Cheri Deckard at
cherideckard@sbcglobal.net or 314-753-4528.

Someone needs your help!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the human race to follow
caused our Savior to take flesh
and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Holy Spirit ACTS

The ACTS community at Holy Spirit, in prayer and thanksgiving, is pleased to announce
that formation will soon begin for the next Holy Spirit Women's ACTS retreat.

Upcoming Women's Retreat: September 29th—October 2nd, 2022

Please stay tuned for more information about this and
about our next **Men's ACTS Retreat: January 19th—22nd, 2023**

Questions? Want to Help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz or Jeanne Kielhofner,
Core Team Communications.

Alli: 314-344-9034 (home), 314-239-3015 (cell) or kleitzfamily@gmail.com

Jeanne: 314-973-2769 or jeannekielhofner@yahoo.com

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host? Please contact the Parish Office, 739-0230.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms before all Masses

7:00pm—Al Anon, by Zoom

Monday, April 11

1:00-7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration,
closing with Benediction at 6:50pm

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

7:00pm—Evening Prayer/Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 12

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, April 13

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm

Thursday, April 14

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15

2:00pm—Confessions (see schedule)

3:00pm—Stations of the Cross

6:00pm—Confessions (see schedule)

7:00pm—The Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 16

8:00pm—Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday, April 17

7:00pm—Al-Anon, by Zoom

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14, HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper —7:00pm

April 15, GOOD FRIDAY

Confessions beginning at 2:00pm

Stations of the Cross—3:00pm

Confessions immediately following Stations

Confessions beginning at 6:00pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord—7:00pm

Confessions immediately following Passion

April 16, HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—8:00pm

April 17, EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord Masses—

7:30am ~ 9:00am ~ 11:00am

(9:00am is LIVE-STREAMED)



Are you patient, supportive, and fun?
YOU ARE NEEDED!

We are hoping to have
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
this summer and we are looking for
volunteers to help out.

If your heart is stirring within you while you read
this, please contact Linda 739-0230 x 108



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

is excited to announce the
following schedule for
IN-PERSON weekend
experiences for the

SUMMER AND FALL OF 2022.

We will have in place all the needed precautions to
provide a safe environment for participants. For more
information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call
Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/5/2022 - 8/7/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters

9/30/2022 - 10/2/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters



Covenant Network Catholic Radio offers a variety of informative and inspiring programs to help focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving which form the core of activities for Christians during Lent. In addition to the daily Holy Mass, join in praying the Rosary, the Angelus and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Listen on the radio at AM 1460 or 96.7 FM, on the Covenant Network app, or on your mobile device or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

Tune in this Lent to help prepare your heart for the great celebration of Easter.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7a

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Red & Blue raffle winner of \$100 ~ Evelyn Murphy
Thank you for supporting our school!

Mon., April 11: Spring Student Photos will be taken from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM
Tues., Apr. 12: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Grandparent's Day, Parish Annex
Thurs., Apr. 14: Holy Thursday—NO School
Fri., Apr. 15: Good Friday—NO School
Mon., Apr. 18: Easter Monday—NO School

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#) (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

C2B (Called to Be) - SPRING RETREAT for 7th and 8th grade students has been moved to April 30 – May 1. Retreat begins at 10:15 on Sat. and we will return for the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sun. Look for permission forms to come home through school and PSR, pick one up in the Parish Office or request one electronically from Donna Eisenbath. Cost is \$45 per person. Adult chaperones are free. Space is limited.
Permission forms are due by Tuesday, April 16.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS IS BACK! 7th and 8th grade – Join us 7-9 on Friday, April 22 at the Annex.

CONFIRMATION

7TH GRADE FAMILIES – Session 3: The Jesus Question is in April.

Small Group Dates: 3rd Wednesday – April 20; 4th Sunday – April 24; 4th Wednesday – April 27

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

EAT. PRAY. DISCUSS gatherings are Sunday afternoons in the Resource Center from 1:30 – 3:30. We are working on planning C2B, the spring retreat, for the 7th and 8th grade. ***No gathering on Easter, April 17.***

Help Wanted:

RETREAT PLANNING AND CHAPERONES: We need PGC adults who are willing to chaperone C2B, our spring retreat (all you have to do is be there. Bring a book. Take walks. Enjoy some quiet time.). Dates are April 30 – May 1. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are willing to help us make the retreat a success.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS CHAPERONES – We need 1-2 adults to be present for MSM on Friday, April 22 from 7-9.

Lenten Prayer Resources for Parents and Teens

Busted Halo (<https://bustedhalo.com>) has some great resources for Lent.

You can check out their website or find them on social media.

Guide to Holy Week symbols with links to go deeper into Holy Week:

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/a-catholic-guide-to-holy-week-symbols>

PSR NEWS

Thurs., Apr. 28: 7:00 pm—First Communion Practice, Church
Sun., May 1: 2:00 pm—First Communion Mass

2022-2023 PSR REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

To access the 2022-2023 Registration Instructions and the PSR Enroll Registration Site, go to HolySpiritSTL.org and scroll down to 'Quick Links'. Then Click on [PSR Registration!](#)



CHIPOTLE
MEXICAN GRILL

STAY TUNED!

**A Chipotle Fundraiser is coming
April 19th! YAY!**



**Please note: These are just a few
things that our Holy Spirit
Teachers have need of this
Spring for their Classrooms!
Please help, if you can!**

Kindergarten: Crayola Crayons & Sharpener,
Magnetic Tiles, Books for All Holidays

Grade 1: Beginning reader biographies,
all Grade One Level books

Grade 3: "I am" History picture books

Grade 4: Chair pockets to replace torn pockets
& Amazon Gift Cards

Grades 5: Phase 10 card game (New)

Grade 8: Card games & Board games New)

Music: Ukulele set



The Young Catholic Musicians Orchestra

(string, woodwind, brass and
percussion instruments) and
Choir (soprano, alto, tenor
and bass singers) is now holding
auditions for new members—
age 10-17.

The YCM has two rehearsal a month and leads the
music for Mass once a month. Auditions and
rehearsals are held in Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

For information about YCM (now in its 48th year!)
go to the website at youngcatholicmusicians.org.

Or contact Fr. Bruce Forman (314-231-7464 or
revycm@charter.net)

Or Mrs. Mary Smith (314-749-1444 or
smithycm@sbcglobal.net) to schedule an audition!



**Don't Forget to get your
Tickets for the
Quilt Raffle sponsored by
the Holy Spirit
Ladies Club!**

**Tickets are available to purchase
in the Gathering Area.**

\$5 for 1 chance, \$20 for 5 chances!

Winner announced Easter Weekend!



Lenten Collection for Hands

Did you know that our clients can
come to the food pantry once per
month by appointment?

Our clients live in the Maryland Heights and Bridgeton
area – parishioners and non-parishioners alike. We
give clients a variety of food items as well as paper
products and personal care items that can't be
purchased with food stamps and a small gift card to
purchase perishable items like milk and eggs. In
addition to our food pantry, we assist with utility pay-
ments for those in threat of disconnection.

Donations can be dropped off in the bins outside the
Resource Center OR in the bins in the Parish Hall.

**If you prefer instead to make a financial
contribution, please do so in the Sunday collection
basket or Online Giving; OR donate a Gift Card to
Wal-Mart (purchased through Scrip also benefits
our school!) or Aldi's. These 2 stores enable us
to stretch your donation the farthest.**

Thank you for your generosity!

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**Please note: items with longer 'sell by' dates are best
as we can not give out food that is past the expiration
date.**

Beef soups

Vegetarian soups

Cooking soups – cream of chicken,
cream of mushroom

Chili

Chili beans

Canned vegetables - corn, carrots, peas,
mixed vegetables

Juices

Beef ramen

Dry beans

Condiments – ketchup, ranch dressing,
mayonnaise, barbeque sauce, mustard

Canned fruit - pineapple, pears, mandarin oranges

Crackers

Canned meat (beef, pork)

Razors

Shaving cream

Hair conditioner*

Body lotion*

Mouth wash*

**Personal care items are best
if they are not extra large size.*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
TODAY! APRIL 10TH!
7:30AM TIL 12:30PM
BRIDGETON REC CENTER
4201 FEE FEE RD.

Bring a box of pancake mix, bottle of syrup or a non-perishable breakfast item to support our backpack program! All donors get a free raffle basket ticket!



Join us for a... **BASKET Raffle**

PANCAKE & Breakfast

Sunday, April 10, 2022
 Bridgeton Recreation Center
 4201 Fee Fee Road
 7:30am to 12:30pm
 \$5.00/children under 12
 \$8.00/adults
 Free for children 4 & under

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton—For ticket information call:
 Jeff Painter at (636) 949-8800 or email to jthepaintman@hotmail.com.

HOLY SPIRIT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PRESENTS

A Dish Best Served Cold
A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

May 14, 2022

Holy Spirit gym

6:00PM

\$30.00 per person



FOR TICKETS:

314-941-8629

or

314-220-2439

RESERVATIONS BY MAY 7, PLEASE

Come Join the Fun!!

SPEAKER SERIES



Please join us on Wed., **April 27, 7pm** in the Parish Hall for the second of our Speaker Series on Social Justice issues.

Our guest speaker will be **Michael Meehan**,
Chief Executive Office of Marygrove.

Marygrove is one of eight Catholic Charities of St. Louis agencies and has a rich history of more than 170 years caring for children, teens and young adults.—offering a compassionate, safe and healing environment.

The children and adolescents who come to Marygrove have endured multiple failed placements at other organizations, cycled through foster homes, or survived failed adoptions. Many come from abusive, violent, and severely disruptive family situations; and in a few instances, are discharged from psychiatric hospitals directly to Marygrove. The emotional toll a severely dysfunctional and aberrant family can have on a child cannot be underestimated.

This organization, located in Florissant, MO, assists children, teens and young adults in learning how to transcend an abusive past or overcome other life challenges and move toward a brighter future.

For more information, contact Clare Duffy 314-291-2144, or Peggy Owen 314-738-0562.



SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 4TH!

**The Run for Life and Learning,
 benefiting Birthright STL**

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 4 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD.

Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning.

Contact us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.

Passion Sunday

Entrance Procession:

Luke 19:28-40

Readings for Mass:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

Monday April 11

Isaiah 42:1-7

Ps 27:1-3,13-14

John 12:1-11

Tuesday April 12

Isaiah 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-6,15,17

John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday April 13

Isaiah 50:4-9

Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34

Matt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday April 14

The Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

Ps 118:12-13,15-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Good Friday April 15

The Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25

Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

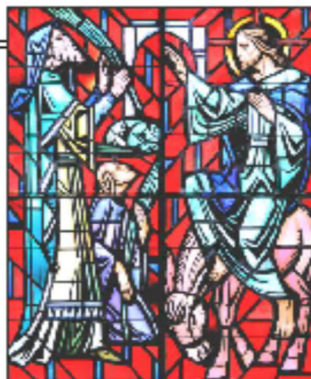
This Sunday begins the highest holy week of the liturgical year. Will it also begin in your life a high holy experience of uniting yourself to Jesus and to his awesome love?

There's a key phrase in the reading that we hear at the beginning of this Mass, during the Procession with Palms, which sums up this experience of your union with God: "The Master has need of it."

Why did Jesus use a colt for his ride into Jerusalem? We each have a "colt" tied up somewhere in our lives. It's anything that belongs to us and is not yet being shared with Christ: It could be our possessions, talents, skills, creativity, time, or energy. The Master has need of it! But sometimes we selfishly tie these up with our own

agendas. They could be useful to Jesus. Like the colt that Jesus rode, they could become gifts that glorify our Savior.

Palm Sunday teaches us that he deserves to be glorified for his awesome love, which he made visible on the cross. Who else would die for you – with *that* much suffering? Jesus sacrificed his comfort and his body and blood to take the punishment that we deserve for our sins.



We should rejoice gratefully for this every Sunday with hosannas and admiration, for in the Eucharist we reunite ourselves to that tremendous love. In this communion, why aren't we grinning like lovers who have become joined to their beloved? The answer to that is: Our "colts" are still tied to the post.

Jesus has sent his disciples to you to ask you to share your "colt" with Jesus. They are at the altar consecrating the Eucharist for you. They are writing bulletin "help wanted" blurbs. They are interrupting you at work asking for your prayers or counsel or other assistance. They are the strangers who are in need of your charitable donations.

Who have you heard asking you to become more involved in the plans of God's kingdom?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Make a list of the "colts" in your life. Which ones would you like Jesus to put to good use?
2. Describe a "colt" in your life that Jesus has need of.
3. How can giving control of it over to Jesus help him complete his Good Friday sacrifice in today's world?

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD— (APRIL 17, 2022)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12



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