

## Easter Reflections

### Third Sunday of Easter

Sharing a meal does more than just nourish our bodies. It helps to forge relationships and create intimacy. And so we take care to make the meals we share with families and friends special, with good food, atmosphere and conversation.

It's no wonder then, that today's Gospel—like some of the other Easter stories—shows the risen Lord and his friends sharing a meal. These accounts remind us of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist—with good reason. Christians down through the ages have come to recognize the risen Christ in their midst, as the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Eucharistic meal is shared. What we are celebrating in this Easter Season, the Paschal sacrifice of Christ—his dying and rising—is present to us in each Mass, with its saving power.

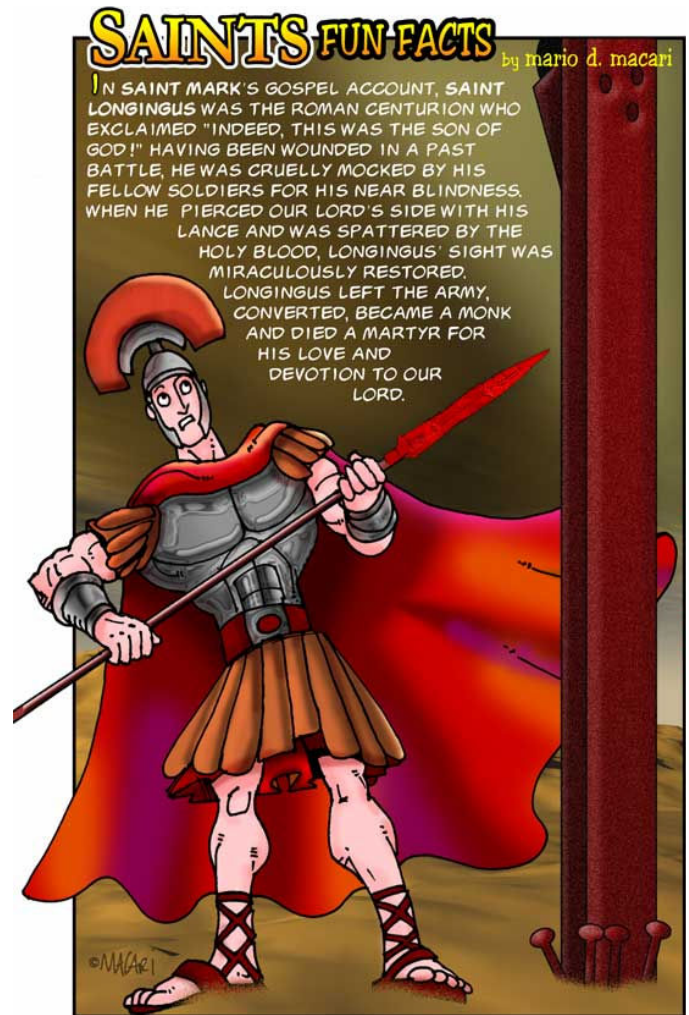
Do we take the Sunday Mass for granted? At our Eucharistic gatherings this weekend, let's allow this Easter story to recharge our celebration. Imagine the thrill of encountering Jesus in a new way, marveling at the wondrous things he can do in our sight, gratefully accepting the forgiveness we need.

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Hello, I'm Franciscan Father Greg Friedman, with the "Sunday Soundbite" for the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

As a youngster in the 1950s, serving Mass in my home parish, I was always excited when a Franciscan priest who grew up in our neighborhood came home for a visit. He'd become a foreign missionary, and I loved to hear his stories of different lands and peoples. He inspired me to consider the priesthood, and a vocation to the Franciscans.

But I never actually became a foreign missionary. My Christian life—like that of most Catholics I know—is usually a lot less glamorous. My "mission field" is the inner-city parish where I'm pastor, and the broadcasting and webcasting

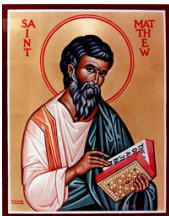
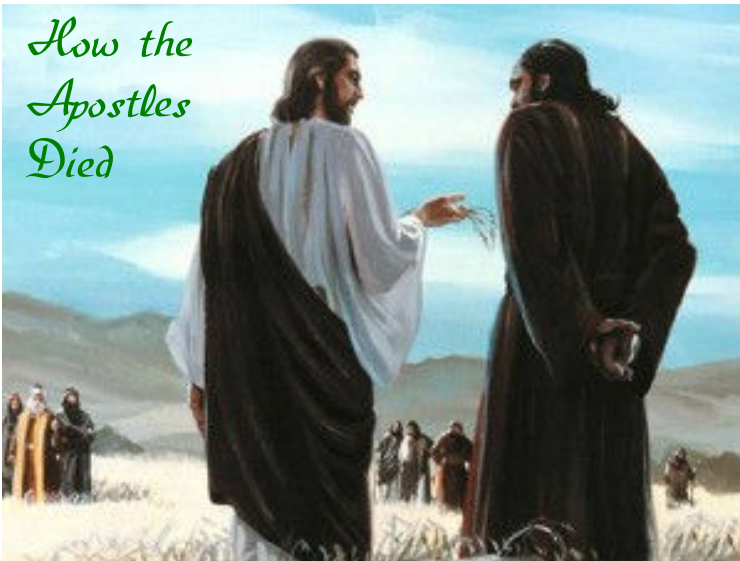


world, where I'm part of what Pope John Paul the Second called "the new evangelization." Your "mission field" may be your home and family, your daily work, or your school.

So today, when we hear the exciting adventures of Paul and Barnabas in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we may wonder: How can we answer the call from Jesus to "go out and preach to all nations"?

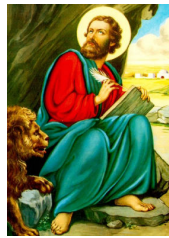
One way is to support missionaries we may know personally by our prayers and financial help. We can also match their zeal in our own witness to Christ, and sharing our faith with others where appropriate. Let our attitude be that of the Good Shepherd, whose care for us is proclaimed in today's Gospel.

*How the Apostles Died*



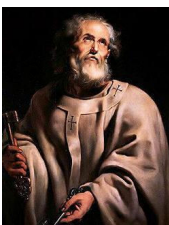
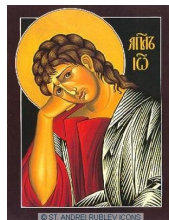
**Matthew:** Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound

**Mark:** Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead



**Luke:** Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost

**John:** Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.



**Peter:** He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

**James:** Just The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.



*Congratulations!*

... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.



<i>Patty Reed's Doll Ch. 5</i>			
Josh	Aubrey	Marissa B	Kelsey
Kyler	Marissa G	Danny	Tiffeny
Emily	Julia	Lia	Kayla
Trinity	Bill		
<i>Math Ch. 6</i>			
Josh	Emily		
<i>Spelling 28</i>			
Michael	Josh	Kelsey	Katherine
Hope	Jonathan	Marissa G	Alex
Charlie	Zachary	Tiffeny	Vicky
Andrew	Emily	Julia	Lia
Kayla	Tommy	Trinity	John
<i>Vocabulary - Patty Reed 6</i>			
Josh	Katherine	Charlie	Emily
Julia	Trinity		

*Upcoming Events*

- ! **Thu. 4/22:** Earth Day
- ! **Mon. 4/26:** Confessions
- ! **Thu. 4/29:** Sacramento field trip
- ! **Sat. + Sun. 5/1-5/2:** First Holy Communion
- ! **Mon. 5/3:** Spirit Attire Monday
- ! **Wed. 5/5:** Spring Musical (Beauty & Beast) 7 PM
- ! **Fri. 5/7:** Noon Dismissal  
Spring Musical 7:00 PM
- ! **Wed. 5/12:** Mandatory Parent Meeting
- ! **Fri. 5/14:** Jog-a-thon

*Upcoming Tests*

Religion	1st Com. (Ch. 9)	Mon. 5/3
Reading	Patty Reed's ch. 6	Wed. 4/21
Spelling + Vocab		Friday 4/23
Math	Ch. 7C	Tuesday 4/27
Language	Verb part 1	TBA
Science	Unit B, Ch. 4	Tuesday 4/20