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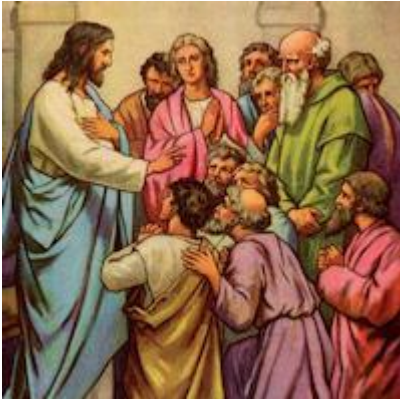
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Welcome Father John

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



The readings of today tell us that our Christian faith is first and foremost a response of belief to the person of the risen Christ who will be with us at all times. This belief embraces the realization that Jesus has won salvation for us by his sacrifice of the cross, as Peter explained in his sermon. John in his letter reminds us that Jesus remains our advocate when we encounter the harsh reality of our sins in our lives. It is the sacrifice of Jesus that has made possible our proximity to God and the experience of his love. When reflecting on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus we are reminded of the model life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who was canonized in October, 1982. He was a priest from Poland and Nazi prisoner and sacrificed his life to die of starvation in the prison in the place of a young family man. Fr. Maximilian died of starvation after suffering with nine others in the prison. In this act of self-sacrifice, we perceive true Christian love. Here, one man gave his life for another on the Day of Judgment. Father Maximilian obeyed the command of love by living and dying in faith. Here the love of God had reached its perfection. By embracing the same obedience to the Commandments in the love of Jesus Christ, we know that we are in Jesus and that Jesus is in us. Then in our pilgrimage of faith, the action of the Holy Spirit calls for a never ending conversion of our inner most selves. We can help the process by keeping always the freshness of the joy and wonder of the first Easter.

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**NEWS ...**

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**SOCIAL GATHERING** – There will be **confessions after mass** on Sunday, April 19, 2015

**LEADERS' MEETING** – The ICCH Group of Leaders meets after mass this coming Sunday. As always, we are kindly asking for any suggestions and other forms of feedbacks from parishioners. You may do so by writing us an e-mail or writing them down on the Feedback Form which will be made available after mass.

**HOPE THEATRE NAIROBI** – The theatre group, made up mainly from young people from Nairobi to whom it offers a whole new perspective, will come to St. Michael to show “The Fair Trade Play”, a performance of video, theatre play, dance and songs on the reality of everyday life in Nairobi and the diverse relations between Africa and Europe. On Thursday, April 23, at 19:00 – the entrance is free, please spare a small donation!

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