

Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension. Jesus is telling us today HOW IT WILL BE when He is no longer in the world. By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem, and a new house of David. He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel. The Twelve Apostles symbolize the twelve tribes and hence the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel. That's why it is crucial to replace Judas—so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry. No one has ever seen God, yet, through the Church founded on His Apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our savior.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us, that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protects us from the evil one. Let his word of truth help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

Fr. Michael Jeeva Antony



It's coming ...

2018 St. Peter Church

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AREA NEWS

FAITH SHARING — GAME NIGHTS — & MORE! All Catholics, ages 21-39, are invited to join Eugene Catholic Young Adults for fellowship and fun! Weekly meetings on Thursdays, at St. Mary Church , **6:45pm**. For info contact: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com or 541-270-9329 or [facebook.com/EugeneCYA](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneCYA). ALSO — *Theology on Tap* every 2nd Thursday at the K of C Hall.

UPCOMING RETREATS:

WOMEN'S PRAYER DAY: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! — At St. Benedict Lodge, **June 7th, 9:30am—4:00pm**. Speaker is Susan Kirby, and cost is \$15/person , which includes morning snack and lunch. Please call or email to register: 541-822-3572 or email: sblodge@opwest.org or call Linda Beach: 541-747-1064.. Address for St. Benedict Lodge: 56630 North Bank Rd, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413.

RETRouvaille — FIND A NEW BEGINNING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE by attending a Retrouvaille retreat Do you feel alone? Frustrated or angry? Arguing or just not talking to each other? There is hope! For confidential information or to register for the **June 22-24 (2018)** weekend, go to: www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-503-225-9191.

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Seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant for their SPARK Ministries Program. This program is a combined Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Program for both parishes. For details, go to: saintmarkeugene.org/employment.



FAITH SERIES: CATECHISM THROUGH THE YEAR

WHY ARE THERE FOUR GOSPELS?

The first four books of the New Testament [Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John] proclaim “the gospel [good news] of Jesus Christ” (Mk 1:1). Though they are not biographies of Jesus in a strict sense, they do provide accounts of his earthly life and an interpretation of its meaning for the world.

Why are there four such accounts instead of one? Jesus wrote no autobiography, nor did he designate any of his followers to write an “official” biography. Rather, the primary mission he gave his apostles was to “make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19) through preaching, teaching, and providing the sacraments of the Church (Mk 16:15-18; Jn 20:21-23; 21:15-17). This first “witness” to Christ (Acts 1:8) was thus oral rather than written, with an emphasis on the demonstration of its truth through the holy lives of believers and the wonders worked among them (1 Cor 2:1-5). In time, however, several of the first Christians concluded that it would be useful to have a written account of Jesus’ life and works. Luke’s statement in producing his gospel suggest how they went about the task:

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I, too, have decided after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you ... so that you may realize the certainty of the teaching you have received (Lk 1:1-4).

Not surprisingly, the four evangelists (gospel authors) used some of the same sources. But each seems to have drawn as well from sources not employed by the others, and each arranged his material in a distinctive way. At the same time, no one of them could tell the whole story — as John’s gospel notes, “There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I donot think the whole world would contain the books that would be written” (Jn 21:25).

The result is that the four gospels, though telling essentially the same story, do differ in many ways in content, perspective, emphasis, and style. The results provide the Church with a wonderful richness of insight that would be lacking if only one of the gospels had come down to us.

RECOMMENDED READING: Excerpt taken from The NEW Catholic Answer Bible

Jn 21:24 · Acts 2:14—3:10; 4:31-35; 5:12-16 · 1 Cor 11:23-26 ·

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