

PARISH FESTIVALS – 2009

<u>DATES</u>	<u>PARISH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
May 15-16	Regina Coeli/St. Joseph Alliance	663 Fernwood Blvd.	music; casino; rides; games; dinners; fair foods; bake sale; beer garden
June 4-7	St. Joseph, Campbell	633 Porter Ave.	homemade food; concessions; rides; polka Mass; games; free entertainment; Polka bands
June 11-14	St. Pius X, Warren	1401 Moncrest, NW	live entertainment nightly
June 12-14	Sacred Heart, Harrisburg	8267 N. Nickelplate St.	live band; Saturday Polka Mass & Polish dinner; Sunday fireworks; food; games; rides
June 17-21	St. Nicholas, Struthers	764 Fifth St.	bands each night - POP Friday, Eddie Vallus Saturday after Polka Mass at 4 pm, Del Sinchak Sunday; raffle prizes of \$5000, \$3000, \$2000, \$1000 and 10-\$100
June 20	St. James, Waynesburg	400 W. Lisbon St.	live entertainment; beer garden; children's games, wine & sauce competition; 50/50 drawing; homemade pasta, sausage & peppers; bocce tournament
June 25-28	St. Charles, Boardman	7345 Westview at Rt. 224	music; fireworks; bingo etc.; bakery booth; beer tent
July 9-12	St. Luke, Boardman	5235 South Ave.	Thursday night kids' night – free hot dogs to children under 12; entertainment nightly; Chinese auction
July 10-12	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Ashtabula	1200 E. 21 st St.	food; raffles; hourly drawings; entertainment; fireworks
July 10-11	St. Barbara, Massillon	2809 Lincoln Way, NW	free live entertainment; food; games; beer garden
July 15-19	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Niles	381 Robbins Ave.	fireworks; entertainment; homemade Italian food; games; rides; basket raffles; \$5000 grand prize raffle

DATES	PARISH	LOCATION	INFORMATION
July 17-19	St. Joseph, Mantua	11045 St. Joseph Blvd.	46 th annual Ox Roast Fair: food; rides; games; contests; giveaways; raffles; live entertainment; tractor, truck & semi pulls; dining hall; casino; trade booths; www.stjosephmantua.com for complete details
July 23-26	St. Rose, Girard	48 E. Main St.	homemade foods; rides; raffle; bingo; music; fireworks 11 pm Sunday
July 30-Aug. 2	St. Rosa de Lima	394 Tenney Ave.	Spanish food; live entertainment; talent contest on Thursday; Kids Corner; games
August 16	St. Matthias, Yo.	915 Cornell Ave.	11:30 am polka Mass; Slovak food; music

(List is current as of 4/22/09)

First Step for Change



Parish Participation Form

- Pastors: find a dependable volunteer in your parish whom you trust to see this project from start to finish. OR, decide to coordinate the project yourself (we've made the simple and painless as possible).
- Parish volunteers: make sure that you have your pastor's approval before agreeing to participate in the project.
- *First Step for Change* works a lot like Operation Rice Bowl, only instead of collecting change in a cardboard "rice bowl," you will collect it in a recyclable plastic baby bottle.

Pastor's Name: _____

Name of Parish: _____ City: _____

- * We will participate in *First Step for Change*: _____
Number of bottles needed for the parish: _____

Do you have bottles from last year? If so, reuse them this year and do not count them in the total number of bottles requested above.

- * We will not participate in *First Step for Change*: _____

If your parish will be participating in First Step for Change, please provide the name, address and phone number of the person who will be responsible for coordinating the project at your parish.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____

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Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for April / May 2009

April 5, 2009 (Palm Sunday)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

April 19, 2009 (2nd Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything for their own, but held everything in common and distributed to each other whatever was needed.

May 3, 2009 (4th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”

May 17, 2009 (6th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God’s people?

May 31, 2009 (Pentecost)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul reminds us that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given “for the common good.” What gifts are mine to share?

April 12, 2009 (Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

April 26, 2009 (3rd Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The two disciples in today’s Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those in need, we too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

May 10, 2009 (5th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The good steward lives the advice of St. John that was recited in today’s second reading, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

May 24, 2009 (7th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus is the perfect steward – watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

Office of Social Action — Sharing Hope In Tough Times

Reflections & Prayer Intention Suggestions for Your Bulletin: May 2009

May 3, 2009:

Reflection: We see our neighbor according to God by looking beyond worn, unstylish garments to the person wearing them, who is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Intention: That Christians everywhere realize the need to care for the whole person beyond outward appearances and material needs.

May 10, 2009:

Reflection: We thank all mothers for the gift of life. Could that single Mom you know use a little help with her electric bill this month?

Prayer Intention: That we find loving, creative ways to help struggling Mothers everywhere, to thank them for their unselfish gift of life.

May 17, 2009:

Reflection: Even simple gestures, like listening to our friends who have fallen on hard times, are acts of love that will lift them up.

Prayer Intention: That Christians everywhere have open hearts for those falling on hard times, and be willing to lovingly listen.

May 24, 2009:

Reflection: Discipleship means knowing that all people from every social class have the same basic needs, and reaching out when they need help meeting them.

Prayer Intention: That the desire to be true disciples will lead us to reach out to everyone in need, regardless of their social class.

May 31, 2009:

Reflection: The Spirit's gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord—are endlessly fruitful, and will sustain us in any financial hardship.

Prayer Intention: That the bountiful gifts of the Holy Spirit sustain us through our financial difficulties, and fill us with new hope.

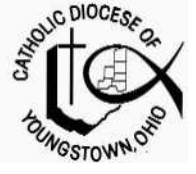
Alternate/Extra #1:

Reflection: We are one body, though many parts. By sharing our gifts with those who are struggling, we bring hope to the one body of Christ.

Prayer Intention: That Christians through sharing their gifts be a sign of unity and hope to people everywhere, especially to those who are struggling in our difficult economy.

Stem Cells and Hope for Patients

by Maureen Condic, Ph.D.



Most Americans know someone afflicted with an incurable medical condition. The possibility of stem cell “cures” has given hope to many who face such suffering and loss. Unfortunately, there is a tremendous amount of misinformation about stem-cell therapies. To make sound decisions about this rapidly advancing field of research, it is important to understand what stem cells are and what promise they actually offer patients and their families.

A stem cell is simply any cell that, when it divides, can make another cell like itself or make different kinds of cells with specialized functions. Because stem cells replace themselves at every cell division, they may be medically useful for replacing tissue damaged by injury or disease. Following a heart attack, for example, many cells of the heart die, leaving the heart weakened and less able to pump blood. Heart muscle cells produced from adult stem cells can be used to repair the heart and restore normal function.

Three sources of stem cells

The earliest stem cells are found in the human embryo during the first few days of life. They give rise to all the tissues of the mature body. To obtain embryonic stem cells (ESCs) for research and for possible future therapies, however, the embryo must be destroyed. This raises the critical ethical question: Should the life of one human being (albeit at a very early stage) be sacrificed to advance scientific research or to benefit the health of an older human being?

In contrast to ESCs, many sources of stem cells do not raise ethical problems. Stem cells can be obtained from a patient’s own bone marrow or other tissues, and from a variety of birth-associated tissues, including placenta, amniotic fluid, umbilical cord and cord blood. All of these non-embryonic sources of stem cells are referred to as “adult” stem cells, to distinguish them from stem cells obtained by destroying human embryos.

Thirdly, recent work has shown that stem cells can be produced easily and without controversy by introducing a small number of factors into ordinary adult skin cells to “reprogram” the mature cells into stem cells that, like ESCs, are able to generate all the cells of the body. Unlike embryonic stem cells, however, these “induced pluripotent stem cells” (or “iPSCs”) are genetically identical to patients and are generated without destroying human embryos or using human or animal eggs.

The false promise of embryonic stem cells

Apart from the grave ethical problem of destroying human embryos for research, there are three significant *scientific* problems with ESCs that must be overcome before they could be considered safe for use in human patients. First, when transplanted into mature tissues, ESCs form tumors that can be fatal if they form in vital organs. They are generally “benign,” i.e., not cancerous, but recent work has shown that ESCs are also genetically unstable, and tend to accumulate mutations that convert them to cancer cells. Thus, the “advantages” of ESCs (their flexibility and rapid proliferation) also cause these cells to form tumors and convert to cancer.

A second serious hurdle is the problem of immune rejection. ESCs will be rejected by the patient’s immune system unless a very close match is made. Yet, unlike conventional organ transplant, stem cells disperse throughout the body and cannot be removed if the patient’s body rejects them.



Also, millions of embryonic stem cell lines would be required to find a good immune match for most patients. Thus, stem cell therapies would almost certainly require the intentional production and *destruction* of millions of embryos.

Finally, despite more than 25 years of research, no one has been able to coax embryonic cells to become mature, stable cell types that are useful in the clinic. While it is relatively easy to make cells in the laboratory that have some of the properties of mature cell types, laboratory-produced cells generally do not survive when transplanted into mature animals. If not fully mature when transplanted, they often produce fatal tumors.

These three problems (tumor formation, immune rejection and stable differentiation) can all, in theory, be solved. Yet solving these problems is likely to take decades of research and billions of dollars before benefits could be realized for patients.

Hope and Trust in Life!

Respect Life

The real promise of “adult” stem cells

Adult stem cells can be derived from many of a patient’s own tissues, including bone marrow, muscle tissue, nasal mucosa and even fat.

Stem cells from more mature tissues present significant advantages for use in medical therapies. First, these stem cells do not form tumors and are not genetically unstable. Because adult stem cells and their derivatives can be safely transplanted to patients, more than 1,500 clinical studies are currently underway, testing the medical usefulness of adult stem cells for diverse medical conditions, including (among others) diabetes, heart disease, Lou Gehrig’s disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, sickle cell disorder and many types of cancer. In contrast, in the quarter century since their discovery, not a single clinical study has been approved for ESCs, due to the serious safety concerns discussed above.



Carron Morrow, Alabama, successfully treated for heart disease with her own adult stem cells.

Also in contrast to ESCs, stem cells from more mature tissues can be more easily immune-matched to patients because cells taken from a patient’s own tissues are a perfect match and those from birth-associated tissues are widely compatible. When it is not possible to obtain stem cells from the patient directly, donor registries, similar to the bone marrow registry, could provide a wide range of immune matches. Finally, with over four million births in the United States every year, stem cells

from birth-associated tissues could provide immune matches for the great majority of American patients.

Lastly, while stem cells from mature tissue may be more limited in the kinds of mature cells they can produce, the flip-side of this “limitation” is that the cells produced are much more likely to be fully mature and therefore clinically safe and clinically useful.

Direct reprogramming

In the fall of 2007, three independent research groups stunned the world by showing that adult skin cells could be converted directly into stem cells having all the

important properties of human ESCs. By providing patient-matched stem cells, the iPSC technique solves the problem of immune rejection. Reprogrammed iPSCs are therefore superior to ESCs on both ethical and scientific grounds. While the problems of tumor formation and correct differentiation remain for iPSCs, just as they do for ESCs, reprogrammed iPSCs have already proven medically useful in an animal model of human sickle cell anemia.



Stephen Sprague, Staten Island, NY, one of the first adults successfully treated for leukemia with cord blood stem cells.

Currently, iPSCs are produced using viruses that could pose additional risks for patients. These safety concerns can almost certainly be addressed, however. Scientists already have found ways to eliminate the most risky virus used in iPSC production and have shown that small modifications of the procedure greatly improve iPSC safety.

What price are we willing to pay for medical cures?

On purely practical grounds, embryonic stem cell research is *not* the most effective use of research money, and does *not* offer the greatest hope to patients.

On a more fundamental level, we must not be so blinded by our concern for patients and their families that we ignore the moral cost of scientific research. Medical stem cell research must operate within the constraints of ethical principles, with the first principle being “do no harm.” Research on human ESCs involves the intentional destruction of human life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage. Regardless of any potential benefit this research may offer, as citizens and as Christians, we must ask ourselves: Can medical cures justify the price of destroying human life?

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May 3rd – Fourth Sunday of Easter

President Obama's new executive order on embryonic stem cell research is a sad victory of politics over science and ethics. This action is morally wrong because it encourages the destruction of innocent human life, treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested. It also disregards the values of millions of American taxpayers who oppose research that requires taking human life. Finally, it ignores the fact that ethically sound means for advancing stem cell science and medical treatments are readily available and in need of increased support.

--Cardinal Justin Rigali, March 9, 2009 Statement concerning President Obama's order to provide taxpayer funding for destructive embryo research

May 10th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Recent] startling advances in reprogramming adult cells into embryonic-like cells – hailed by the journal *Science* as the scientific breakthrough of the year – are said by many scientists to be making embryonic stem cells irrelevant to medical progress. [Also], adult and cord blood stem cells are now known to have great versatility, and are increasingly being used to reverse serious illnesses and even help rebuild damaged organs.

--Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Letter to President Barack Obama, January 16, 2009

May 17th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

The daily devotion and continuous commitment to serving sick children is an eloquent testimony of love for human life, particularly for the life of those who are weak and dependent on others in all things and for all things.

--Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the World Day of the Sick, February 11, 2009

May 24th – Ascension of the Lord

The teaching that the Church ceaselessly proclaims does not change with the passing of time: human life is beautiful and should be lived to the full, even when it is weak and enveloped in the mystery of suffering.

--Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the World Day of the Sick, February 11, 2009

May 31st – Pentecost Sunday

[The new Washington State law legalizing assisted suicide] represents a dangerous new assault on the culture of life. Of special concern is the threat that legalizing assisted suicide poses for vulnerable persons, who are already at risk of marginalization by an individualistic and utilitarian perspective of life. Those most at risk from this dangerous change in public policy are elderly persons, those without adequate health care, people with disabilities and those with no family support system.

--Bishops of Washington State, "Respecting Life at the End of Life"

Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry
Diocese of Youngstown
Natural Family Planning Bulletin Quotes

May 3rd – Fourth Sunday of Easter

It may sound like an exaggeration, but from the first day we began using NFP everything immediately felt different. Frank would set the alarm, take my temperature, and record the numbers on the chart. I felt so taken care of. I felt a tenderness that I hadn't felt in a long time.

-Jennifer Ricard, Diocese of Cleveland

May 10th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

The sacrifices that NFP entails have only served to make me a better person and more devoted to the Lord. Without knowing it, using contraception promotes the idea that children are a burden. Children do require lots of work, and pregnancy demands its own set of sacrifices, but NFP has helped me meet these challenges by leading me to the realization that children are God's blessings.

-Dawn Farias

May 17th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

The choice for a husband is clear: he can be his wife's Adam or he can be her Joseph. A man can stand by silently and allow his wife to suffer the physical and spiritual consequences of contraception. Or he can defend her virtue, body, and soul by using NFP. Today, contraception is accepted and expected. Any man who forgoes it for NFP will likely be exposed to ridicule and criticism. But as St. Joseph taught us, there are some things more important than the opinion of others. May we husbands choose to be Joseph to our wives!

-Tom Mealey

May 24th – Ascension of the Lord

Michael and I married after taking a series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes offered by our diocese. Our NFP teachers were terrific. We appreciated how they took the time to thoroughly explain the method in our classes. Once married, we happily planned our first pregnancy which unfortunately ended in miscarriage. Our second child was born in 1997, and our next two children were spaced every two years, because I breastfed them into toddlerhood, as we had studied in our NFP classes.

-Jennifer Drees

May 31st – Pentecost Sunday

We're both happy to have learned NFP and to be living it. We know that it is enriching our marriage in our every day life and even in ways we probably won't realize until much later.

Knowing that we're building a strong foundation of love, mutual respect and faith gives us confidence in our future. We're best friends who love each other enough to want the best for each other and our marriage!

-Jennifer and John Campbell

Intercessions for Life

May 2009

May 3rd Fourth Sunday of Easter

For medical researchers,
That God might implant within their hearts
a reverence for all human lives,
including human embryos in their first days of life;
We pray to the Lord:

May 10th Fifth Sunday of Easter

For young mothers everywhere,
and especially those who are tempted to despair,
that through their children
they might know hope and joy;
We pray to the Lord:

May 17th Sixth Sunday of Easter

For all who dwell in the shadow of death,
and especially for those who languish on death rows:
that they might turn from their sin,
and trust in the justice and mercy of God;
We pray to the Lord:

May 24th Ascension of the Lord

For those for whom age has become a burden,
that we might cherish them, learn from them,
and protect and nurture them every day;
We pray to the Lord:

May 31st Pentecost Sunday

For all whose lives are in danger,
and especially those for whom
hunger and disease are constant threats:
that we might value their lives
and help to save them;
We pray to the Lord:



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Tuesday, June 9, 2009

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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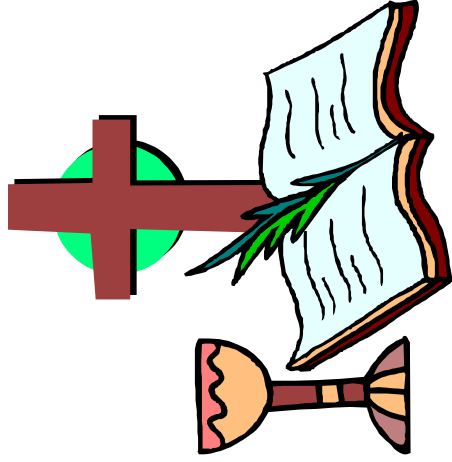
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## ACTION

Prayerful reflection on the Word of God moves us to personal and communal conversion and discernment for action. The "hope" empowers us to bring this discernment to life.

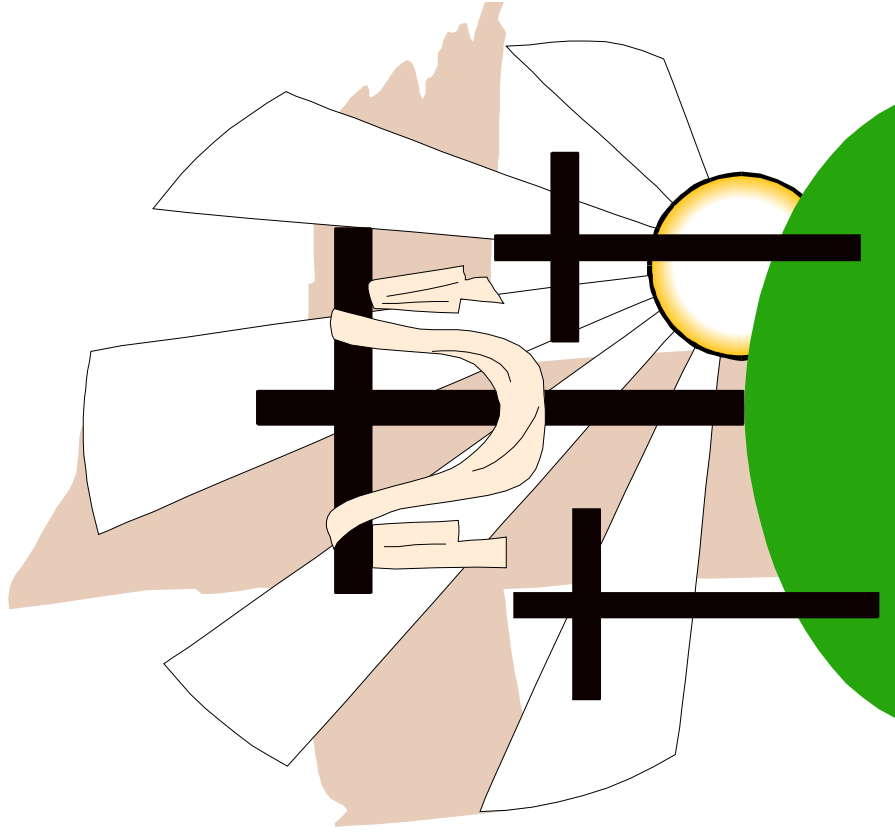
## CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer completes the movement of the scriptural reflection. This prayer may be formal or spontaneous and may include petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.



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# Easter

## Year B 2009

# Scripture Reflection



## PRAYER

Begin your reflection with an invocation to the Holy Spirit and with other opening prayers, hymns, and canticles appropriate for the season.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

Enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

O Lord who by the light of the Holy Spirit

Did instruct the hearts of your faithful.

Grant that by that same Spirit,

We may be truly wise

And ever enjoy your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Proclaim the Gospel passage.

- ✠ Easter Sunday
  - ✠ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - ✠ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - ✠ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - ✠ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - ✠ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
  - ✠ Ascension of the Lord
  - ✠ Pentecost Sunday
  - ✠ Trinity Sunday
  - ✠ Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
- Jn 20:1-9  
Jn 20:19-31  
Lk 24:35-48  
Jn 10:11-18  
Jn 15:1-18  
Jn 15:9-17  
Mk 16:15-20  
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15  
Mt 28:16-20  
Mk 14:12-16,22-26

Each person is invited to silently reflect upon the Scriptural text.

Someone may be inspired to reread the passage for the group.

## MEDITATION

In prayer, meditate on the selected passage using the following questions:

- ✠ Examine the context of the passage: Who is in the text? Where? When? What is happening?
- ✠ What phrase, words, images, or ideas stay with me as I reflect on this passage?
- ✠ What thoughts, ideas, or images in this passage make me feel uncomfortable? Why? (The conversion question: "Conversion starts at the edge of our awareness and acceptance and that change usually makes us uneasy" [McKenna 225].)
- ✠ What can I do to make this gospel passage come true in my life? In my community? (Start simply, be specific, share insights, and act [225].)
- ✠ What in this passage gives me hope and joy? Why?

These questions may be used for personal meditation and/or for

small group reflection.

## CONTEMPLATION and DIALOGUE

In prayerful contemplation, continue to reflect on the scriptural passage and questions. Open your heart to the powerful presence of God.

Within a small group, this personal and private contemplation moves to communal reflection and dialogue.



