



Third Sunday of Easter April 23rd 2023

EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it's only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably "mythical" in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus' disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Neophytes

Perhaps you've noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren't they done? What's going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called "neophytes," and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name "mystagogy." They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community.

As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;

Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6;

1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Blessing before Meals

You give us every good gift,

O God of the covenant.

Help us to see in the food spread before us
another outpouring of your grace.

Be with us as we share this meal

and keep us ever mindful of the hungry.

Bless us and the food we are about to receive.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Tuesday: St. Mark

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day

Friday: St. Peter Chanel;

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort;

National Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

EFFECTS

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

Parish council meeting

Wednesday April 26th after Mass

April 30th

Lector Beverly

Servers Max & Carlos

Counters Ann & Anita

WORTHY WORK

I must believe no work beneath me, since Jesus was a carpenter for thirty years, and Joseph all his life.

St. Regina's Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. ANTHONY ONYEKWE

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Remember In Prayer

Fr Robert Ponticello , Martha Jo ,
Kaylee Bowling , Joy Williams ,
James Ferebee , Michaëlle Box
Michael Cox .

April 16th, 2023

Sunday collection

\$1345.00

Rice Bowl \$89.25

Holy Land

\$5.00