



Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

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.

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.

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).

Psalms — 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: Acts 7:51-81a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 &

21ab; Jn 6:30-35

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

Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;

Jn 10:1-10

Confirmation at St Mary’s Catholic Church, Jackson TN will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 6:30 PM. Candidates and sponsors are required to attend practice prior to the service. Please arrive by 5:00 PM.

Last class for pre is April 19th

MAY CROWNING MOTHER’S DAY MAY 10TH

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SPAGHETTI SEE PEACH

PARTY FOR MAX MAY 3RD CAKE AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

April 19th -----

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVER MAX

**EUCCHARISTIC JDeacon
ANN C ANITA**

**COUNTER MARYANN
&MARY C.**

April 26th -----

LECTOR MARY

SERVER CARLOS

**EUCCHARISTIC. JOY,
FLORENCIA, BEVERLY**

COUNTER Beverly & Michell

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Catholic Home Mission Appeal

April 26, 2026

WEDNESDAY LECTORS

APRIL 8TH CHERI

APRIL 15TH MARY

APRIL 22ND BEVERLY

APRIL 29TH CHERI

4/12/ 2026

Sunday

\$1367.00

RICE BOWL

284.00

B&M

\$141.00

Cleaning and prep days for the spaghetti dinner are April 27,28,29 ,30 please try to help those days

St. Regina’s Church Staff

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Remember In Prayer

Martha Jo , Michaelle Box ,
Abel Cortez, Michael Cox ,
Pat Bowling , Ted Bowling

Lalay Humble