

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth!



Masses For The Week

Sun 19 Third Sunday of Easter

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Hector Zamora (Armando & Nena Colchado)
Irma Valles-Birthday (Mancha Family)

Thr 23 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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The disciples on the road to Emmaus hear the Scriptures interpreted in a way that had never occurred to them before. It causes their hearts to burn within them; it is what they have been waiting to hear all their lives. It moves them to beg Jesus, "Stay with us." Our hearts burn as we hear Peter interpret Psalm 16 with the same striking authority. The words that speak of Christ's Resurrection—"You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence"—have totally revived Peter himself. The Eucharist is the enduring proof that we have been "ransomed from all our futile conduct by the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb."

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

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The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

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BREAK BREAD together

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco and Michelle Angela Nelson.



Were not our hearts
burning within us
while he spoke to us
and opened
the Scriptures to us?

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SECOND COLLECTION - HOME MISSIONS

The Committee on the Home Missions' grants is made possible by generous Catholics who donate to the annual Catholics Home Missions' Appeal. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be next weekend. The Diocese of Laredo has benefited from this appeal. Please be generous!



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know...Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that most of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.



They knew him
in the Breaking of the Bread

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 930.00

Loose: \$ 80.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 5.25

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,015.25

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 113.51

Dear Padre

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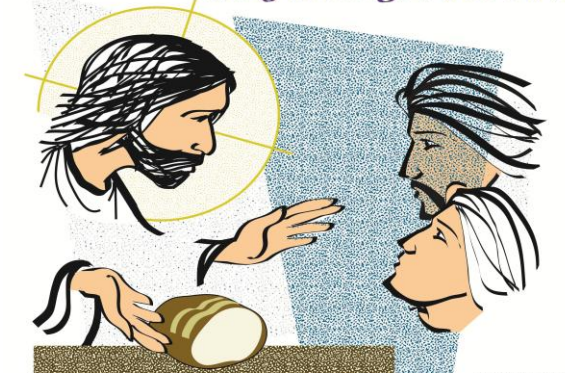
Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34-43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for "if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●

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when he broke the bread
and said the blessing,
their eyes were opened and
they recognized him.



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