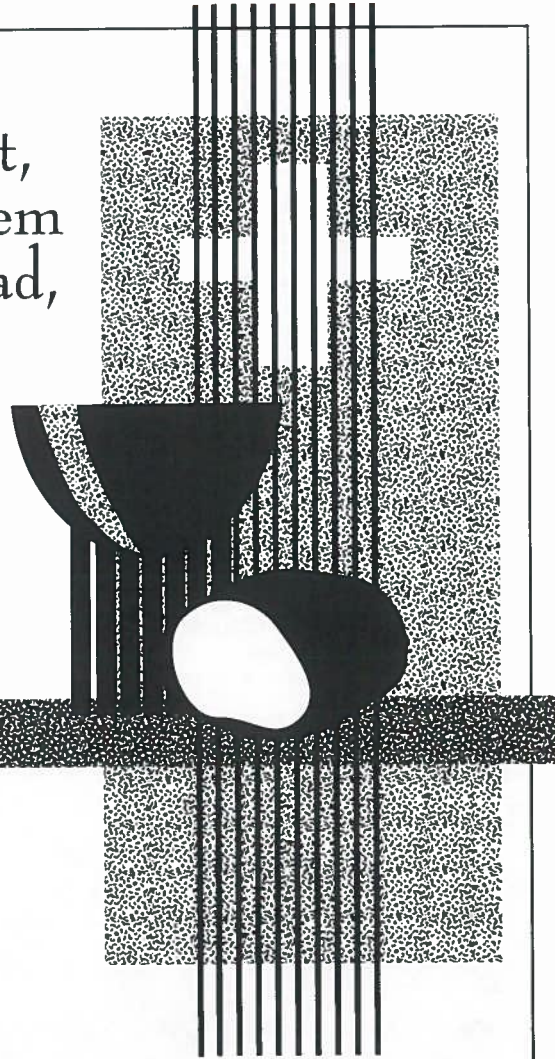


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22-23, 2023

And it happened that,
while he was with them
at table, he took bread,
said the blessing,
broke it, and gave
it to them. With
that their eyes were
opened and they
recognized him.



The two recounted what
had taken place on the way
and how he was made known
to them in the breaking
of the bread.

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Weekend Masses:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:30 am	
St. James	Sun. 9:00 am	

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 4:15 pm
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:05-7:20 am
St. James	Sun. 8:35-8:50 am

Church Mailing Address: 207 E. 5th Street Herscher, IL 60941

Phone: 815-426-2550

Quotable: " God loves you, is present in you, lives in you, dwells in you, calls you, saves you, and offers you an understanding and compassion which are like nothing you have ever found in a book or heard in a sermon.

—Thomas Merton

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 29-30, 2023

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, April 29 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, April 30 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, April 30 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, April 30 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Gary Nelson Dan Hoffman Roger Jensen Gery Wright	Darryl Ferris Kyle Ferris	Jerry Ogrentz Jeff Martin Dallas Ferris Dan Forsythe	Galen Fritz Wayne Bisailon Marko Smolkovich Erik Wheeler
Lector	Bobbi Buza	Terri Weakley	Mary Peerbolte	Julie Splear
Servers	Xander Buza			Garrett Smolkovich
Greeters			Greeter— Jerry Ogrentz R. Leader— Reatta Gohlke	The Wheelers

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 24 (SMM)

8:00 am +Brian Buckley (Wayne/Glenda Forneris)

Tuesday, April 25 (SH)

8:00 am +James Palinski (Terri/Jerry Weakley)

Wednesday, April 26 (SJ)

8:00 am Intention of Rith Thiesen (Pam Cuchiara)

Friday, April 28 (SMM)

8:00 am +John Koerner (Sheila Koerner)

Saturday, April 29 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, April 30

7:30 am (SH) +Morris Burton (Jackie Cross)

9:00 am (SJ) +Geri Tobenski (Jerry/Jolynn Ogrentz)

10:30am (SMM) +Theresa Stark (John Smolkovich Family)

+Jim Feller (Kory/Lisa Scanlon)

A Look Ahead

April 24—Adult Ed Class at SJ 7:00 pm

April 29/30—2nd collection for Missions Appeal

May 6/7—K of C Food for Families Drive

Wednesday, May 10—K of C Blood Drive at SJ 3pm-7pm

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Questions of the week:

Luke says that at first the disciple's "eyes were prevented from recognizing him." What prevents me from recognizing the Lord in our midst?

Collections Week of April 15-16, 2023

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,106
 St. James—\$1,334
 Sacred Heart—\$1,030

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

St. James—

- ◆ It's Baby Shower time! Our Lenten charity drive is for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Kankakee. Donations of baby and toddler items will be accepted throughout Lent. There is a list of the most requested items on the bin.

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ Our CCW wishes to thank all who donated in any way for our Spring Luncheon, who served, and those who attended. What a fun time! We look forward to next year. Congratulations to the cash raffle winners: Kathy Dumas—\$100, Madeline Bouchard—\$50, Debbie LeSage—\$50. The 50/50 raffle continues til May 21.
- ◆ If you have anything you would like to donate to this year's garage sale, please call Rhonda 815-545-9519 or Jamie 815-278-9520. The proceeds will benefit The American Brain Tumor Association this year.
- ◆ We will be starting the bathroom remodel at Sacred Heart. Anyone wishing to work on this project or donate labor or materials, please call Ken Wenzelman at 922-7086 or Joe Petersen at 861-9634
- ◆ Our CCW will be selling "Split the Pot" tickets from this weekend until our parish breakfast on May 21 when the drawing will take place.

All Parishes—

- ◆ Adult Education will be at SMM 4/24/23
- ◆ Sacred Heart rectory in need of a washing machine. If anyone has a "gently used" machine they are looking to get rid of they should contact the office.



Give blood.
 Give life. ♥

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
 Wednesday, May 10 3pm—7 pm
 at St. James Parish Hall
 For appointments call or text
 Joe Petersen 815-861-9634
 Appointments preferred

Gospel Shorts Out of the Ordinary

Are you having trouble seeing God, hearing God's will, experiencing the presence of God in your life? Don't look at the bright lights and brassy exhibitions. Listen for the comforting word spoken by a friend to one in need. Look to the one who takes a firm stand on issues of equality, fairness, and freedom. Sense the gentle touch on the shoulder offering support and caring. Listen for the voice of sheer silence.

Look at the common bread, broken into pieces. Watch the water running over the head. That is, watch for God acting in the commonplace, the ordinary, and the usual. It's where often he reveals the amazing.



Current Status for 2023 CMAA

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
St. MM	\$9,900	\$7,120	\$5,593
St. James	\$8,000	\$6,150	\$5,870
Sacred Heart	\$6,100	\$6,866	\$3,851



The next Knights of Columbus next Food for Families collection is May 6-7 at all three parishes. This is a great way to give to help those in need.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."
 "Matthew 25:35"



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+James "Jim" Webber

father of Debbie Jensen

brother of Kathy Jepsen

grandfather of Courtney (Dale) Meredith

May he and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

A Stewardship Moment

As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

Third Sunday of Easter

Weekend of April 22/23, 2023



Saint of the week: St. Louis de Montfort (April 28th) was born poor. Louis studied in Paris, France, and was ordained in 1700. While a seminarian he delighted in researching the writings of Church Fathers, Doctors and Saints as they related to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom he was singularly devoted.

Under Mary's inspiration, he founded the *Daughters of Divine Wisdom*, a religious institute of women devoted to the care of the destitute, and a brother organization, the *Brothers of Saint Gabriel*. During this work, he began his apostolate of preaching the Rosary and authentic Marian devotion. He preached so forcefully and effectively against the errors of Jansenism that he was expelled from several dioceses in France.

In Rome Pope Clement XI conferred on him the title and authority of *Missionary Apostolic*, which enabled him to continue his apostolate after returning to France. He preached Mary everywhere and to everyone. A member of the *Third Order of Saint Dominic*, Saint Louis was one of the greatest apostles of the Rosary in his day, and by means his miraculously inspiring book, *The Secret of the Rosary*, he is still so today; the most common manner of reciting the Rosary is the method that originated with Saint Louis's preaching. In 1715, he founded the missionaries known as the *Company of Mary* or *Montfort Missionaries*.

His greatest contribution to the Church and world is Total Consecration to the Blessed Virgin. He propagated this in his day by preaching and after his own death by his other famous book *True Devotion to Mary*. Consecration to Mary is for Saint Louis the perfect manner of renewing one's baptismal promises. His spirituality has been espoused by millions, especially Pope John Paul II, who has consecrated not only himself but every place he has visited as pope. In *True Devotion to Mary*, Saint Louis prophesied that the army of souls consecrated to Mary will be Her instrument in defeating the Devil and his Antichrist. As Satan gains power in the world, so much more shall the new Eve triumph over him and crush his head.



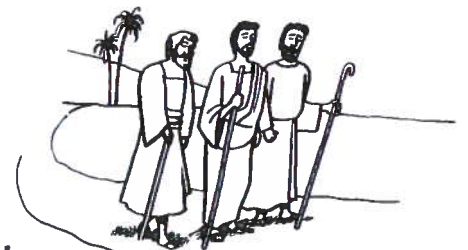
Obscure saint of the week: St. Gianna Beretta Molla (April 28th) was the tenth of thirteen children born to Alberto and Maria Beretta, she was a pious girl raised in a pious family; one sister became a nun, and two brothers, including Enrico Beretta became priests. While in college, she worked with the poor and elderly, and joined the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. She was a physician and surgeon, graduating from the University of Pavia in 1949, she started a clinic in Mero, Italy in 1950. She returned to school and studied pediatrics, and after finishing in 1952 she worked especially with mothers, babies, the elderly, and the poor. Gianna was active in Catholic Action, and an avid skier. She considered a call to religious life, but was married to Pietro Molla on September 24, 1955, at Magenta. Gianna was the mother of three, she continued her medical career, treating it as a mission and gift from God. During her pregnancy with her fourth child, she was diagnosed with a large ovarian cyst. Her surgeon recommended an abortion to save Gianna's life; she refused and died a week after childbirth, caring more for doing right by her unborn child than for her own life. Today that child is a physician herself and involved in the pro-life movement.

Help Socially Isolated Seniors!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older interested in visiting with another homebound senior living in Kankakee or Iroquois County. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity, having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?

In Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or mail americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.



How slow you are to believe
LK 24:25

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!"

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread (*from Luke 24*).

Catholic Snacks, get fed

Why is Easter also called "Pascha"?

The real Passover took place during the feast of the symbolic Passover

"Pascha" means "Passover"—it is the Aramaic form of Hebrew's *Pesach*, the feast commemorating Israel's release from bondage in Egypt. Calling Easter "Pascha" brings home the reality of Christ as the Paschal Lamb.

At Passover, God commanded the Israelites to sacrifice a pure lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood. Seeing the lamb's blood, the angel of death would skip their homes as he went throughout Egypt, slaying every firstborn male among man and beast.



Christ as the Paschal Lamb from the

At Easter, Christ allowed Himself to be crucified and His Blood poured out. His Blood redeems us from eternal death, setting us apart from those who reject Him. It's no coincidence that this event occurred during the Passover feast.

The connection between the Jewish Passover and the Christian feast of Easter is real and ideal. Real, since Christ died on the first Jewish Easter Day; ideal...because Christ's death and Resurrection had its figures and types in the Old Law, particularly in the paschal lamb, which was eaten towards evening of the 14th of Nisan.

—*The Catholic Encyclopedia*

Easter, prefigured by the Passover, becomes a reality. Passover is fulfilled. Christ is the Paschal Lamb. We are the Israelites. His triumph over death releases us from the slavery of sin. We are freed to set out for the Promised Land—for heaven.

Easter is steeped in many symbolic connections. Christ's Resurrection and Last Supper as well as His death sprang firmly from Jewish roots. In the fascinating pages of

[Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist](#), Dr. Brant Pitre explains the Last Supper in light of the Jewish Passover meal. You'll find fascinating answers to all the questions you have about the institution of the Eucharist and the Last Supper.

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Questions Catholics Ask

What are the “Precepts of the Church”?

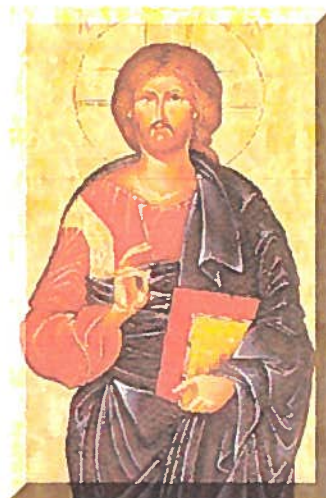
And how many are there?

The number of the precepts is confusing to Catholics of a certain age: Some memorized six in grammar school, but the present Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) lists five. Sometimes known as the “Commandments of the Church,” Catholics had observed the general content of these ecclesial obligations since the Middle Ages and later the Council of Trent recommended them in the 16th-century. Yet they weren’t issued as a body of laws until the 19th century by the bishops of England. The clergy of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884 in turn adopted this list for the United States.

The present list of five includes these obligations:

1. To attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation;
2. To confess one’s sins at least once a year;
3. To receive Holy Communion during the Easter season;
4. To observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the church;
5. To help provide for the needs of the church.

This list from the CCC reinforces the “indispensable minimum” of participation meant to instigate “growth in love of God and neighbor” (no. 2041). The current precepts are primarily focused on guaranteeing engagement in the liturgical life of the church. Although the former precept about honoring the marriage laws of the church is no longer on the list, anyone who approaches the church to be married can vouch for the fact that the laws regarding matrimony are still enforced (see CCC, nos. 1601-1654).



It may sound like the precepts are not really very obligatory for Catholics, considering that they’ve shifted around so much. But in any form they’re fairly old ideas. Since the 4th century, the church encouraged a distinct character and behavior for its members. Sunday and feast-day Mass attendance, the practices of receiving communion and confession, and the particular laws governing marriage were expected of all members. While an official set of obligations wavered between five and ten for another 1,000 years, Saints Peter Canisius argued persuasively for five and Robert Bellarmine for six in the 16th century. Most Catholics in different regions around the world today follow one of these two lists. Some countries add the obligation to provide a Catholic education for one’s children.

Scripture

The church has always adopted behavioral codes expected of its members, such as:

- Acts 4:32



Sacred Heart Church is again going to honor our mothers for Mothers’ Day by placing flowers on the altars. The white represent pure love and

are honoring the deceased mothers and the pink are a symbol of a mother’s undying love and are representing living mothers.

There is a basket on the table near the entrance with envelopes for the money and names. Include your name as well. You may write “same as last year:” if there is no change. Checks should be made to Sacred Heart CCW.



Relay for Life of Kankakee County

Free community event benefitting the American Cancer Society

Kids’ Games—Entertainment—Concessions—Ceremonies for Survivors, Caregivers, and all affected by Cancer

Saturday, June 10, 2023

2 pm—10 pm

Bishop McNamara Catholic School

Survivors/Teams/Volunteers can register at relayforlife.org/kankakeeil

Contact Michelle Pruitt—michelle.pruitt@cancer.org or

Beth Brosseau—bethk3relay@gmail.com

April 23, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

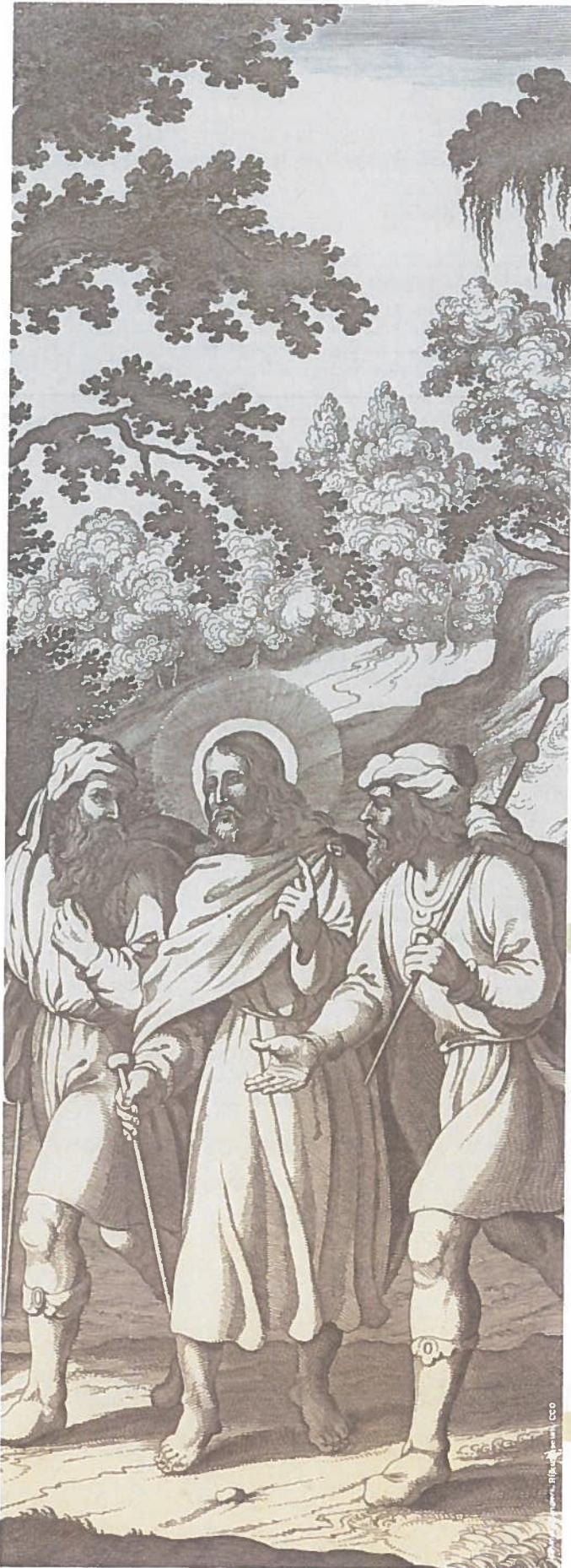
The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were prevented from recognizing it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread – the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

PRAY Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."



Sunday, Apr 23, 2023

Table manners

Someone once said we like our heroes dead more than alive. Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers movement but found himself denounced as a communist and surveilled by the FBI during his lifetime. Only after death was his stature recognized, and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Encouraged by a priest who fueled him with Catholic social teaching, Chavez was also inspired by the nonviolent resistance of Gandhi. Along with lifelong co-worker Dolores Huerta, Chavez brought national attention to an abused yet fundamental part of our work force. Support farm workers' rights and remember at every table how your food got there.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

Monday, Apr 24, 2023

Seek what is hidden

Benedictine sister, best-selling author, and spiritual guide Macrina Wiederkehr was called a "master of everyday spirituality." She lived with the monastic community of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas and died on this day in 2020 at the age of 80. On this anniversary of her passing, let her words infuse your own everyday spirituality: "Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. . . . Real Presence is everywhere, and those with the hearts of children revel in it."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."*

Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023

Mark left his mark

Mark wasn't a direct disciple of Jesus but was quite active in the Early Church. He was closest to Peter, the latter returning to Mark's mother's house after escaping prison. According to Saint Jerome: "Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome embodying what he had heard Peter tell. When Peter had heard this, he approved it and published it to the churches to be read by his authority." Mark's short, action-packed gospel highlights the immediacy of Jesus' actions; Mark also uses the word *eutheos*—Greek for "right away"—more than 40 times. How might the Spirit be tapping you to act with immediacy?

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). *"Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.'"*

Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023

Don't skip this meal

The Catholic Church teaches that the "Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." As such, it is essential to feeding our spirit and showing us the way to holiness. The very act of listening to the Word, sharing our gifts, and breaking bread with others during Mass is a foretaste of God's reign, where all are welcome to the table. A U.S. Bishops-sponsored Eucharistic Revival is underway to encourage all to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

and feel healed, converted, and called to spread love of this life-giving experience to others. Learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, which culminates in a 2024 Eucharistic Congress, at eucharisticrevival.org.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Jesus said to the crowds, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.'"*

Thursday, Apr 27, 2023

The real deal

Today's gospel has a eucharistic theme, with talk of "living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world." One way the church emphasizes the Eucharist is its insistence on the Real Presence, that is, the core belief that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly *are* the Body and Blood of Christ. They are not just symbols but, as Saint John Damascene wrote, the "actual deified body of the Lord." If wrestling with that concept makes your head hurt, know that the church also acknowledges this is a "mystery"—something the mind cannot fully grasp. Leave it to the heart to understand.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). *"The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."*

Friday, Apr 28, 2023

What's in your wallet?

Stored in coin wallets, pockets, purses, jewelry boxes, and glove compartments are many hundreds of little beads. Some are held together by string or wire, others fashioned into metal "decade" rings with laminated instructional cards. No matter what form they take, each reminds us of a special prayer of the Catholic Church, the Rosary. Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, known for his love of the Rosary, always made sure to teach people to pray the Rosary in whatever method best helps them enter into the mysteries of the life of Christ. What's your unique way of praying the beads?

MEMORIAL OF LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *"[Ananias] answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'"*

Saturday, Apr 29, 2023

Stand firm in your calling

Sometimes in the process of growing up you have to stand your ground with your parents. While they love you and are owed your devotion, they don't *always* know what's best for you. Catherine of Siena had to stand firm against the objections of her parents in order to fulfill her deepest calling, which was to the religious life. A wise choice on her part, and the entire church has benefited enormously as a result. The church has expressed its collective appreciation to her by bestowing the rare title of "doctor of the church" upon her.

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, TERTIARY, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"You have the words of eternal life."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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