

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

READINGS: Acts. 3: 13-15, 17-19. 1 Jn. 2:1-5. Luke 24:35-48.

REFLECTIONS: The Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist in Emmaus experience.

Today's gospel draws our attention to yet another very important aspect of our Christian life and liturgy – The Mass (liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Body and Blood of Christ). It is important to note the sequence of Christ's action with these Emmaus-bound disciples because it clearly illustrates the core parts of the Mass. First, Christ having illumined their minds with the scripture (liturgy of the Word): *"Then starting with Moses and going through the prophets, he explained to them the passages through the scriptures that were about himself."* After this, Christ went a step further to celebrate the liturgy of his body and blood (the Eucharist) with them: *"While he was still with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them."* And something very important happened! What was it? *"...Their eyes opened, and they recognized him..."* This simply underscores the importance of Christ's injunction: *"Do this in memory of me."* Christ himself understood the quagmire that engulfed and challenged their new life, and that it could only be quelled by the celebration of these two important liturgies (Word and Eucharist).

Indeed, he has ransomed and given us new life through his precious blood, and his entire Paschal Mystery. Yet, in order to sustain and nourish this new life purchased with the costliest and most precious of all prices in the world, he left us himself in these two important recipes of the Holy Mass (Word and Eucharist). Hence, the saying: *"Liturgy is Life!"* What this means is that if we forget these liturgies celebrated by Christ himself we forget our new life in him. Christ did this today to remind us that each time we celebrate these liturgies worthily, he opens our eyes in order to recognize his ever abiding and divine presence with us. Also, he reminds us that in the words of the scripture and through the breaking of bread in memory of him, he polishes and nourishes our life and makes it new every day. Therefore, each time we attend Mass, we gain new life afresh because we recognize Christ anew in our own life. This is because Christ at Mass offers himself again and again as a priceless and precious ransom for the renewal and newness of our own life. Let us therefore ask the Risen Christ who ransomed us and continues to remain with us through his Word, Body and Blood to open our eyes, and *"show us the path of life," Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Finally, the good news of the resurrection confirmed the testimony of the centurion "Surely this man is really the son of God". Therefore, God will bring out those who will give the testimonies of your life, those who will speak for you in times of persecution and times of difficulties. Jesus loves you, and so do I. **Rev. Marcel Okonkwo.**

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER >> APRIL 18th 2021

Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (Closed Friday)

Office Closures: TBA

St. Francis de Paula Masses:

Weekdays: 7:30 am Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. [1st Friday of the Month Anointing]

Holy Days: 7:30 am Mass and 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm [1st Sat. of the Month Mass 8:00 am]

Sunday: 7:30 am,

Sunday: 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Fri. 4:30 - 5:30 pm

PRE-BAPTISM: - For Appt. Call- Liz and Steve Chavez 575-585-6340

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: --LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

MARRIAGE: -There is a (6) month preparation period.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: -> The first and third Fridays of each month.

If you have information to be posted in bulletin, put it in writing and turn it in by Wed morning.

Or email: StFrancisdePaula@gmail.com

*** Try our new Website: stfrancisdepaulachurch.org ***

**Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.**

(LK 24:32)

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER >> APRIL 11TH 2021

Sat. Apr. 17 TH	5:30 pm † Jonnie Vickery, Margeret & Gabriel Sanchez
Sun. Apr. 18 th	7:30 am † -----
Sun. Apr. 18 th	11:00 am † Gerald Sinclair
Mon. Apr. 19 th	No am Mass -----
Tues. Apr. 20 th	7:30 am † Rosario Aragon
Wed. Apr. 21 st	7:30 am † -----
Thur. Apr. 22 nd	7:30 am * -----
Fri. Apr. 23 rd	7:30 am † -----
Sat. Apr. 24 th	5:30 pm † Raynaldo & Anna Guerra



Let us pray for our troops in military services:

Paulita Rocha
Dyanna Ortega
Isaiah Diaz

Let us Pray for the Sick

Jenni(BB)	Alexander	Frank	Guerrero
Bobby	Baroz	Henry	Herrera
Robert	Capuchin	Armado	Lopez
Rose	Baroz	Jesus	Lopez
Brenda	Barreras	Martha	Luna
Helen	Guerra	Ray	Manley
Carlos	Hangarter	Clara	Marrujo
Anthony	Mendez	Leah	Matinzo
Natalia	Walters	Ramona	Monje
Judy Aguirre	Andozola	Ysidro S	Monje
Rosa Maria	Camarena	Cuca	Montoya
Jeff	Aragon	Luna Bella	Nevarez
Soncera	Briever	Monica	Nik
Hope	Carrion	Joe	Padilla
Danny	Cordova	Jack	Palladino
Raleigha	Cordova	Maria Elena	Perez Lope
Rosemary	Cordova	Antonio	Romero
Christina	Chavez	Celina	Romero
Manny	Diaz	Rosie	Romero
Chano	Flores	Rose	Salazar
Ramona	Flores	Josephine	Salcido
Gloria	Gonzales	Margeret B	Sanchez
Manuela	Martinez	Rachelle	Simons
Bob & Rita	Jarvis	Landon	Wright
	& FOR ALL	John	Dixon
		Annie	Brady
		Billy	Brady

COVID VICTIMS

Announce 2nd Collection

Apr. 24th & 25th
For: Diocese of Las Cruces – San Juan Diego



Video presentation will be shown at St. Francis de Paula Parish at 6pm Monday May 16th and Monday May 23rd at 6pm.

There is a signup sheet available at the entrance of the church to accommodate limited capacity.

We are in need of Sacristans

being a sacristan is a very beneficial way to help out your church community, and an active way to participate in a Catholic mass. There will be a training session scheduled for April 24th 2021 at the church 11 am.

Ushers For the month of

April 2021

Sat. 5:30 >> *Abraham Pino*
Sun. 7:30 > *Alfonso Voorbach*
Sun. 11:00>> *Tim Brooks & Gilbert Gaston*

Sacristans for the Month of

April 2021

Sat. 5:30 -----
Sun. 7:30 *Louise & Manny*
Sun. 11:00 *Chris & -----*

Keeping you Safe

The most important things we can do to keep one another safe:

1. Wear a mask inside the church (if you don't have a mask, some are provided on the table located on the left side of the church as you enter.)
2. Sanitize your hands when you enter church before taking a missalette to your pew.
3. Social Distance - please sit in designated pews only. Families should sit together. Please distance yourself from those you do not live with.
4. If you take a missalette to your pew, leave it on the pew bench after mass. The pew kneeler should be left down so that we can sanitize the pew, kneeler and missalette. Thank you for helping us keep our church open and safe by following these few safety measures.

Readers

Saturday Apr. 17th 5:30 Mass
Reader 1 Andrea Carrillo
Reader 2 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil
Sunday Apr. 18th No Mass
Reader 1 Louise Dominguez
Reader 2 -----
Sunday Apr. 18th 11:00 Mass
Reader 1 Irma Melendrez
Reader 2 Myles Gaston



A Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, We, your children of every nation, Turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, And obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. — Amen

Altar Servers

Saturday Apr. 17th 5:30 Mass
Demetrius Armijo-Vigil
Sunday Apr. 18th No Mass
Angel Kowatch & Archie Coney
Sunday Apr. 18th 11:00 Mass
Myles Gaston
Gabriel Melendrez



Saint Joseph the Guardian Summer School

is a not-for-profit ministry of Saint Francis de Paula Catholic Church in Tularosa, NM and Our Lady of Light Catholic Church in La Luz, NM. Volunteer teachers will provide 200 hours of schooling over the months of June and July for Otero county children. Using rigorous academic curriculum, students will receive intensive academic support meant to broaden and shore up their current academic foundations in the subjects of language arts, mathematics, history and science .



Eucharistic Adoration will be open Monday thru Friday 8am to 9pm... *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament "are the most efficacious way of growing in holiness".* Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei