

## Third Sunday of Easter: April 19, 2026

### Holy Father's Intention for April: For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### Sharing our Burning Hearts:

In today's Gospel we reflect on the Road to Emmaus. As the two disciples walk along, Jesus appears and breaks open the scriptures and breaks bread with them. This same structure is what we experience at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Reflecting on their walk with Christ, the disciples were profoundly touched, exclaiming "were not our hearts burning within us?" So too, when we partake in Mass our hearts should burn within us from the glory and love of God. But what should we do with this burning?

The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. They learned more about their faith and went in haste to share the good news and support the other believers. Likewise, after growing in our faith and being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent. As stewards of Christ we should not delay in sharing our gifts from God with others but seek to help immediately.

This Easter season, let us decide to renew our commitment to our parish by joining various ministries to help the good news of the resurrection be proclaimed. The Church needs us to be sharers of God's gifts. St Peter in his first letter says "as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Let us end by asking ourselves, how well do we cultivate our gifts and aid the spread of the Gospel?

Summary: Just like the disciples from the Gospel, our hearts should burn within us from the presence and love of God that we experience in Mass. The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. Likewise, after being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent.

### **Announcement**

On Sunday, April 26, 2026, the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM) will celebrate its 30th Anniversary at the 10:00 am liturgy in bilingual. Everyone is cordially invited. Please note that there will **NOT** be 9:00 am liturgy. There will be two masses to be celebrated: 7:30am and 10:00 am.

## Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Today's Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 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 but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.



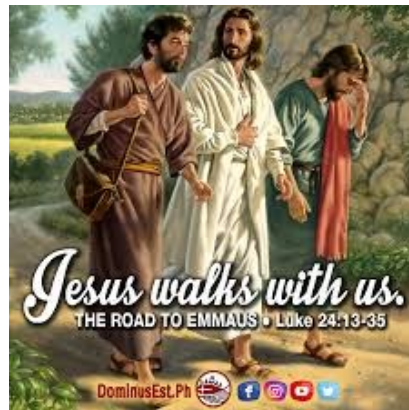
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“That very day, the first day of the week”

Today we begin the proclamation of the Gospel with the expression, "That very day, the first day of the week" (Lk 24:13). Yes, still Sunday. Easter is like a great Sunday of fifty days. Oh, if we only knew the importance of this day in the life of Christians! "There are reasons to say, as suggested by the homily of an author of the 4th century (Pseudo-Eusebius of Alexandria), that the 'Day of the Lord' is the 'Lord of Days' (...). Indeed, this is the 'primary feast' for Christians" (Saint John Paul II). Sunday, for us, is like a mother's womb, a cradle, a celebration, a home, and also missionary inspiration. Oh, if we glimpsed the light and poetry it brings! Then we would affirm like those martyrs of the early centuries: "We cannot live without Sunday."

But when the Lord's day loses its importance in our existence, the "Lord of the day" also fades away, and we become so pragmatic and "serious" that we only give credit to our projects and plans; then, even the very freedom with which God acts becomes a source of scandal and distance for us. Ignoring the wonder, we close ourselves off to the most luminous manifestation of God's glory, and everything becomes a sunset of disappointment, a prelude to an endless night where life seems condemned to perpetual insomnia.

However, the Gospel proclaimed in the midst of Sunday assemblies is always the angelic announcement of a clarity directed at minds and hearts slow to believe (cf. Lk 24:25), and for this reason, it is gentle, not explosive, since otherwise, it would blind us instead of illuminating us. It is the Life of the Resurrected One that the Spirit communicates to us through the Word and the broken Bread, respecting our journey made up of short and not always well-directed steps.



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### Offering for April 12, 2026

**Total Sum. Collection \$3,996.00**

Capital Improvement \$1,294.00

Votive Candles \$ 141.00

Holy Thursday \$ 1,035.00

Good Friday \$ 1,127.00

Easter Vigil \$ 1,843.00

### Third Sunday of Easter

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life.

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**Baptism:** Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

### Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

**Sun 4/19:** \* Maria, Joseph and all souls by Huong Truong  
\* Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph, all souls by Hung Ha  
\* Joseph Anh Dung by family

**Mon 4/20:** \* Maria by family

**Tues 4/21:** \* Dominic and intention by Ca Do

**Wed 4/22:** \* Maria by Cuong Anh family

\*All souls, ancestors both sides & intention by 1 person

**Thurs 4/23:** \* All souls by Hong Au

\* Lucia, Ann, Phillippe, Joseph, all souls & intention by 1 person

**Fri 4/24:** \* Joseph and Maria by Hong Au

\* Thanksgiving, all souls and intention by 1 person

**Sat 4/25:** \* Peace for family by Hong Au

\* Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph, all souls by Hung Ha