

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

“Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

— Psalm 66(65):1-2

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.

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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).

Psalm — 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).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God has planned with perfect wisdom, the plan of my life to its tiniest detail—and, according to His intention, it is a perfect plan.

My life will be perfect and happy if I but follow the plan of God in my regard.

A child naturally thinks as its father. I am a child of God, and so I must think like God, my Father. As much as it is possible, I must think with God regarding the plan of my life. I cannot—for my life-plan is already designed—improve God’s plan.

I must see eye to eye with God to make a complete success of my life. To follow God’s plan, I realize that I must know it, I must ask God through prayer to reveal it to me. He will—for He has promised it: “Ask, and you shall receive. Seek, and you will find.”

He who follows a plan of life of his own devising has a fool for a leader and a fool-follower.

To acquire solid virtue means to be devoted to God in most ardent attachment, in most absolute dependence, in continual and unconditional surrender to God’s Holy Will, in utter and habitual self-sacrifice and self-forgetfulness.

May I know Thy ways, O my God, love and follow them!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Hunter Sherlock and Gracin Sherlock.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Catholic Home Missions*. Please be generous.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER will be celebrated Monday, May 1st at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is asked to attend this Mass and bring tools to be blessed. To prepare ourselves for the feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer beginning Thursday, April 28th. The Society of Mary Immaculate will take care of the feast.

FAITH AND DOUBT

Doubt sees the obstacles;

Faith sees the way!

Doubt sees the darkest night;

Faith sees the day!

Doubt dreads to take a step;

Faith soars on high!

Doubt questions, “Who Believes?”

Faith answers, “I.”

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE.

MORNING PRAYER Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.

Friday 6:30 p.m.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$4,720.00	\$5,546.00
Number of Families contributing	90	78
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (15 Weeks)	\$49,981.00	\$50,704.00
Received to Date	\$45,369.00	\$38,263.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,612.00	\$12,441.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$157.00	\$3,037.00

Twenty ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$500.00	\$37,940.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$2,671.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$117.00.

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$44.00.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION totaled \$410.00.

TRUE RICHNESS

Whenever you want to know how rich you are...
 Don't count your money,
 drop a tear and count how many hands reach out to wipe it.
 THAT'S TRUE RICHNESS.

ONE LINERS

- **The intensity of an itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.**
- **He who laughs last, thinks slowest.**
- **Things are more like they used to be than they are now.**
- **Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!**
- **Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.**
- **It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time."

The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Tuesday: St. Mark
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day
Friday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort;
 National Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Cracker on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Cracker's Mike.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of John F. on the 7th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: For the repose of the souls of Black Barney and Winifred.
Thursday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Big King on his 82nd Birthday.
Friday: For Matt Thomas Sherlock on his Birthday.

THE GLORY OF MAY

*The glowing fields of dandelions
 Have turned a snowy white
 That looks like freshly fallen snow,
 How they sparkle in the light!*

*A bowl of blue with fluffy clouds
 Looks down this perfect day;
 On our heavenly Father's masterpiece,
 A day in the month of May.*

READERS

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| Sat. Apr. 22nd, 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed | Sat. Apr. 22nd, 7:00 P.M.
Leah & Dayna |
| Sat. Apr. 23rd, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley |
| Sat. Apr. 29th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Julie Ann | Sat. Apr. 29th, 7:00 P.M.
Bridgette Anna &
Christina Apple |
| Sun. Apr. 30th, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - | Dayna |
| Tuesday | - | Marlo |
| Wednesday | - | Julie Ann |
| Thursday | - | Ashley Carroll |
| Friday | - | Lauren Ashley |

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - | Theresa Hun |
| Tuesday | - | Jack's Mary Rita |
| Wednesday | - | Julie Ann |
| Thursday | - | Betty Jo |
| Friday | - | Ned's Rose Marie |

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | April 22nd |
| Right | Winnie Ann |
| Left | Bridget Rita |
| Saturday 7:00 P.M. | |
| April | Mary Margaret & Mary Cat |
| Sunday 10:00 A.M. | |
| April 23rd | April 30th |
| Nora | Ned's Rose Marie |

FACING 5 THINGS

**MISTAKES, FAILURES, INSULT,
 FRUSTRATIONS & REJECTIONS**
are part of progress and growth. Nobody ever achieved anything worthwhile without facing these 5 things.

PATIENCE

**Patience with family is love.
 Patience with others is respect.
 Patience with self is confidence.
 PATIENCE with God is faith.**

WHY & WHY NOT

**DON'T LOOK BACK AND ASK WHY.
 LOOK AHEAD AND SAY WHY NOT.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER TO MARY, HELP OF THE HELPLESS

Holy Mary, help the helpless, strengthen the fearful, comfort the sorrowful, pray for the people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women and men consecrated to God; may all who honor you experience the powerful help of your assistance. Amen.