

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2017

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

— Acts 2:28

ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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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 — Lord, you will show us the path of life (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).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,280.00	\$1,992.00
Number of Families contributing	127	102
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$56,225.00	\$60,721.00
Received to Date	\$59,586.20	\$51,579.20
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$3,361.20)	\$9,141.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$253.00	\$5,599.00

Thirty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$5,144.41
Amount Outstanding	

Five people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$95.00	\$5,296.00

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$3.00.

20 **CHILDREN** contributed \$122.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$79.00.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS totaled \$522.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 230, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 180.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Trinity Dome Collection*. Please be generous.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"...and he loved her: And Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

—GENESIS 24:67B

A young couple was married after having been introduced by an IBM computer. Their physical characteristics, personality traits, backgrounds and mental prowess were fed into the computer and were matched.

While matchmaking by machine is an innovation, yet matching rather than selection is not new. One of the first cases of matchmaking was by Abraham who chose his son's bride. Today's youth would object to such matchmaking. They want to make their own selection. However, before the story is ignored there is an important truth to learn.

Successful marriage is not just finding the right mate, but becoming the right mate. Abraham knew the marriage of his son would work because he had built character into his son that would make him the right kind of husband.

In our age of soaring divorce rates it is imperative that each partner strive to make his marriage work by becoming the right kind of marriage partner. God's Word speaks much of the marriage relationship and emphasizes the role each should play in developing a proper Christ-like spirit which will ensure the success of his marriage.

Lord, make me a loving Christ-like marriage partner.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Pat Raid Riley in loving memory of him on the 15th Anniversary of death;
2. Hannah Marie and Family in loving memory of Danny Ho Mulholland on his 61st Birthday and Winnie Girl Carroll on her 59th Birthday;
3. the Family of John Bo and Dee Dee in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Tommy Joseph Riley and Dominique Riley.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for David Patrick Sherlock and Jewel Sherlock.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

will be celebrated this Monday, May 1st, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is asked to attend this Mass and bring tools to be blessed. To prepare ourselves for the feast of St. Joseph, we began a Triduum Prayer Friday, April 28th. The Our Lady of Presentation Legion Group will organize the feast.

MASTER'S TABLE

The Youth Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, May 4th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jack's Mary Rita.

ST. ANTHONY RELICS

The relics of St. Anthony will be exposed in the Church this Thursday & Friday, May 4th & 5th. The mass on Thursday is at 7:00 P.M.

7TH ANNUAL ST. EDWARD'S WALK-A-THON will be held this Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 P.M. The entry fee is \$65 per person. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$20 each.

FEAST OF BLESSED CEFERINO On May 4, 1997 Pope John Paul II declared Ceferino Blessed. Blessed Ceferino is very special to us. Hence it is our honor and privilege to celebrate his feast on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 P.M. Mass. All are requested to participate and get yourself blessed. The Our Lady of Epiphany Legion Group will organize the Feast.

WHAT IS HATRED?

*Non acceptance of person as he is.
If we accept a person unconditionally, it becomes love.*

THANK YOU to a member for donation in honor of St. Gerard and three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

BIBLE GUIDE

What are the other Historical Books of the Old Testament?

The other Historical books of the Old testament are: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith, and Esther. They deal with the history of Israel, beginning with the entry into the promised land and narrating, in turn, the grandeur under David and Solomon, the division of the Kingdom into North and South, the Babylonian Exile and Return, and culminating in the glorious struggle for freedom under the Maccabees.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by, and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks long and hard before telling the head monk, "Food bad." Ten years later, it's his turn to speak again. This time he says, "Bed hard." A decade later, it's the big day again. The man gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit." "Well I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Tuesday:** St. Athanasius
- Wednesday:** Ss. Philip and James
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** First Friday; Cinco de Mayo
- Saturday:** First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Tuesday:** In repose of the soul of Pat "Al" Carroll.
- Wednesday:** In loving memory of Pat "Raid" Riley on the 15th Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:** For Pete Suedle Carroll.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Rosie Girl Carroll on the 7th Anniversary of her death.

HEALED

*We are healed through Jesus, the Savior of our soul.
Through faith we know Jesus heals, He cleaned us, made us whole.
As we asked for healing, His promise we did claim.
We shall have whatever we ask if we ask in Jesus' name.
We give thanks for healing our health has been restored.
We will praise the name of Jesus precious, wondrous Lord.*

READERS

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| Sat. Apr. 29th, 4:00 P.M.
Apple's Christina &
Dayna | Sun. Apr. 29th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Apple's Carolyn |
| Sun. Apr. 30th, 10:00 A.M. | Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph |
| Sat. May 6th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Julie Ann | Sat. May 6th, 7:00 P.M.
Dominique &
Natalie |
| Sun. May 7th, 10:00 A.M. | Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | Macy |
| Tuesday | Natalie |
| Wednesday | Kara |
| Thursday | Cathy Lisa Butts |
| Friday | Karen |

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | Apr. 29th |
| Front | Bridget Ann |
| Front Left | Rose Marie |
| Left Cup | Catherine Ann |
| Front Right | Rose Melissa |
| Right Cup | Ann T. |
| Sick | Bunk's Ann |

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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| Apr. 30th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie | May 7th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie |
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Mary Cat |
| Tuesday | Pete Man's Nora |
| Wednesday | Ann T. |
| Thursday | Rose Marie |
| Friday | Bridget Ann |

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

No matter how tall you are, you can never see tomorrow.

BE PATIENT!!!

No matter how light skinned you are you will always need light in the darkness.

TAKE CAUTION!!!

No matter how rich and how many cars you have, you will always walk to bed.

BE CONTENT!!!

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

FILL US WITH YOUR JOY

Lord Jesus, through the gift of Your Holy Spirit, You fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with Your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for Your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of Your victory over the grave and gift of everlasting life. Amen.