

Third Sunday
of Easter

April 26, 2020

Cry out with joy to God!

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:2:14a, 36-41: Peter exhorts those who crucified Jesus, and 3,000 are baptized

1 Peter:2:20b-25: You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Jn:10:1-10: The sheep know the shepherd's voice led to recognize Jesus.

We will be live streaming this Sunday Mass at 10 a. m. @

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7C/

There are many opportunities to view Mass via live stream while public Masses are cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. Weekday and Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from various churches in our diocese.

OAHU

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu

Sundays at 9 AM, Bishop Larry Silva presiding

Mondays to Saturdays at 8 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica>

or www.hictv.com

Sacred Heart, Punahou

Sundays at 8 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartpunahou>

St. John Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani

Saturdays at 5 PM and Sunday at 11 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnmililani/live>

St. Joseph, Waipahu

Daily at 7 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/St.JosephChurchWaipahu/>

St. John the Baptist, Kalihi

Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 8 AM

Para misa en Español, seguir este enlace. Estará disponible el domingo a las 8 AM.

<https://www.facebook.com/kalihicentral/>

MAUI

Christ the King, Kahului

Sundays at 9 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/ctkchurchmaui/>

or Maui radio station 105.5 FM

St. Anthony, Wailuku

Sundays at 9 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/stanthonymaui.org/live>

Rebroadcasts of Sunday Mass available at <https://stanthonymaui.org/>

Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses: www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyl9g9A5SGWA4FuGIA

Catholic TV Mass. . . www.watchthemass.com/

EWTN Daily Mass. . . <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. . . www.nationalshrine.org/mass/

Catholic Faith Network Masses. . . www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses



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Prayers

Pope Francis' Prayer with Mary for COVID-19 . . .

<https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2020/text-of-popes-prayer-to-mary-during-coronavirus-pandemic.cfm>

Archbishop Gomez Prayer for COVID-19. . .

<http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>

Spiritual Communion. . . (<https://www.archny.org/acts-of-spiritual-communion/>

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity. . .

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/covid-19-prayer-of-solidarity.cfm>

Light a Candle Online (from the National Shrine of St. John Neumann).

www.stjohnneumann.org/faith-miracles/light-a-candle-online

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The COVID-19 virus forces us and our parishioners to grapple with a difficult reality. Amid self-isolation and “stay-at-home” orders, an increasing number of people are experiencing sickness and death separated from other people. Liturgical Press (Collegeville, MN) has posted more free resources in their website that relate to healing and grief. **Praying Together, Praying Apart: At-Home Prayers for Times of Healing, Illness, and Death** is a new resource available for free download in their website and at the links below for praying in times of healing, illness and death. I also attached it for your convenience. A free Spanish language edition of this resource is coming shortly as well on this page: <https://offers.litpress.org/coronavirus-response-to-customers>. Please consider sharing this on your own parish websites for your communities use. The attached provides the following:

Part I: **Prayers of Comfort, Hope, and Healing:** These texts can be prayed by individuals, families, or other groups. Part II: **Lucernarium for Healing:** Lucernarium, or “service of light,” grows out of the tradition in the early church of lighting lamps for evening prayer. This celebration of light rejoices in Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, the Light no darkness can overcome. Part III: **Rosary for Healing with Luke the Evangelist:** The rosary is a prayer pathway that invites us to meditate on significant events in Jesus’ life. The Rosary for Healing with Luke the Evangelist focuses on the healing mission and ministry of Jesus Christ, allowing us to enter more fully into the healing experiences within Luke’s Gospel. Begin each decade by reading the corresponding Scripture passage. Part IV: **At-Home Service of Prayer when Someone Has Died:** One of the realities of social distancing is the inability to gather as a community for wakes, funerals, and other memorial services when someone has died. This service of prayer is intended to give people a way to pray in their own homes as they grieve the loss of a loved one.

WORD OF LIFE: “From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, such your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music.” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*
“Another Look at Abortion”

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 26 Sun: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts:2:14, 22-33; Ps:16; 1 Peter: 1:17-21; Lk:24:13-35

Apr 27 Mon: Easter Weekday

Acts:6:8-15; Ps:119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn:6:22-29

Apr 28 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts:7:51-8:1a; Ps:31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b, & 8a, 17 & 21ab; Jn:6:30-35

Apr 29 Wed: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor

Acts:8:1b-8; Ps:66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn:6:35-40

Apr 30 Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts:8:26-40; Ps:66:8-9, 17, 20; Jn:6:44-51

May 1 Fri: Easter weekday

Acts:9:1-20; Ps:117:1bx, 2; Jn: 6:52-59

May 2 Sat: Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor

Acts:9:31-42; Ps:116; 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn:6:60-69

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

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 made to be shared with others. (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

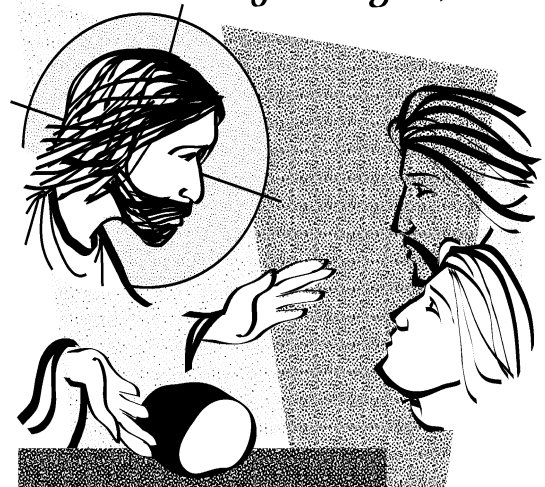
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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On the Journey

In our mobile, disposable world, it’s hard to teach our children the value of things that last. (Never mind the next generation; we’re having trouble ourselves!) Young people go away to college. They settle in areas far way from where they were raised. When they get there, they eat instant dinners on plates they throw away. Skilled artisans are fewer than in generations before us. There’s no one left to repair things—if there is anything left worth repairing. We buy cheap and then rather than fix it, we discard it to buy a new one. We don’t really mind doing this because we get tired of the old one anyway. When it breaks, we’re glad to get something fresh, new, and different. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

when he Broke the Bread
and said the Blessing,
their eyes were opened and
they recognized him.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Stay with Us

Lord of Glory, Risen One,
you have begun to recreate our world.
Stay with us
when we feel sorrow and need
your consolation.
Stay with us
when we need your wisdom and guidance,
and when we study and reflect on your Word.
Stay with us

when we gather at table
to meet you and one another in fellowship
and love.
And stay with us, Lord,
as we go forth to tell others
that you are with us always,
and that you want us always to be with you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Persuading

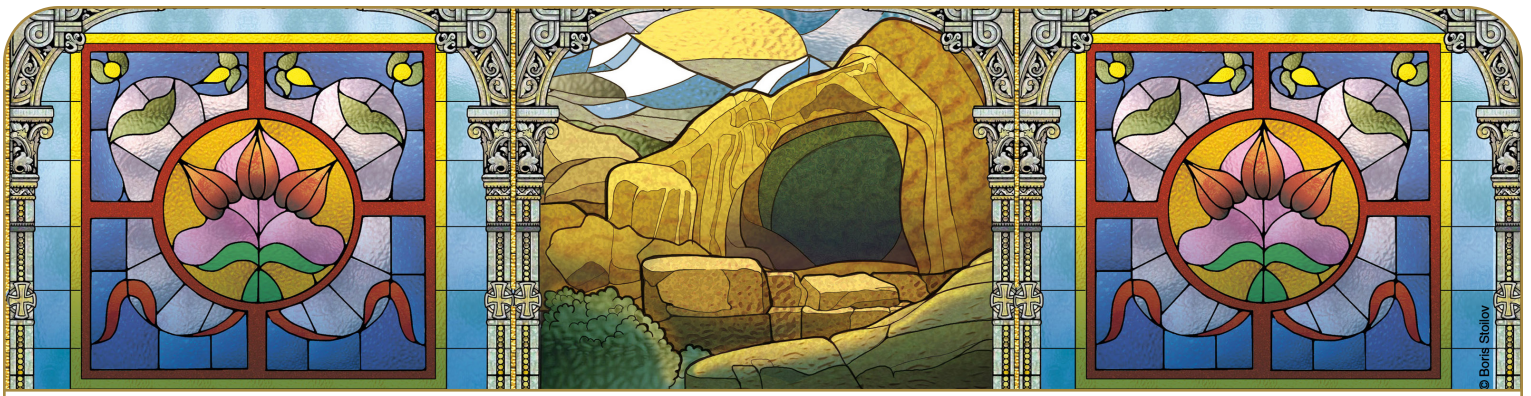


Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11 (11a); 1 Peter 1:17–21; Luke 24:13–35. When the Risen Christ appears to the disciples who are leaving Jerusalem, he gets them talking—about his ministry, crucifixion, and even the reports that he was alive. He then helps them to interpret these events with reference to their shared Scriptures, which we call the Old Testament. With their hope renewed, Christ then breaks bread with them, and they finally recognize him and understand that Christ is in communion with them.

In his speech in Acts, Peter uses different techniques to persuade his hearers of the truth of what he says. He appeals to what they themselves witnessed during the min-

istry of Jesus. He quotes the Scriptures and what they know about King David. He speaks of his encounter with the Risen Lord. Finally, he refers back to the unmistakable presence of God's Spirit, which is enabling Jews of every language to understand his words.

The Second Reading tells us what we already know and believe about Jesus, but in language that is rich and eloquent, thereby reinvigorating our faith. We might not be as eloquent as St. Peter, but there are other ways to persuade people of the life-giving power of the cross. By conducting ourselves “with reverence” and following the guidance of God's Spirit, we will open people's eyes to the presence of the Risen Christ.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 27

Signs

When the people ask Jesus how to do God's will, Jesus tells them to believe that God sent him. In Acts, we hear how Stephen so utterly believed in Jesus that he shared Christ's power to work "great wonders and signs." Such signs were meant to help people believe that God sent Jesus for the salvation of the world, but many people struggled to accept the meaning of the signs as well as Jesus' identity. Read John 6:1–15 and reflect on all that this sign means. *Today's Readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 28

Always

After eating the bread that Jesus gave them, the crowd asks to have "this bread always." Jesus clarifies that he himself is their bread—and those who believe in him will have this bread always. Even during death, a death that resembled Jesus', the apostle Stephen experiences the enduring presence of Christ. In what ways have you seen that Christ is always with you? *Today's Readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Jesus declares that he will welcome everyone who seeks him, for God wills that people find life through his Son. The Samaritans find life in the Son because of Philip, who preaches, expels demons, and heals people in their midst. St. Catherine, who also wanted Christ to have all that his Father entrusted to him, passionately and persistently advocated for reforms within the Church. Her work was quite different from Philip's, but both labored in fidelity to Christ and his Father. Learn a little more about St. Catherine of Siena today. *Today's Readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 30

Drawn by God

Before Jesus, God revealed himself in events, through the prophets, and in his laws. Now God draws people through the fullest revelation of himself possible: his Son. The man in the passage from Acts first encounters God through the prophet Isaiah. When Philip, led by the Holy Spirit, explains the meaning of the text and tells him about Jesus, the man believes and is baptized. We cannot know God all by ourselves. Thank someone today who helped draw you to God. *Today's Readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, May 1

Seeing and Believing

When Jesus continued talking about how he is the bread of life, people became more resistant to his claims. Saul rejected Jesus' claims so completely that he attacked Jesus' followers. Then Saul had an encounter with Jesus that left him as physically blind as he was spiritually blind. Saul, now St. Paul, only recovered his sight when he accepted that Jesus truly did come from heaven, sent by his Father. How have you failed to see Christ? What helped you to see him? *Today's Readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius

When others turn away from Jesus, Peter remains, saying that Jesus has "the words of eternal life." Filled with faith in Christ, Peter later heals people and even raises a woman from the dead. During the fourth century, people vigorously debated whether Jesus was truly one with his Father. St. Athanasius insisted that he was, because only then would God have fully revealed himself and his saving love for the life of the world. Reflect on and pray with the words of the Nicene Creed. *Today's Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*





RENEWAL OF CONSECRATION TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020

9:00 AM

Livestream of Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, together with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, rededicating North America to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

<https://twitter.com/USCCB>

<https://www.facebook.com/usccb/>

<https://www.instagram.com/usccb/>

6:00 pm

Livestream of the rosary led by Bishop Silva to celebrate the rededication of North America to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to open the Marian Month.

6:30 pm

Livestream of rerun of Rededication of North America to the Blessed Virgin Mary (See 9:00 am entry above, but use Cathedral channels below)

7:15 pm

Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, to pray for a restoration to work for all in the pandemic crisis.

****All live-streamed Masses at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace will be available on:**

www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica
or <https://hawaiiicatholicstv.com>.