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Did Jesus appear to a married couple on the road to Emmaus?

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Some scripture scholars believe the Risen Jesus revealed himself to a man and his wife while they were walking home.

One of the most common Scripture passages the Church reflects on after Easter Sunday, recounts the appearance of Jesus to a pair of disciples on the road to Emmaus. This passage only appears in the Gospel of Luke and gives only a few hints about the identity of these disciples.

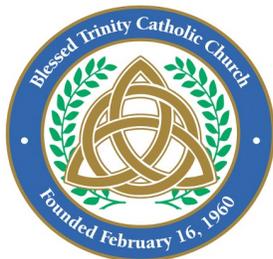
Luke does identify one of the disciples by name, “**One of them, named Cleopas**” (Luke 24:18). This name identifies a man, while the other disciple is not named.

However, in the Gospel of John, one of the women at the foot of the cross has a husband named “Clopas.”

“**Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala**” (John 19:25).

Now, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus **invited Jesus into their home**, ““Stay with us, for it is nearly

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The church is open for private
prayer Saturday and Sunday:
8:00 AM - 12 Noon
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evening and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them.” (Luke 24:29).

These details have led some scholars to conclude that the Emmaus disciples were actually a man and wife.

Another point of evidence that points to the possibility of Cleopas’ wife being the second disciple is from the dialogue Jesus has with them. According to an early 20th-century scholar featured in the *Expository Times*, “At this point Cleopas ceases. But all has not been said. And what is still to be said is in another voice. **It is the wife who breaks in—**’But more than all these things, today is the third day since these things happened’; and more than all that, **‘certain women also of our company** made us astonished ...; the women found not his body; the women came, saying, that they had seen a vision of angels which said he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even as the women had said: but him they saw not.’ **This is the woman’s side of the case.** It is an altogether different kind of evidence and excuse for their departure from Jerusalem and return to Emmaus.”

Since Mary, the wife of Clopas, is often grouped in the women who were at the foot of the cross and who went to the tomb, it appears that she may be the one speaking to Jesus in this passage.

Considering these various facts, it is possible that Jesus appeared to a married couple and revealed himself to them in the “breaking of the bread.”

Does this matter?

Well, it can remind us that **Jesus wants to walk with married couples** and wants to be invited into their homes. While not speaking of the identity of the disciples, St. John Paul II comments briefly on this passage in his *Letter to Families*.

*The life that comes from Christ is a life for us. **It is for you, dear husbands and wives, parents and families!** Did Jesus not institute the Eucharist in a family-like setting during the Last Supper? **When you meet for meals and are together in harmony, Christ is close to you.** And he is Emmanuel, God with us, in an even greater way whenever you approach the table of the Eucharist. **It can happen, as it did at Emmaus, that he is recognized only in “the breaking of the bread”** (cf. Lk 24:35). **It may well be that he is knocking at the door for a long time, waiting for it to be opened so that he can enter and eat with us** (cf. Rev 3:20).*

Pope Benedict XVI also reflects on this Scripture passage in a [general audience](#), encouraging us to invite Jesus to “**stay with us**” as these disciples did.

Dear friends, today too the Risen One enters our homes and our hearts, even when, at times, the doors are closed. He enters giving joy and peace, life and hope, gifts we need for our human and spiritual re

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Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic

*Lord Jesus Christ,
You came into this world
for our salvation.*

*Look kindly on us now, we pray,
that we, and all those who serve You,
might be kept safe from this epidemic.*

*Heal those who are sick,
comfort the suffering, bring back
those who have gone astray, and
above all, increase our faith, O Lord.*

*Give us the grace to follow You and,
like the martyr St. Corona, who gave
her life for love of You, to take up our
crosses daily without fear or hesitation.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the
living God, have mercy on us and
on the whole world.*

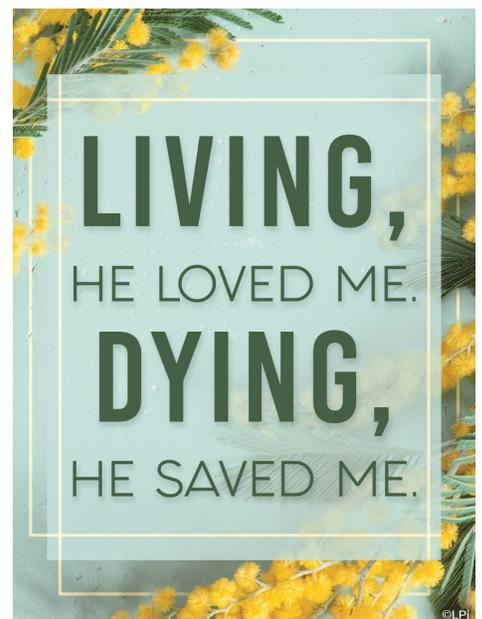
*St. Corona, patroness of
epidemic victims, pray for us.*

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birth. Only he can roll away those stones from the tombs in which all too often people seal themselves off from their own feelings, their own relationships, their own behavior; stones that sanction death: division, enmity, resentment, envy, diffidence, indifference. Only he, the Living One, can give meaning to existence and enable those who are weary and sad, downhearted and drained of hope, to continue on their journey.

Marriage and family life are renewed with the presence of Jesus. We should make the disciples' words our own, as Pope Benedict exhorts, "The unknown wayfarer 'appeared to be going further' (v. 28), but then he stayed with them because they asked him to so insistently: 'Stay with us' (v. 29). **We too must say insistently to the Lord, over and over again, 'Stay with us.'**"

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Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

NEW Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Thurs. Fri.

9am - 4 pm (Closed Wed)

Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Receive Encouragement Each Day

You are invited to sign up to receive daily Scripture reflections on *Courageously Living the Gospel* that will provide suggestions and prayers for more boldly living your faith. Reflection writers include local Catholic leaders such as Bishop Gregory Parkes. You can choose to receive the reflections via email or text. Sign up to be courageous, visit www.dosp.org/reflection.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25, *Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist*

8:00 a.m.

A. Frederick Susi (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

Comeau and LaRosa Families (Liv & Dec)

Sunday, April 26, *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 a.m.

Livia Conte (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

The Caruso Family (Dec)

Monday, April 27

8:00 a.m.

Bill Maslar (Dec)

Tuesday, April 28, *Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest*

8:00 a.m.

Joseph Biden (Liv)

Wednesday, April 29, *Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

Thursday, April 30, *Saint Pius V, Pope*

8:00 a.m.

Rose Latusek (Liv)

Friday, May 1, *Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker*

8:00 a.m.

Lillian Getgen (Liv)

Saturday, May 2, *Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.

A. Frederick Susi (Dec) and
Mary Lou Deuel (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

James Lawler (Dec) and
Lindsey Stallard (Dec)

Sunday, May 3, *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 a.m.

Joseph Karibo (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Elly McManus (Dec)

During this time of no public Masses, the requested Mass Intentions are offered in a private Mass celebrated daily by Fr. Wayne.

Bulletins can be accessed on our website or are available for you to pick up in the church.

I have been very moved by some of today's commercials. Companies are saying, "We're here for you," show us not only that we are all in this pandemic together, but, that we are also creative, driven and industrious in moving forward.

"WE are here for YOU! We are not mediocre and we are not sitting ducks, we are church! We are not going anywhere! It is such a privilege to be in the office and witness the kindness, compassion, and generosity that is coming from our community. Even non-Catholics have donated to help us continue our work as church. The prayers and spiritual sharing are very uplifting. We have not forgotten you and you have not forgotten your church. Life is different but it is still life. Our work on earth as church leads up to eternal life. You think we are changed by this pandemic? It doesn't compare to the change eternal life will have on us, but, perhaps the present trial will assist us with the direction of our journey.

We are open! We continuously spray and disinfect the church to make it a safe place for you to visit. The church doors are unlocked from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM during the week and from 8:00 AM until 12 Noon on weekends. The parish office is open from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon and again from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Temporarily closed on Wednesdays due to staff cut backs.

Submitted by
Eileen Plasse



Offertory Report

**Thank you
for your generosity.**

Offertory: \$1,615.00

Dropped off or mailed in
Offertory: \$6,410.00

On-line giving since the beginning of April until the 15th
Easter: \$4,930.00
Other: \$ 113.50

ARE YOU NEW? What to Expect at Blessed Trinity

Welcoming

Our parishioners love meeting new people and sharing their lives with others. You'll also be greeted by some of the **most welcoming people you've ever met at a Church** - and we're not just talking about the Hospitality team.

Family Focused

If you have children, they are ALWAYS welcome to celebrate Mass with the community! Our **Family Faith Formation** program invites the whole family to participate in learning about the faith.

Dynamic Worship

Throughout the Mass, you'll be encouraged and invigorated by the community's full, conscious, and active participation in the Liturgy. **Our Community loves to SING!** From traditional hymns to contemporary worship music, the word of God is proclaimed in a dynamic fashion. The homilies are geared towards challenging our parishioners to become better Christians.

A Church Unlike Any Other

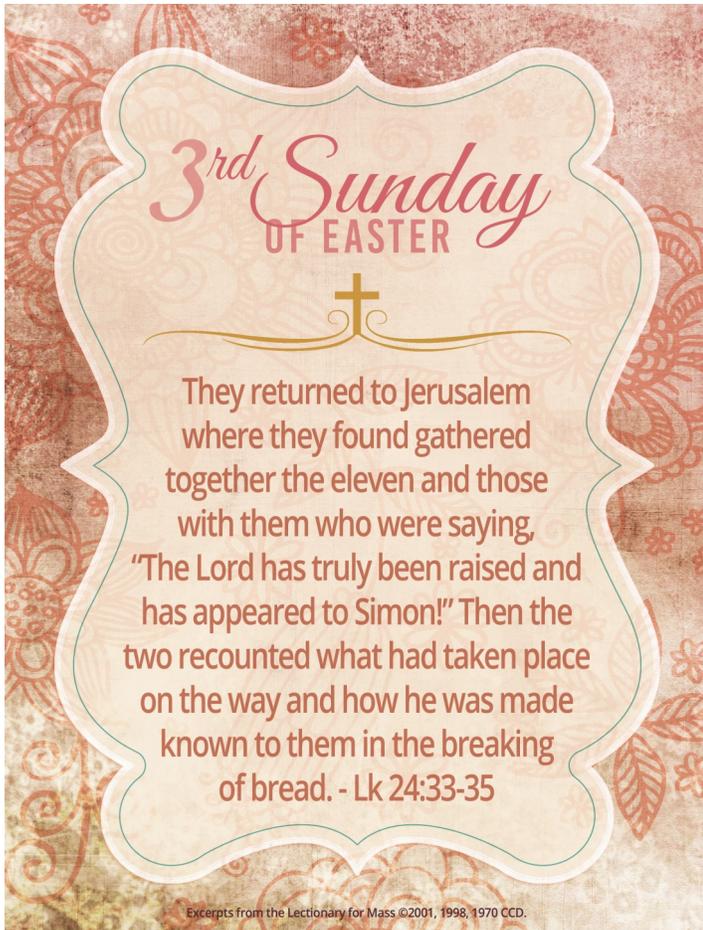
There's so much more to talk about! Our Parish is a wonderful, dynamic community and we welcome you to celebrate liturgy with us this weekend!

It doesn't matter if this is your first time, 50th time, or first time in 50 years - know that you always have a place to worship, and a community to belong to at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

To learn more, visit WWW.BTSP.ORG

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This Week at Blessed Trinity
All events have been postponed or canceled.
Please keep checking in with us!



Protection from the Pandemic Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us

Bishop Gregory Parkes invites all to gather together via Livestream on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for prayer and devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As one Church, we will place our prayers before our Blessed Mother and ask her to intercede for us to Jesus Christ, our protector. During this time of the coronavirus pandemic, we need Mary's intercession more than ever. (This virtual event replaces the original Marian Congress scheduled for May 2nd.)

- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation (English/Spanish), *Courageously Living the Gospel Like Mary*, part one, by Father Carlos Rojas.
- 10:00 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in Multiple Languages
- 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Mass with Bishop Gregory Parkes (English only), which includes Consecration Renewal to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Crowning of Mary
- 11:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation (English/Spanish), *Courageously Living the Gospel Like Mary*, part two, by Father Carlos Rojas.

Visit www.dosp.org/HeartofMary to learn more.

Share Images from Faith at Home

Take a selfie of how you are celebrating faith at home during the coronavirus. Use the hashtag #DOSPFAithAtHome or email pics to socialmedia@dosp.org. Are you viewing the Mass online, praying a rosary, reading about the saints, doing Catholic crafts? Show us how you are living #DOSPFAithAtHome. Please note that we must have release forms signed and on file with the Diocese or school for any photos of minors.



In light of those who cannot attend Mass due to health issues and the corona virus, please check visit EWTN on Frontier: channel 285 and Spectrum: channel 1340 or 78. You can visit <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule> for a full schedule of Masses.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

Adkins, Chantale
Albertson, Michelle
Antczak, Harriet
Arnold, Barbara
Attard, Stephanie
Banks, Cathy
Barry, Marian
Beekman, Connie
Bennett, Elizabeth
Blondheim, Carmen
Bogensberger, Rosemary
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown, Dorothy
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Browning, Rea
Bruce, Phil
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
Ceci, Shirley
Chavez, John
Chris, David
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Cohn, Joan
Congiu, Rita
Dawson, Anthony Peter

Deacon Lionel Roberts
DeLucca, Rosemary
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Feehan, Joe
Feltus, Chuck & Lauren
Ferero, Antoinette
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
Fr. Jim Klima
Fraser, Sue Chapman
Freda, Eileen
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Graeme, Mary
Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Hamilton, Tom
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Heylan, Edward H.

Hepp, Loren
Hildebrand, Bud
Huff, Walt & Carole
Iglesias, Olivia
Infant Ursa
Kantowicz, Jan
Keithly, Claire
Kincaid, Kevin & Tammie
King, Ada
Kleinberger, Donovan
Kline, Irene
Krieger, Mary
Kwesell, Eugene
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Annette
Lawrence, Sandy
Leath, Bill
Lee, Donald
LeVan, George
Lindsay, Jane
Lovelace, Melayna
Lowery, Judith
Lucas, Laura
Lyons, Laura
Mack, Jackson
Maharne, Cecile
Mahoney, Colleen

Maitland, Steve
Mark, Jacqueline
Marois, Mary
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Merchant, Geraldine
Merchant, Rhoda
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Monahan, Sheila
Murdock, Cheryl & Evan
Neumann, Janet
Nichols, Robert
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
Nuñez, Marleny
Palumbo, Al
Pezzulo, Irene
Phillips, James
Pope, Stoney
Privitera, Sandy
Ray, Terry
Reardon, Kevin
Reardon, Kara
Reed, Edward, Jr.
Rivera, Joel
Reyes, Nila

Robinson, Agnes
Romani, Angelo &
Marlene
Rosa, Joe & Nina
Sanders, Kimberly
Sanders, Marilyn
Schaefer, Jake
Schneider, Mary Jo
Sclafani, Francesco
Sharp, Jennett
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Sheridan, Samantha
Simpson, Rose
Smith, Anita
St. Pierre, Rick
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Bill
Thompson, Susan
Thore, Isabelle
Vishnisky, Wayne
Watson, Doug & Claire
Whalen, Dorothy
Wood, Jena
Youngman, Ruth

