



# Blessed Trinity

## Weekend Magazine

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April 23, 2023 ▪ Third Sunday of Easter

## How many times did Jesus appear after His resurrection?

Philip Kosloski

*In all, Jesus is recorded as appearing 10 times to his disciples in his resurrected body.*

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples on numerous occasions. This he did not just on a single day, but on several days between his resurrection and ascension into Heaven.

**How many times to be exact?**

Technically speaking we don't know every single

**time that Jesus appeared to his disciples during these 40 days.** John himself explained how the Gospel accounts were not a complete historical record, "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book" (John 20:30).

However, the Gospels do record several of them. In all, Jesus is recorded as appearing 10 times to his disciples in his resurrected body.

### **Mary Magdalene**

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

*John 20:16-17*

### **Other Women (possibly Mary of Clopas, Mary the mother of James and Joanna)**

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

*Matthew 28:8-10*





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Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM  
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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### **Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus**

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them.

*Luke 24:13-43*

### **St. Peter (The First Time)**

"The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

*Luke 24:34*

### **The Disciples (Without Thomas)**

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

*Luke 24:36*

### **The Disciples (With Thomas)**

The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

*John 20:26-29*

### **Seven Disciples**

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

*John 21:1-2*

### **Five Hundred Disciples**

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

*1 Corinthians 15:6*

### **St. James and the Apostles**

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

*1 Corinthians 15:7*

### **Before the Ascension**

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Luke 24:50-53*

April 23, 2023

## Third Sunday of Easter

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' *eyes were prevented from recognizing* it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread – the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

**PRAY** Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."







## **Are You Hoping 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 Genereux, 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 Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 22, Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter**  
4:00 p.m. Sylvia Laudermilk Meyers (Dec)

**Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Lucilyn & Henry Clark (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

**Monday, April 24, Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**  
8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

**Tuesday, April 25, Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist**  
8:00 a.m. Elly McManus (Dec)

**Wednesday, April 26, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

**Thursday, April 27, Easter Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. John Marchese (Dec)

**Friday, April 28, Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, & St Louis Mary de Montfort**  
8:00 a.m. Dennis Dutilly (Dec)

**Saturday, April 29, Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena**  
8:00 a.m. Helen Mazur (Dec)

**Saturday, April 29, Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
4:00 p.m. Sr. Jeanne Barrett (Liv)

**Sunday, April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Ann Vargo (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. James Kimbis (Dec)

## **Prayer for Priests & Future Priests**

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

04/23 • For All Retired Priests  
04/24 • Rev. Richard C. Hermes, SJ  
04/25 • Tyler Gates, Seminarian  
04/26 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
04/27 • Rev. Jonathan I. Loverita  
04/28 • Rev. Pierre Dorvil, SMM  
04/29 • Rev. Sebastian Earthedath, MST

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



**Priestly Ordination**  
**Deacon Christian Galvan**  
May 20, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: “Say what you mean and mean what you say.”

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same? —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Journeying Through Grief



“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.” If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

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## Save the Date for Mary and the Eucharist Saturday, May 13



Bishop Gregory Parkes invites you to the fifth annual Diocese of St. Petersburg Marian Congress! The theme this year is *'Mary and the Eucharist.'* The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and we encounter the risen Christ each time we receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Our Blessed Mother has a special role in leading us to her son, Jesus in the Eucharist. Save the date to participate in the Marian Congress on May 13 at

the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle (5815 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg).

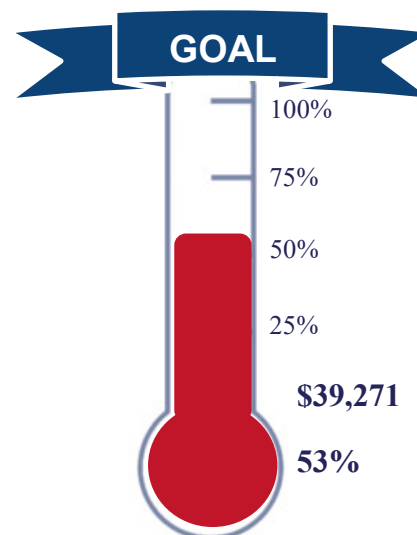
This day of joy, renewal and prayer will include dynamic speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a multicultural Rosary and Mass with Bishop Gregory Parkes. Also, renew your consecration or be consecrated to Jesus through Mary for the first time.

To learn more, visit [www.FloridaMarianCongress.org](http://www.FloridaMarianCongress.org)



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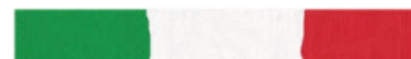


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### Messa in Italiano

Our Lady's Chapel,  
Cathedral of St. Jude  
5815 - 5th Avenue N.

**April 23 at 4:00pm**

Please come to pray and sing in  
**ITALIANO**

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM.

## Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023  
11:00 A.M.**

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5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

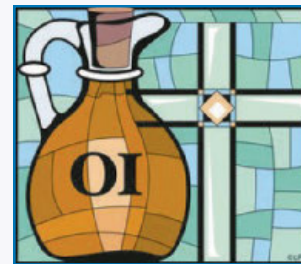
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abuse, their family and friends.

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Comeau, Teresa  
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Feldes, Chuck & Lauren  
Ferrara, Antoinette  
Fitzgerald, Dan  
Forbes, Monica & Tom  
Genereux, Carol  
Grimberg, Carol  
Hawkins, Barbara  
Helbig, Len  
Hoffman, Bette  
Huff, Walt  
Irvin, John and Marsha  
Kindel, Helen  
Kirchgessner, Marie  
Lanigan, John  
Lashley, Diana  
Lawler, Matthew

LeVan, George  
Lewis, Cynthia  
Maharne, Cecile  
Manley, Jan  
Manley, Paul  
Membreno, Mary & Gus  
Mesick, Phil & Nancy  
Newcomb, Jeff  
O'Connor, Mary  
Parmigiani, Valerie  
Preeper, Helen  
Privitera, Sandy  
Riley, Marie  
Roberts, Deacon Lionel  
Romani, Angelo  
Shelby, Ron & Montez  
Stankiewicz, Cy  
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Walsh, Thomas  
Youngman, Ruth



## Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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