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How the road to Emmaus mirrors what happens at Mass

Philip Kosloski - published on 04/19/26

St. Luke's narrative of the encounter on the road to Emmaus provides an accurate outline to how the Mass has been celebrated for 2,000 years.

What can be surprising to some people is that the Gospels don't end with Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, in each Gospel there are additional stories that tell what happens after Jesus' resurrection.

These stories relate how the risen Jesus encountered his disciples, showing to them the wounds in his hands and side, affirming that he rose from the dead.

One unique story that takes place after Jesus' resurrection is found in the Gospel of Luke. It explains how two disciples were walking along a road and met Jesus, though they didn't recognize him at first.

What's interesting is how this story **mirrors the essential outline of the Mass.**

Liturgy of the Word

The Mass always begins with the reading of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. After the Gospel the priest then explains how the readings we just heard are related to Jesus Christ and Christian living.

When Jesus encountered the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, he opens up scripture and explains it to them: "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he **interpreted to them in all the scriptures** the things concerning himself. (Luke 24:25-27)

This perfectly matches up with the first part of the Mass.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

After the homily, the Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist, where the priest takes bread and wine and makes present, through the power of God, Jesus himself.

The disciples did not recognize Jesus until he was made present in a unique way:

When he was at table with them, **he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them.** And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. (Luke 24:30-31)

Jesus is present in a special way in the Eucharist at Mass and so it is fitting that the disciples did not recognize him until this point.

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Sending out

The Mass ends with a dismissal, where the priest or deacon may say, "Go, the Mass is ended."

The USCCB offers a commentary on this dismissal that points to our overall mission:

After the blessing, the deacon dismisses the people. In fact, the dismissal gives the liturgy its name. The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word, "Missa." At one time, the people were dismissed with the words "*Ite, missa est*" (literally meaning "Go, she—meaning you, the Church—has been sent"). The word "Missa" is related to the word "*missio*," the root of the English word "mission." The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world.

In a similar way, the two disciples immediately went back to Jerusalem to tell everyone the "good news":

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:33-35)

Just as the disciples were nourished by Jesus' presence and were sent out in mission, we too are sent out after Mass into the world to tell everyone what happened to us when we encountered Jesus.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25, Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Nolan Hoshak (dec)

Sunday, April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Luisa Fernanda Salazar (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and Christine Alice Screeton (dec)

11:30 a.m. Guiseppina Sciortino (dec)

Monday, April 27, Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. John Marchese (dec)

Tuesday, April 28, Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Grace Leiva (liv)

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

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations and Judith Maginot (dec)

Thursday, April 30, Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Marylin Oviedo (liv)

Friday, May 1, Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mary Lou Deuel (dec)

Saturday, May 2, Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Connie Gueli (dec)

Sunday, April 26, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Eugene Donohoe (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Georgian Braun (dec)

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April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Pt 2:20b-25 | Jn 10:1-10

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DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our willingness to hear the voice of the Lord, especially when he speaks a word that will convict our hearts. In the first reading, Peter stands up and proclaims Christ crucified and risen, and some three thousand people who heard this were "cut to the heart" and were baptized. Peter's message was not an easy one to hear; he was, in part, reminding them that they had put Jesus to death. But something about Peter's words made it clear that he was speaking the truth. And they repented. They recognized, as we hear in our second reading, that they "had gone astray like sheep" but now they "have returned to the shepherd and guardian of [their] souls." As we seek to grow in discipleship, may we learn to recognize the Lord's voice in our lives, especially when he speaks a word that convicts our hearts, because it is only through him that we find abundant life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our Gospel tells us that the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. We "sheep" who know the Lord have the awesome task of helping others to come to know his voice. One of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal in the work of evangelizing is simply sharing about our own walk with the Lord. Take some time to talk with someone about the ways you recognize the Lord's voice in your life. Those for whom a relationship with God seems far-fetched or difficult can draw great encouragement from hearing about what that relationship looks like in your own life. Often, our own sharing can make it clear that it is possible to hear and communicate with God in a personal and life-changing way, leading them to seek that in their own life.

REFLECT

St. Ignatius of Loyola outlined several rules for the "discernment of spirits," a way of recognizing God's movement in our hearts. A simple summary of the rules says that when we stray from the Lord, the Spirit convicts our hearts, drawing us to repentance. When we are moving toward the Lord, the Spirit encourages our growth toward holiness by gifts of his peace and consolation. Spend some time reflecting on this current phase of your spiritual life. How is the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking to draw you toward his abundant life?



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Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,

Be the Good Shepherd in my life.

Help me to know your voice and to respond.

Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead.

Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.

Refresh my soul.

Amen. ©LPI

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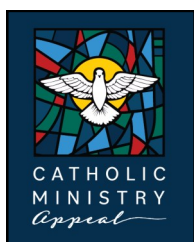


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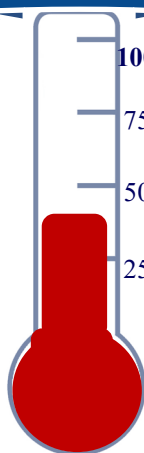
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Catholic Ministry Appeal



2026 GOAL



\$41,641 Paid as of March 24, 2026

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**Thank you for your generosity!
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Faith Community Nursing Event

Faith Community Nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice wholistic health for self, individual, and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. We will be available for blood pressure screenings on *Sunday, April 26th* after the 8 am, & 930 am masses in the Courtyard Hall. There will be handouts regarding high blood pressure, stroke, etc.

Join Us!

Join us and spin the wheel for free prizes!

Magnificat of St. Petersburg, a Ministry to Women,



Invites you to our Mother-Daughter Magnificat Meal Saturday, May 9, 2026, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Reservations—\$18.00, Check payable to *Magnificat* Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle 5815 Fifth Avenue North Join us for St. Jude's Parish Mass at 8:15 am



Speaker: Christina Georgianni and her daughter, Francesca Bauer
You may recognize Francesca as the host of Evenings and Sunday Praise on 90.5 Spirit FM

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Please mail your check, to our treasurer, Linda Barron, 6069 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. **Checks must be received by May 4, 2026.** Your ticket will be at the door. **Seating is limited.**

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 25 2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions	CR
Sunday, April 26 Coffee and Donuts and Faith Community Nursing event after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses	CYH
Monday, April 27 6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting	CYH
Tuesday, April 28 10:00 am Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, April 29 Adoration 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour	CH CH
Thursday, April 30 6:30 pm Choir Practice	MR
Saturday, May 2 2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions	CR
Sunday, May 3 Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses	CYH
Monday, May 4 6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting	CYH
Tuesday, May 5 10:00 am Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, May 6 Adoration 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour	CH CH
Thursday, May 7 6:30 pm Choir Practice	MR
Saturday, May 9 2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions	CR

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room
PL= Parking Lot



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

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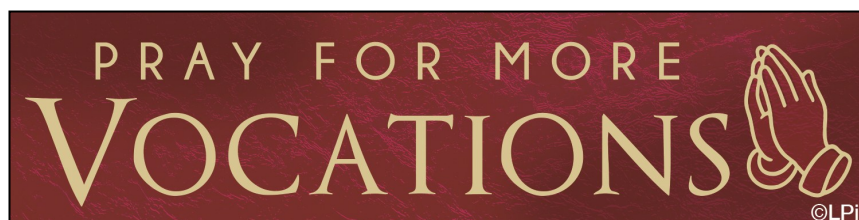
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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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