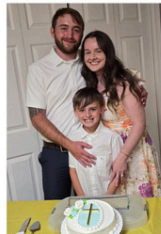




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The Third Sunday of Easter



Reflections

by Fr. Njoku Canice
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We continue to appreciate God's love for us on this third Sunday of Easter. Today, the Church urges us to continue to be joyful. This is because Christ has not only ransomed us with his precious blood. Christ continues in the scriptures (liturgy of the word) and the breaking of bread (liturgy of the Eucharist), the core of the Holy Mass.

In the first reading of this Sunday, after the Pentecostal experience, Peter continues to bear witness to the risen and glorified Christ. He argues that since it was impossible for Christ to be held captive by death, it is equally impossible for us, whom Christ has ransomed with his precious blood, to remain captives. This is because we share in Christ's new life. Now, we abide in his presence. There is no cause for alarm because "Those who abide in the presence of the Almighty God will rest in his shadow" (Ps. 91:1).

In the second reading, Peter calls us to live a life that is worthy of our new state through the resurrection of Christ. In other words, if God is truly our father, we must try to live holy lives because: "Those who call upon the name of the Lord, must depart from iniquity" (II Tim 2, 19). It is a life of witness and one that shows that Christ is alive in us.

Today's gospel draws our attention to important aspects of our Christian life. That is the liturgy of the Word and that of the Body and Blood of Christ (The Holy Eucharist). It is important to note the sequence of activities on this journey to Emmaus. First, Christ illuminated the minds of his disciples with scriptures (liturgy of the Word); "Then starting with Moses... he explained to them the passages through the scriptures about himself."

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Second, Christ celebrated the liturgy of his own body and blood (the Eucharist) with them: "While he was still with them at the table, he took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke it and gave it to them." Afterward, something significant happened: "Their eyes opened, and they recognized him" It is important to note that it was only after these two celebrations that these disciples recognized Christ, their master.

The celebration of the eucharist with his disciples underscores the importance of Christ's injunction: "Do this in memory of me." Indeed, he has ransomed and given us new life through his paschal mystery. Nevertheless, to sustain and nourish this new life, He left us himself in these two important liturgies of the Holy Mass (Word and Eucharist). Hence, the saying: "Liturgy is Life!" This means that if we forget these liturgies celebrated by Christ, we forget our new life in him.

Christ did this today to remind us that each time we celebrate these liturgies worthily, He opens our eyes to recognize his divine presence with us. By breaking bread in memory of Him, He nourishes our life and makes it new every day.

Therefore, at Mass, we recognize Christ daily, renewing our life in Him. This is because Christ at Mass offers himself again as a precious ransom for the renewal of our own life. Therefore, let us ask Christ always to open the eyes of our minds so that we may recognize Him during every eucharistic celebration. *Alleluia*, the risen Christ, is with us!

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!



Please bring military items of yours or a loved ones for our Memorial Day diplay, the weekend of May 23 and 24 Masses.

Virtues, Explained!



"For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to the entire human race...(teaching) us to reject godless ways and worldly desires," reads Titus 2:11-12, "and in the present age to lead lives that are temperate, just and godly."

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism (CCC 1809).

Temperance is not repression of feeling; it is an exercise of the will, a careful and calculated choice. In this way, temperance actually safeguards virtuous love, keeping it "whole and uncorrupted," said St. Augustine. The practice of temperance is intimately linked to the virtue of chastity, which "protects the intimate center of the person...refusing to unveil what should remain hidden" (CCC 2521).

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Saturday April 18, 2026
Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass **MARY AND RICHARD MONROE**

Sunday April 19, 2026
Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass **INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH**
BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday April 22, 2026
ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00
MASS 5:00 **NANCY CRIST- R.I.P.**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- 5:30

Thursday April 16, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.
SUSAN STATTON - R.I.P.

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Month of the Holy Eucharist

APRIL Anniversaries

Bob and Ora Graham- 11

Birthdays

Carolyn Blackburn- 2
Jim Randolph - 15
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Morlina Munoz -23
Gary Holland -23
Deacon Steve - 23

APRIL MASS INTENTIONS

Milicent Neubel R.I.P. - 8,9
Robert Hannibal R.I.P. -11
Vincent Conforti R.I.P -15
David Goss (Special Intention) - 16
Paul Walters R.I.P. -16
Mary & Richard Monroe R.I.P. -18
Nancy Virginia Lee Crist R.I.P. - 22
Susan Francis Miller Statton R.I.P. - 23
Vincent Conforti R.I.P -29



Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions

April 20-27

Monday April 20, 2026

Easter Weekday
First Reading: Acts 6: 8-15
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 4b
Gospel: John 6: 22-29

Tuesday April 21, 2026

Easter Weekday/ Bishop, Religious, Doctor
1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-37
Psalm: Psalms 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Alleluia: John 3: 14-15
Gospel: John 3: 7b-15

Wednesday April 22, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading Acts 5: 17-26
Psalm: Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Alleluia: John 3: 16
Gospel: John 3: 16-21:

Thursday April 23, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading Acts 5: 27-33
Psalm: Psalms 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
Alleluia: John 20: 29
Gospel: John 3: 31-36:

Friday April 24, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 6: 34-42
Psalm: Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 4b
Gospel: John 6: 1-15

Saturday April 25, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7
Psalm: Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Gospel: John 6: 16-21

Sunday April 26, 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Psalm: Psalms 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
2nd Reading: First Peter 1: 17-21
Alleluia: Luke 24: 32
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Prayer Requests

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* John Petrick
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