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The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

April 26
2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF *Easter*

THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOUNTED
WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY
AND HOW JESUS WAS MADE KNOWN
TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Luke 24:35



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"The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you."

On behalf of St. Patrick's Parish, I joyfully welcome you. Our hope is all who come to St. Patrick's will know the love of Christ. By God's mercy, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our patron St. Patrick, you will truly encounter the risen Lord and experience the Joy of the Gospel.

If you would like more information about our parish, please visit our website at www.StPatsSonora.org. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to request a new member packet. I would like to meet all of you. I am available for appointments. Please call me at (209) 532-7139 ext. 112 or email frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator



A Message from Fr. John Foley

There is a way that the human heart can say YES to God, and mean it, as we travel our own Road to Emmaus.

Suppose you and I are strolling along in the countryside and a stranger starts to stroll with us.

"What are you discussing as you walk along?" He asks, a little too boldly.

We stop. We are tempted to admit that we were worrying about the 2020 pandemic. Plus so much else.

One of us—maybe you—says to Him, "Are you the only person in the world who does not know what things have happened during these years and these centuries?"

He replies, "What sorts of things?"

You stammer these words, "we had promised to continue Christ's works, to revere his presence, to preserve his love so it could overflow through us to everyone." You look away. "But the Church is fragmented. So many bad things are happening.

"Bad things?" the visitor asks.

"Yes," you say.

"A number of our own priests have gone against the very mission they swore to preach. Some have been predators! So few are entering the priesthood now—how are we going to have sacraments when the virus won't allow us to?"

I give you a *calm down* signal, but you go right on, now louder.

"We are crucifying Christ all over again! Oh, we were hoping that he would make the whole world come right! What can we do?"

Jesus says quietly, "You are slow of heart. Don't you know it is necessary that Christ should suffer and so bring the world into his glory?"

Silence.

Then you reply.

"What do you mean—why should the Christ keep suffering? And worse, why would he let all these horrors happen through the world? This virus, for one thing. And remember Nazi Germany? And Sri Lanka, and Indonesia and Bosnia and Rwanda and Iraq and Afghanistan?"

So He begins to tell us the things that referred to Him in scripture, beginning with Moses and all the prophets. His voice is calm. He shows how God had long sought a loving relationship with His people, and how they would enter into it for a while but then would turn their backs on Him and walk away.

Battles and wars, belief and unbelief, rich versus poor—and worst of all, the sick, the very ones who are aching for love. Is there no way?

He tells us that there is a way the human heart can say Yes to God and mean it.

"One human being has done it on behalf of us all, One who is human to the core and yet even so will not stop trusting God—though trapped like the rest of us in mindless suffering and death. As often as you and the others, your brothers and sisters, join with Me in human faithfulness and love, the world will be changed."

He walks with us further.

And stays with us. His love is so gently strong that we can always count on it, even if we are sinners. It sends us out to others. It is in fact, God's love for people.

You have now become calm. So have I.

"Maybe the resurrection did happen," you are whispering so that the stranger cannot hear it. We both nod. We have recognized him. We have seen him in the breaking of the bread.

We see him in the breaking bones of the world.

Fr. John Foley, SJ

Fr. John Foley, is a scholar at Saint Louis University.

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STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord,
along the road of resurrection!
Explain for us, so slow to believe,
the things that Scripture says of you.
Break the bread of the Eucharist with us
whenever we share our lives
with our brothers and sisters.
Stay with us
each time night approaches
and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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Mass Intentions for the Week

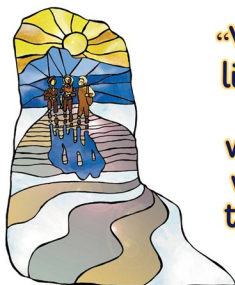
Saturday April 25 ~ Sunday May 3

Saturday	<i>No Intentions</i>
Sunday	Tete Arellano ☩ Lupe Diaz ☩ Alicia Sanchez ☩
Monday	<i>No Intentions</i>
Tuesday	<i>No Intentions</i>
Wednesday	<i>No Intentions</i>
Thursday	Terri Julian Gray ☩
Friday	<i>No Intentions</i>
Saturday	<i>No Intentions</i>
Sunday	Lupe Diaz ☩ Alicia Sanchez ☩

Fr. Banka will pray Mass Intentions at his personal daily Mass.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



"Wasn't it like a fire burning within us when he talked to us"



Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Jackie Boling	Kathy Lopez
David Costa	Ashlie Lotz
Evan Dean	Lois Marzocchi
Aldo Diaz	Jan Opie
Eileen Hogan	Gloria & Nuncy Patania
A.J. Holmes	Juan Pulido
Jeanne Kiely	Connie Scott
Bill Kiesling	Al Sullivan
Rosemarie Lapan	Clay Sweeney

To add or remove a name from this list, please contact the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday April 27 ~ Sunday May 3

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 or, Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday April 26 ~ Saturday May 2

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Siena
Thursday:	St. Pius V
Friday:	St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Athanasius; First Saturday

Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	4-12-20 Week 15 Participation 16%	4-19-20 Week 16 Participation 12%	April Totals To Date
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$9,865	\$4,340	\$25,764
OLMC	\$767	\$485	\$4,297
E-giving	\$2,435	\$770	\$5,640
Total	\$13,067	\$5,595	\$35,701
LAST YEAR	\$11,710	\$14,716	\$37,896
Maintenance Offering			
St. Pat's	\$	\$95	\$465
OLMC	\$	\$60	\$105
Total	\$	\$155	\$570
<p><i>Holy Thursday: St. Pat's \$403; OLMC \$90</i> <i>Good Friday: St. Pat's \$648; OLMC \$15</i> <i>Please continue to support your Parish during this crisis.</i> <i>Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!</i></p>			

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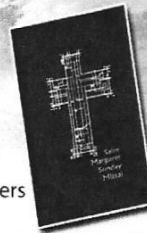
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