

...While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

LUKE 24:15-16

Not Just a Walk in the Park

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to

travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed. ●

Reflect

What has made you realize that the Lord walks with you?



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Peterstown Dates:
Sip n' Snack Fundraiser Sun May 7
Men's Cursillo Weekend June 8-11
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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, April 23rd - Last Class K thru 4th Grades
Sunday, April 30th - Last Class for 5th thru 8th Grades
CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of April 24, 2023

Monday	4/24			+ No Mass
Tuesday	4/25	9:00 am	STM	+ Liz Olivero
Wednesday	4/26	5:30 pm	HT	+ Mary Konieczny
Thursday	4/27	9:00 am	HT	+ Norm Farrell
Friday	4/28	9:00 am	STM	+ Special Intention

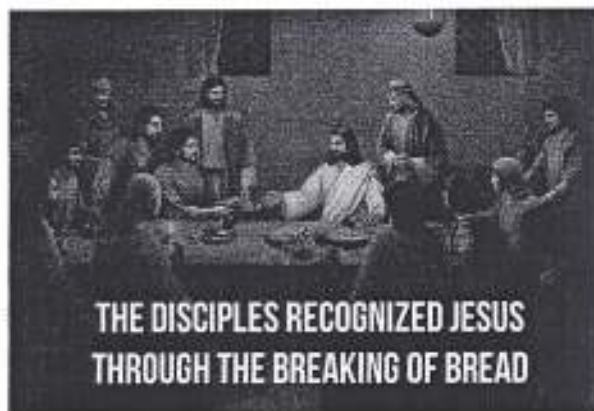
Mass Intentions for the weekend of April 29-30, 2023

Saturday	4/29	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Dec. Mem. Bacidore Family
Sunday	4/30	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Joyce Gillan
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ For the Parishioners
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ No Mass

Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread

In the Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. This theme emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist, and that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration.

We come together to show our unquestionable belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at each mass, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and to be nourished by his presence in the bread and wine. We are not called to follow Jesus alone, but to be part of a community of believers who support and encourage one another in our faith. Hence, we are called to recognize Jesus in unexpected ways, such as in people whom we may encounter on any given day, to share our testimony of faith, and to apply his teachings to our daily life.



Last ADA Update for the year

	Goal	Pledged	Shortfall
HT	\$13,696.00	\$7,725.00	\$5,971.00
SP	\$9,229.00	\$3,765.00	\$5,564.00
STM	\$8,062.00	\$3,355.00	\$4,707.00

A big hand of thanks to all who have contributed to the 2022-2023 ADA campaign. Again, to members who might consider giving or those who would like to give an additional contribution, there is still time. As a reminder, these shortfalls *must* be paid by contributions or by each church.

Sacramental Preparation



First
Reconciliation
And
First Eucharist

2nd Grade CCD Class

1st Reconciliation ~ April 29 @ STM
1st Communion ~ May 6 @ STM

SP Sausage/Breakfast Fundraising Profit

March 4th Sausage Profit = \$8,505.39

March 12th Breakfast Profit = \$1,432.00

We would like to again thank everyone who helped make these events a success.

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

Remember in prayer, family and friends of

Ronald Hoscheid - Holy Trinity

Virginia McNally - Holy Trinity

Peterstown TEC Fundraiser



Slip n' Snack Chicken Dinner ~ Mendota

Sunday, May 7th | 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

50/50 and Bake Sale at the door

Tickets \$12 (call Jim/Kathy Hoscheid 815-228-2525)

Includes: 1/4 Light or 1/4 Dark, or Chicken Strips Dinner

CARRY-OUT ONLY...MUST CALL AHEAD FOR PICKUP 815-539-7525

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND APR 16TH

HT - \$790.00

SP - \$511.00

STM - \$2,184.00

Cemetery Plot Increase

According to diocesan directives, the price for cemetery plots will be increased. Hence, the board of both SP & HT cemeteries have met and passed an increase of \$50. The cost per plot is now \$550.

CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE SAT. APR 29TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST THOMAS MORE

IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29	1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021