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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35



Good News!

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FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday:

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM ~ English

6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM

Thurs.(Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Adoration

Thurs.~ Spanish—6:30PM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30 PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for **Confession** or **Anointing of the Sick.**

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs:

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED
Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship, Prayer, & Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.-18	6:00PM	† Kathleen Delaney by Family † Regino Flores (3rd anniv.) by Janie Flores † Uvaldo Pena, Jr., (Heavenly birthday) by Romanos Family † Jim Van Blarcum by Barbara Burnett Healing of Brady Scarborough by Schneider Family
Sun.-19	7:30AM	† Irene T. Castaneda by Diane McBride & Family † Enriqueta Puente by Her Loving Family † Freddy Serna, Jr., by Murray Family Living and Deceased Members of the Sociedad Guadalupanas
	11:00AM	† Jerry Cross by His Loving Family † Steve Meehan by Kerrie Meehan Sheppard
	6:00PM	† Rosario Leon Angel (4 anos) por Familia Conchas † Antonio Martinez, † Teresa Diaz, † Jovita Vega, † Clemencia Gomez por Familia Gomez Martinez Natalia Ordoñez (4 años de vida) por sus papas Las familias de la parroquia
Mon.-20	8:00AM	† Rudy G. Leal (anniv.) by Bazan, Leal, and Hinojosa Families For the healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch
Tues.-21	8:00AM	For the healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch Strength and comfort of widows and widowers
Thurs.-23	6:00PM	† Terry Araiza (5 yrs.) por Anita Bazan † David Gaza por la Familia Gaza
	6:30PM	Adoration
Fri.-24	8:00AM	† Martin Hinojosa (anniv.) by Bazan, Leal, & Hinojosa Families For the healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch

Masses for April 25 & 26

Sat.-25	6:00PM	† Filiberto Contreras by Luisa Mesa † Steve Meehan by Collen Meehan Pavlick
Sun.-26	7:30AM	† Tyler Craddock by Joe & Mary Ortiz † Damian Ray Garcia by Veronica Garcia
	11:00AM	† Jerry Cross by His Loving Family † Leo Cueva by His Family † María Guadalupe Orona de Galván (49 yrs.,) by Maria Galván-Gordon † Norma Mendez (4th anniv.) by Family
	6:00PM	† Jose Rosario Becerril por Maria Ordoñez † Florencio Diaz, † Juana Enriquez, † Manuel Diaz, y † Javier Diaz por su familia † Antonio Martinez, † Teresa Diaz, † Jovita Vega, † Clemencia Gomez por Familia Gomez Martinez Las familias de la parroquia

Thank you for your donation to the altar flowers,
Melissa Acosta, Jennifer Alejandro, Jessica Alejandro,
Lelia Alejandro, Rose Chapa, Shana Dunn,
San Juanita Gaza, Darlene Grimes, Pam Herschap,
Margaret Hippensteal, Ninfa Hippensteal,
Frances Pruski, and Bethany Wanoreck

Ministry Schedule for Mass

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April 25—6:00PM—Lector: Pablo Alaniz

EM: Luis and Nora Romanos, Anita Bazan

Head Usher: San Juanita Gaza, Raquel S. Jimenez

April 26—7:30AM—Lector: Ed Ortiz

EM: Maria Miller, Laura Gwosdz, Volunteer

Head Usher: Bart Miller

11:00AM—Lector: Youth Mass- 4th Grade

EM: Karol Kocurek, Dee DeLeon, Jeri Alaniz,
Diana Aguilar

Head Usher: Tinker Villarreal

6:00PM—Lector: Elva Cavada

EM: Maria Graciela Ordonez, Albina Resendez

Head Usher: Paulin Becerril

Please let the parish office know if you can help as we need more lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers for all Masses.

PRAYER LIST

We continue to pray for the needs of those in our parish:

Rosa Arevalo, Beatrice Barron, Diana Cantu,
Karen Elyasevich, Art Forbes, Tyler Forbes,
Antonio Medrano, and Oscar Ortiz, Jr., and
Eva Soliz

The names of newly added persons will remain for three weeks. Contact the Parish Office if names need to be added to the prayer list.

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:

Theresa Laurienti and Ricki Rodriguez Choat

Praying for our Military

**We remember these service personnel in each
'Mass for the Families of the Parish'**

Air Force: Vincent Gordon, Preston Holliday,
Christopher Lauer II, Alayah Moore,
Deborah Thomas

Army: Father Jim Craig, Madeleena Delaney,
Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald,
Jacob Madrid, Eduardo Perales, Robert Ponce,
Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios, and
Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and
Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, Aubrey McCown,
and Noah Vasquez

St. John of the Cross would like to send care packages to honor our parishioners serving in the military and veterans for Independence Day.

Items requested include travel-size body wash, shampoo and deodorant, as well as chocolate-FREE snacks, reading material, puzzle books, and prayer cards.

Please bring donated items to the church foyer or to the office by June 18 to ensure the United States Postal Service can process and deliver the packages in time.

A Note from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Each February Our Ordinary (i.e. the Bishop) calls upon all the members of the Diocese that are grouped into parishes and missions to support some of the essential ministries that affect all of the diocese especially into the future for the Diocese. It has been called the Annual Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. Over the past fifteen years, it usually occurred on the third weekend in February. This year it had to be delayed and here is why.



With the Pope accepting Bishop Mulvey's resignation on December 1, 2025, the Diocese became "sede Vacante" (which means "empty chair"), and all of the major work and operations of the diocese were put on hold as we were without a Bishop. Bishop Mario was named to be the new bishop, but he had no power or authority to make any decisions until he was installed in the "empty chair". Only the "required" on-going business of the diocese could continue. There was no construction contracts signed, no policy changes, and no priest personnel changes, meaning that the diocese could only move forward with what was absolutely necessary until the new bishop arrived and was installed. Therefore, in the months of December and January, the Bishop would ordinarily produce and publish the Bishop Stewardship appeal materials, the video, and the parish goals. No bishop meant no work could even begin until after January 28, 2026, when Bishop Mario Avilés was formally installed. And so, on Tuesday evening our parish received the notice that the 2026 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal 2026 would occur in this month of April.

While the appeal this year is late in starting, it is our opportunity to come together as Catholics across the entire Diocese to show our unity as a diocese. So often we only look to our parish needs and within our parish boundaries, but without the Bishop and the diocese, we would really not exist. Therefore, the 2026 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal (BSA) will take place next weekend, April 25-26. The BSA Diocesan and parish-based efforts are an important part of our shared call to discipleship. Working together, the people of the Diocese of Corpus Christi initiate and strengthen numerous ministries throughout the Coastal Bend.

The most important aspects for me and why I support the BSA every year are:

Seminarian Formation for the men preparing to be our Shepherds of the Future. We are currently blessed with three seminarians in formation, four young men discerning their call to the priesthood, and 19 men in formation for the permanent diaconate. Through your generosity, the Diocese supports seminarians by providing for their education, room and board, and daily needs. Your support also ensures that our permanent deacons receive the training necessary to serve the Church faithfully in mind, heart, and soul.

Caring For our Retired Priests. Our priests faithfully administer the sacraments, accompany families, and lead our parishes. After a lifetime of service, your contributions help provide for the needs of our retired priests, including transportation, meals, and housing at the Saint John Vianney Residence for our retired priests. There, they are given a comfortable home and opportunities to continue celebrating Mass and participating in spiritual retreats. It is from the St. John Vianney Residence that the priests who cover the parish Masses while I am away from the parish come and help with the spiritual needs of this parish.

Over the last eight years as your pastor, you have always responded well with this call to help our bishop in these and other ministries that affect us and the diocese. And while I know with the price of gasoline and all of the other inflation costs, all budgets (for you and your family and me and the parish budget) are strained. And every time this happens, I pray a bit harder putting this in God's hands telling God that this really is His Church that he needs to help us care for. And every time I have, something always happens and the problem gets solved.

I hope that you can renew the same monthly pledge that you have made in years past and we can be a parish success for the 2026 BSA. Please pray this week as what your family can pledge. God will bless us.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Patrick

Deacon's Corner

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Easter. Happy Easter. What we learned about ourselves during Lent should be addressed during this season, so that when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, we will have improved our spiritual life. The readings are from: Acts 2:14, 22-33; [Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#); [1 Peter 1:17-21](#); and the Gospel from [Luke 24:13-35](#), which is the appearance on the road to Emmaus. There are four basic themes in the New Testament, and they were outlined in the first reading last week in Peter's speech. They are *Kerygma* (the basic announcement of who Jesus is); *Koinonia* (the importance of community in the lives of Christians); *Litorgeia* (the celebration of the faith in rituals), and *Diakonia* (taking care of the spiritual and physical necessities of the members of the community). Today we look at *Kerygma*, which contains the following elements: (a) God became human in Jesus Christ, (b) he died for our sins, (c) he rose from the dead, (d) he sent his Spirit to enlighten us, and (e) we are his witnesses. You will see these elements throughout the Acts of the Apostles in some variation or another and in some of the Letters. Some of these elements are contained in the second reading today, as well. See if you can spot them. These truths are declared to the world, and they are as fresh and new as they were in the beginning. The Apostles gave their lives for the Truth, and the Church is still sponsoring people who are committed to spreading the truth, and in some cases suffering the ultimate sacrifice. If we reduce the sacrifices made by the Apostles and the Evangelizers that follow them to this day to the basic truths contained in the *Kerygma* we might spot how our liturgical participation developed over the centuries. I want to use the road to Emmaus as an illustration to this

process. Luke is believed to have been written between the years 80 and 90. The audience is specifically non-Palestinian, but Gentile. He describes what may have developed into the two major liturgies of the Mass—the real presence of the Lord in the Scriptures and in the partaking of the Bread. There are at least three instances when he appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection when he is not recognized. One of those is when Mary encounters him at the tomb, and he calls her by name, and she recognizes him as “Raboni.” Another time is today: “And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” But then they remembered what he had told them about himself in the scriptures, and how they recognized them in the breaking of the bread. So I want to quote the portion that shows the “real presence” in Word and Sacrament that the liturgy presents to us at every Mass: “And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?’ So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, ‘The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!’ Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.” Have a wonderful Easter as you partake of the greatest miracle of all time—the real presence of Jesus in the Word and Sacrament.
Deacon Cavada

Stewardship of Treasure

Week #41	COLLECTION	Totals Prior	Goal	Actual	Total Annual	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
4/12/2026	Envelope Collection	\$ (6,854.88)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,785.00	\$ (7,169.88)	\$ 86,100.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ 19,721.92	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,867.00	\$ 20,388.92	\$ 49,200.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 11,084.35	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,069.61	\$ 11,753.96	\$ 57,400.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 23,951.39	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 5,721.61	\$ 24,973.00	\$ 192,700.00	\$ 217,673.00



To access the St. John of the Cross online giving portal, scan the QR code. As always, feel free to contact the parish office if you need any assistance with setting up your online giving.



Parish Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL NEXT MEETING: MAY 11 @ 6PM

St. John of the Cross Cemetery Association

St. John of the Cross Cemetery Association—If you have family buried at the St. John Cemetery or you own plots at the cemetery, please pick up a form in the church foyer to update your contact information. The Cemetery Association is working to update their records.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: APRIL 27 @ 6PM

Monthly processional - May 3 - Mary Villarreal

ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

April 23-25— Mrs. Luz Paiz, Mrs. Emily Hicks, Mrs. Monica Charo, Ms. Rebecca Cavazos

April 30 -May 3—Paid Professional



SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA NEXT MEETING: APRIL 20 @ 6PM

Hostess grp # 3: Nora Romanos



Corporate Mass—April 19 @ 7:30AM

Rosary at 7:00AM Leader: Jana Robinson Offertory: Jeri Alaniz, Jolene Hackfeld, Diane McBride

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe—by Frances Matheny & Maria Beltran

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335 NEXT MEETING: MAY 5, 2026

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

BBQ 1/2 Chicken plate fundraiser ~ Sunday, April 26, 11:00AM—1:00PM

Plates are \$12 and come with pinto beans and potato salad.

DRIVE THRU with delivery to vehicle ONLY.



CASA DE LUCY MEETS ON TUESDAYS @ 9AM



Case de Lucy Helping Hand Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Works of Mercy

Loom Knitting ~ Parishioners are invited to meet in the parish hall on Mondays at 9AM to knit hats for patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital Oncology Department. Contact the parish office or Bertha Forbes for more information.

The next bread and pastries distribution will be at 9AM at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, April 22** and at **St. Francis** on **Saturday, May 9**.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at **St. John of the Cross** on **Thursday, May 7** and at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, April 25**.



Religious Education



First Holy Communion Masses: Sunday, May 3, at 9AM and 2PM
Practice and third reconciliation Saturday, May 2, at 9AM.

Confirmation Mass: Wednesday, May 13, 6:00PM, at SJoC.
Practice: Wed., May 6, at 6PM.



Our Sacramental prayer partners are asked to return their crosses and/or rosaries to the parish office by April 23.

Altar Servers

Attention Youth of the Parish!

Are you feeling a call to serve the Lord? Would you like to be more active in our faith? Do you want to participate hands-on during Mass? Here's your chance!

The SJC Altar Server Ministry will hold our **Annual New Server Orientation** on May 16 at 9:30 AM in the church.

Any youth of our parish grades 3-12, who has received the Sacrament of the Eucharist (FHC) and has a desire to serve the Lord in an active way at Mass is welcome join our ministry! To register or for more information, please contact the Parish Office.



Senior Corner

The **St. John of the Cross Joint** and the **Knights of Columbus Scholarships** are now available in the church foyer, the parish office and the high school counselor's office.

The KC Scholarship deadline is Thursday, April 30, and the Joint Scholarship deadline is Monday, May 4.

Graduation Mass—Sunday, May 17, at 11AM. Please let the parish office know if your graduating senior will participate.



Community

The Coastal Bend Blood Center will be at St. John of the Cross on **Sunday, April 19, from 8AM—1PM.**

Spring into action. Donate Blood.



Appointments are recommended and walk-ins are welcome. Scan the QR code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to schedule your life-saving appointment.

Donors will receive a Fishing for Donors t-shirt and a Longhorn Steakhouse coupon. While supplies last.



Congratulations to Cesarine and Maximus Cantu on receiving their First Holy Communion this past Sunday.

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart..." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community. **JTD** is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers.



It is for those who:

- *want to grow spiritually,
- * need time away from distractions to reconnect with God,
- * value community, faith, and encouragement.

The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is

<u>Men's</u>	<u>Women's</u>
June 18-21	April 23-26
September 17-20	July 30—August 2
	October 15-18

Weekends are held at OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225 (assistance is available for those with need). More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or you may contact Bud Coldwell @ (361) 779-1971.

Diocesan News

Please be aware that news media outlets have approached parishioners after Mass on public property to ask for comments regarding President Trump's remarks about Pope Leo XIV. If a news media outlet approaches you for comments, please refer them to your pastor or the diocese. The Diocesan Office of Communications is referring them to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the official response.



SHAPING THE FUTURE - Catholic Young Adult Leadership Formation ~ special day-long retreat. Mass begins at 9:00AM, and is followed by talks, workshops, and personal prayer time, as well as lunch together. There is no cost, but you must register in advance to participate. RSVP to soconnor@diocesec.org Last day to register: Thursday, April 23.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES ~ Bishop Mario A. Avilés, C.O. is hosting a fun celebration for our graduates on **Sunday, April 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

It will be a gathering filled with food, games, music, and more. Students will have an opportunity to meet fellow graduates and learn more about the Newman Centers and other Catholic groups to help them continue their faith journey after graduation. There is no cost to attend. **RSVP by April 13th.** Spots are limited.



The Inaugural Corpus Christi Cathedral Gala a Family Reunion

with Special Guest Speaker

The Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores Bishop of Brownsville

Friday, May 22, 2026, 7:00PM, at
the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.

Tickets and more information at
cathedralgala.com



Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Reception of the Bishop into his Cathedral and
consecration of the new altar

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Mass begins at 6PM with procession to follow.
This will be a truly historic moment in our
diocese.

Please save the date. We look forward to
celebrating with you united as the Body of Christ.

High School Leadership Retreat ~ Applications are now available for the upcoming High School Diocesan Leadership program and retreat. The retreat will be on June 8th and 9th at Our Lady of Corpus Christi.

The cost is \$30 per person. Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/leadership-liability>



Father Walsh's Summer Camp—designed for adults 10 yrs. and up with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 9 –11

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at

<https://catholiccharities-cc.org/summercamp>



Registration ends May 15

Father Walsh's VBS— a fun-filled day of adventure and faith, designed for children ages 4-13 with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 12

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at

<https://catholiccharities-cc.org/vbs>



SAVE THE DATE ~ CAMP ROOTED, Diocesan camp, will be held July 9th through July 11th at the Spirit Center.

The cost to participate is \$75. Registration details are coming soon.

This will be an amazing experience and parish youth leaders are encouraged to bring their groups of teens to be a part of this gathering that will focus on leadership, fellowship, and faith.

Flocknote

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Stjohnogtx](http://www.facebook.com/Stjohnogtx)

Live Streaming

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL:

**Sunday 9:30AM (ENG)
and 11:00 AM (SPA)**

Available at: KDF-TV Ch 47 (9:30AM only),
KLUX 89.5HD, or Diocese of CC Website

Dear Padre,

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



VLADIS CHUBIN / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35	Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10



ALESSIA PERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025