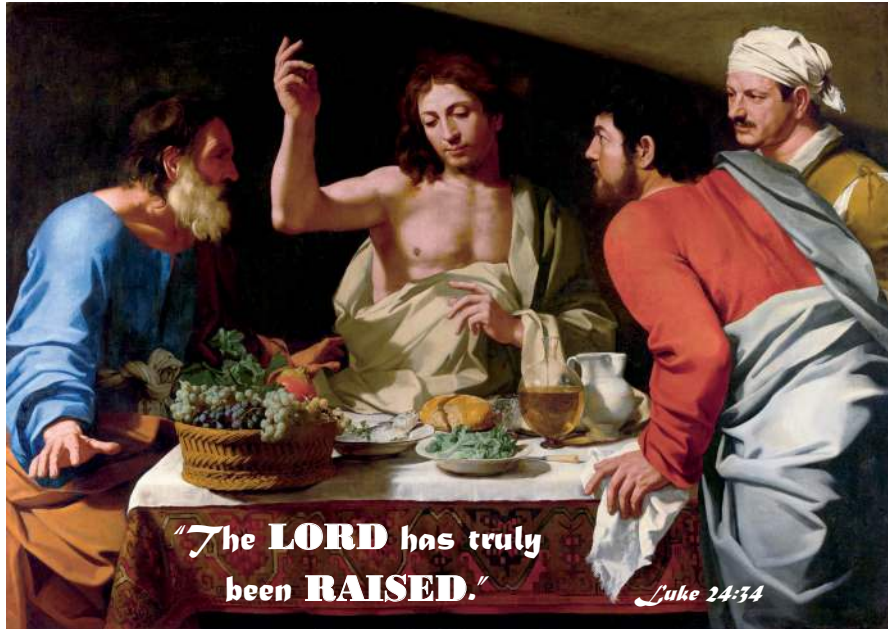


On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these



**"The LORD has truly
been RAISED."**

Luke 24:34

stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their

community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what

they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the



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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
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Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM
Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM
Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

**"Your FAITH and HOPE
are in GOD."**

1 Peter 1:21

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Mr. and †Mrs. Juan Guerra (AOD) by Dr. Sandra Garcia
5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Personal Intention of Michael Cantu by Michael Cantu
†Michael Rathke by Kathy Rathke
†Felipe Martinez, Jr. (AOD) by Yolanda Peña
†Patrick Nemece by Susie Tajchman

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners
11:00 AM: †Allen Migura by Owen & Kim Gallagher

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †JoAnn Miller by Yolanda Peña

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †All Souls in Purgatory by Yolanda Peña

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Matthew Skidmore (Birthday) by the Polasek Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Julie Arguijo by Yolanda Peña

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Patrick Nemece by Bob & Joan Black
5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
Kaylee Olivarez by Confirmation Prayer Sponsor
Casey Gwynn by Confirmation Prayer Sponsor
†JoAnn Dominguez by the Robert Dominguez Family
†Robert Whitley by Raymond & Melissa Polasek

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners
11:00 AM: †Proxey Prukop (AOB) by Karen Vaughan

Holy Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

**Acts 2:14, 22-23; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35.**

Please Pray for ...



All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us for prayers.

Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman, Fred Nemece, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Dee Molina, John Bowman, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Jeanette Respondek, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, Ruthie Weathersby, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Beckie Ranly, Yolanda Peña, Cindy Cleavelin, Todd Crawford, Tyler Skidmore, Tommy Lopez, Dawn Sherek, and Rose Martinez.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.

LECTORS for APRIL 25-26, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Les Hoelscher
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Michele Hoelscher
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Frank Wilson



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - APRIL 25-26, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Aaron Hoelscher, Fred Ramos
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Kera Steward, J. R. Sanchez, Heather Sanchez

ALTAR SERVERS for APRIL 25-26, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Joseph Hess, Miles Shimek, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Morgan Boatright, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for APRIL 25-26, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher
Sunday, 11:00 AM: S. Woolf, B. Boatright, T. Zurick, R. Garcia

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;
Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr;
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr;
Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist.



LOST AND FOUND

A set of keys and key fob were found in the church last weekend. If you have lost your keys, call the parish office at 361-387-1312.

KC SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Council #9318 is offering scholarships for graduating seniors. For more information and application, go to the St. Thomas the Apostle website www.christon624.com under the MINISTRIES Tab or contact Frank Wilson at 361-877-6926. The deadline is **April 23, 2026**.

Grand Knight Tony Arredondo and Frank Wilson, Chairpersons

INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers: Contact the parish office to schedule flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or for a special occasion.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Confession: Religious Education Student will have confessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 PM.

Religious Ed: For registration and questions contact the parish office or the DRE Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138.

Scripture Study: Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 24:13-35)
(continued from page 1)

breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

FAMILY CONNECTION: Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

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From the Pastor's desk

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND DIPLOMAS

There will be a special offering to support the Senior Religious Education Program for Scholarships and Diplomas the weekends of **April 19, April 25, May 3, and May 10**. Your support is truly appreciated.



Pastor



LIFETEEN RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, April 24th & SATURDAY, April 25th

Our LifeTeen of St. Thomas the Apostle will be having a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, **April 24-25, 2026**. So start your Spring cleaning!!! This fundraiser helps fund our Youth Ministry and summer trips. Donations are very much appreciated. Help us collect items to sell. If you have questions or are in need of help with pickup please contact Rachel Unterbrink at 361-813-3242.

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