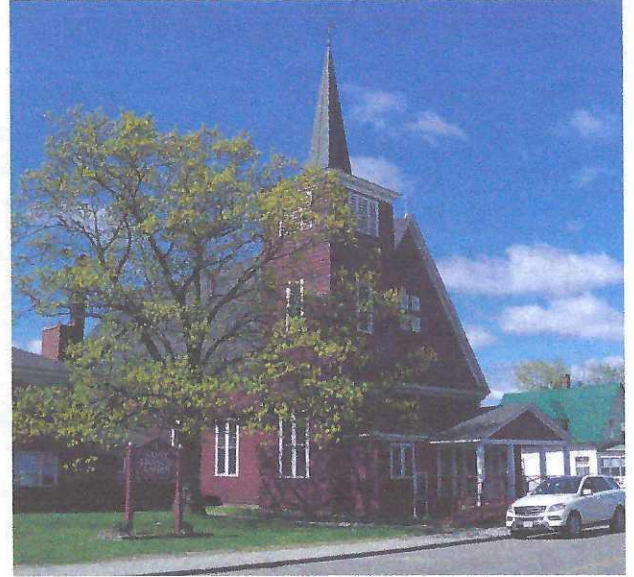


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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

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| Sacred Heart | Sunday Morning | 9:00 am |
| St. Francis | Saturday Evening | 4:00 pm |
| | Sunday Morning | 11:00 am |

WEEKDAY

Wednesday thru Friday 9:00 AM (Check Parish Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

Office Telephone: **636-1047**
Office Secretary: Mrs. Tina Hunt

Office Hours:

Mondy - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Call Rectory for an appointment

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Rectory 6 mos.
prior to your tentative date.

CONFESSIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm (Also by appointment)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Francis 636-1047

Christian Formation:
Children ages 4-15 years

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sacred Heart 9:00 am Mass

St. Francis 11:00 am Mass

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Parishioners, WELCOME! Please call our Parish Secretary as soon as possible to register.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way?

The people of God have always been a pilgrim people. Since the beginning of Lent, we have traced their steps from the garden of Eden to the garden of the empty tomb. It was never an easy journey. It led them through wilderness and through desert. It took them from slavery to the land of promise, to exile and back again. They knew what it was to walk in the valley of the shadow of death. Yet they never traveled unaccompanied. The ever-faithful God revealed his presence to them in fire and cloud, in bread from heaven and water from the rock, and in the word of the prophets.

Their story culminates in the great paschal journey undertaken in their name by Jesus Christ. It is the journey from death to life which we



celebrate on all these Sundays of Easter, as the first readings remind us.

But the journey has not ended. We, the people of God, are still in pilgrimage toward the kingdom of God in its fullness. And it is no easy journey. It sometimes leads us, as it led the first disciples, through the wilderness of doubt and the desert of despair. It takes us from hope to disappointment to confusion and back again. It is a journey marked by the sign of the cross. Yet we, like our forebears, never travel unaccompanied. The Lord whom we follow points out the road through the Word proclaimed in our assemblies. He reveals Himself as food for the journey in the breaking of the bread. (St. Andrew Bible Missal)

Their eyes were opened; they recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.

The first sign of love is this: that Jesus has given us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink. The property of love is to be always giving and always receiving. Now the love of Christ is generous. All that he has, all that he is, he gives; all that we have, all that we are, he takes away.... He enters even into the marrow of our bones, and the more lovingly we allow him to do so, the more fully we savor him. He knows that we are poor, but he pays no heed to it and does not spare us. He himself becomes in us his own bread, first burning up, in his love, all our vices, faults and sins.... He wants to consume our life in order to change it into his own; ours, full of vice, his full of grace and glory....



When we receive Christ with interior devotion, his blood, full of warmth and glory flows into our veins and a fire is enkindled in our depths. We receive the likeness of his virtues, and he lives in us and we in him. He gives us his soul with the fullness of grace, by which the soul preserves in love and praise of the Father! Love draws its object into itself; we draw Jesus into ourselves; Jesus draws us into himself. Then carried above ourselves into love's interior, seeking God, we go to meet him, to meet his Spirit, which is his love, and this love burns us, and draws us into unity where beatitude awaits us. (St. Elizabeth of the Trinity)



Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Easter (A)
April 19, 2026

Not Just a Walk in the Park

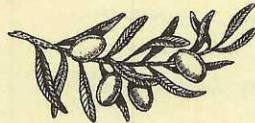
Fr. Joseph Juknialis

A multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, or (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. †

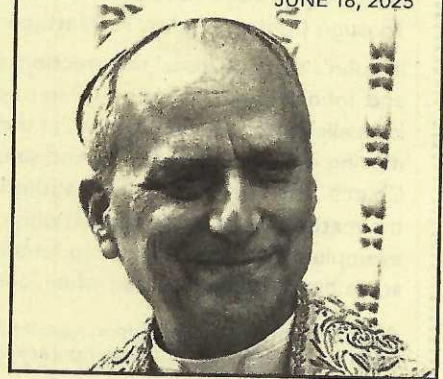


The Emmaus journey, like life, begins in confusion and ends with discovery of the Lord.

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



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Have I ever discovered the Lord in an unexpected situation?
- Is it possible I am missing the Lord's presence now?

Sunday Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-33

God raised [Jesus] up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

1 Peter 1:17-21

He was...revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

Luke 24:13-35

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened.



Saint Mary of Magdala: Apostle to the Apostles

Johan van Parys

Recent scholarship holds that there is no proof that Mary of Magdala was the woman

who washed Jesus' feet or the woman who was about to be stoned. Today, it is believed that Mary of Magdala was an independently wealthy woman who supported Jesus in his mission (See Luke 8:1-2.) and who was the first witness to the resurrection. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the memorial of Mary of Magdala to a feast, which is the same status as that of most apostles. Her title as repentant sinner was superseded by *apostolorum apostola*, or "apostle to the apostles." This "new" title has been commonly used in the Eastern Church and was also a title given to her by St. Thomas Aquinas.

Two symbols are associated with Mary of Magdala: a flagon with myrrh and a red egg. The myrrh, of course, is a reference to the fact that she was one of the women returning to Jesus' tomb after the Sabbath to anoint his body. The red egg is a bit more complicated, as there are several different narratives. The most popular is that Mary of Magdala joined Sts. Peter and

Paul in their missionary efforts, even finagling an invitation to a dinner at the Roman imperial court, where she professed her faith in the resurrection. Emperor Tiberius did not believe her and handed her an

egg, saying that Jesus rising from the dead was as likely as the egg turning red. Before he finished speaking, the egg turned

a bright red, and she continued proclaiming the gospel to the entire imperial house. Throughout her life, Mary of Magdala continued to preach the gospel. As she grew older, she is said to have retired to Ephesus, where she lived with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and John, the beloved disciple. Her feast is celebrated on July 22. †

Pope Francis elevated the memorial of Mary of Magdala to a feast.

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Dissent and Revelation: How the Holy Spirit Shapes Catholic Doctrine Through Controversy" by Fr. Matthew O'Toole

In John's story of Jesus' resurrection, there is the account of the Apostles Peter and John racing to the tomb. One tradition is that the pace of the two apostles is an allegory for the movement of the Church. John is youthful and ambitious, moving quickly. Peter is older and seasoned by life; moreover, he is the head of the Church. John defers to Peter's authority by waiting for him to arrive at the truth of the matter. Those in the Church who dissent with official teaching may take John's example by waiting for Peter to "catch up" with what they believe to be the truth of something. Ultimately, how, when, and if that happens is left to the Holy Spirit.

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church tradition and teaching on contemporary topics. For more information, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.



Lord Jesus, when we fail to recognize you in friend or stranger, in familiar or foreign, please open our eyes of faith, we pray.

Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 20-25

Monday, Easter Weekday: Acts 6:8-15
/ Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 7:51-8:1a
/ Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 8:1b-8
/ Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, Easter Weekday: Acts 8:26-40
/ Jn 6:44-51

Friday, Easter Weekday: Acts 9:1-20
/ Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, St. Mark: 1 Pt 5:5b-14
/ Mk 16:15-20



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Mass Intention's

Sacred Heart

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:00 am † Mass

St Francis Xavier Church

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

No Mass

Thursday, April 23, 2026

9:00 AM † **Terrance Fuller** - req. by a Friend.

Friday, April 24, 2026

9:00 AM † **Mark Masterson** – req. by Friend.

Saturday, April 25, 2026

4:00 PM † **For the intention of all parishioners**

Sunday, April 26, 2026

† **Kenneth Maclean**, req. by Barbara & Family.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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April 25 & 26, 2026

Next weekend will be the kickoff weekend for our **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, Jesus, I Trust in You!**

This year our guest speaker will be by **Louise Morneau** of the Catholic Charities, NH.

Next weekend's collection 4/25 & 26, will be for Our Parish Cemeteries

As we will be entering our mowing season soon. The mowing at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery and Sacred Heart Cemetery is done by a contracted service. To meet the monthly mowing expense for each Church Cemetery, I am asking each family to please consider contributing to the upkeep of our Parish Cemeteries.

All donations are greatly appreciated throughout the mowing season.

Thank you, Fr. Dan

Next weekend's collection is for Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) April 25 & 26th.

CHMA supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

Parish Financial Support

For the week ending: 4/12/ /2026

St. Francis Xavier **Sacred Heart**

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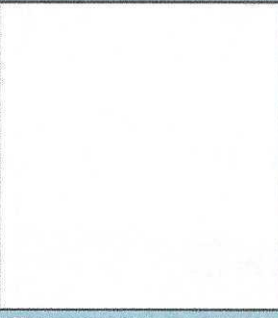



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