

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). ●



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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	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	1 Pt 5:5b–14	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Mk 16:15–20	1 Pt 2:20b–25
						Jn 10:1–10



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / 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.”

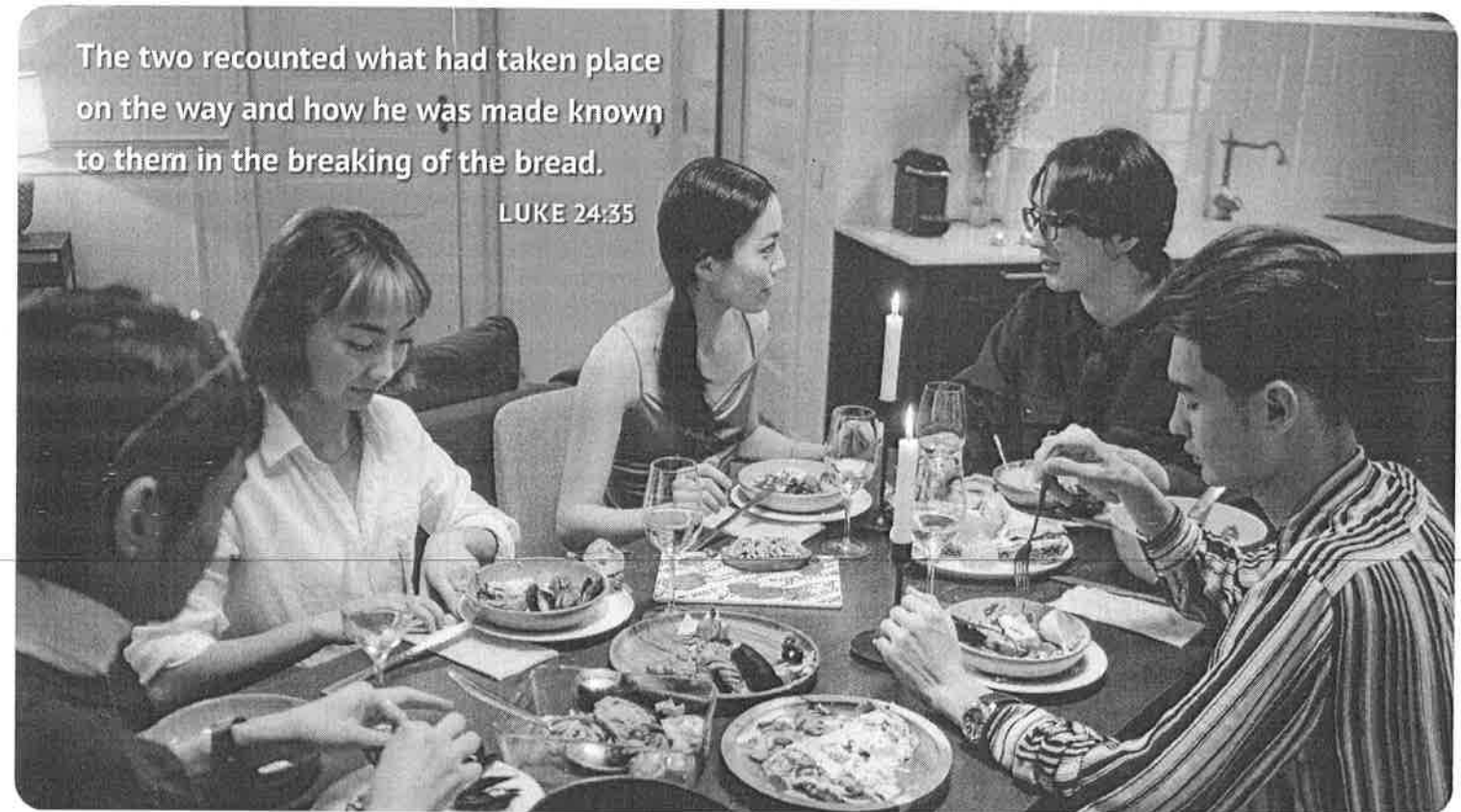
GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025

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



Three Basic Rules

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. ●

Reflect

Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?

Office hours are Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 am—5:30 pm.

If there is an Emergency you may call Corinne at 715-250-2109 or Father David at 920-228-1814. Thank-you.

St Mary's Mass schedule in Black Creek: Saturdays @ 4 PM, Sundays @ 8 AM, Tuesday—Friday @ 7:30 AM

Father David Greskowiak—Administrator

Sunday 4/12/26 = \$1,455.00 Attendance = 79
Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions

04/19/26— Living & Deceased family member of Tom Weyenberg by Tom & Carol Weyenberg

04/26/26— Rememb. of Jack & Rita Weier by Bernie & Pat Weier-

Mass Servers –

04/19/26— Alex & Reagan Krings, Henry Griesbach

04/26/26— Alex & Reagan Krings, Beau Diemel

Ministers of the Word –

04/19/26— Sam Krings

04/26/26— Randy Short

Hospitality

04/19/26— Steve & Sheila Hartlaben

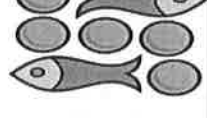
04/26/26— Bernie Weier, Rene LaFond, Charlie Herb

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 20 4—6 PM

Saturday, May 23 9—11 AM

Thank you for all the donations so far this year!!



**Wine, Beer and Coffee Tasting Event—
St. Mary's in Black Creek**

Next Sunday, 26 April from 1:00-4:00 P.M.—Parish Hall

The event will include: wine, beer, coffee, soda, water, non-alcohol drinks, food, music, silent auction, and 50/50 drawing. Admission--\$10, age 12 and under-free with an accompanied adult.

EVERYONE FROM ST. LAWRENCE IS MOST CORDIALLY INVITED!!



Mass Intentions that are available for the year of 2026:

October 18, 25; November 26 Deer Hunter's Mass; December 20, 25 Christmas Day, 27, and New Years. You may contact the office.

Happy Birthday!

April 19 Aaron Peeters, Cloe Zuleger; 20 Mellissa Hutter; 29 Sandy Heinemeyer, Steve Short

MAY 02 Scott Malueg, Brian Banker, 04 Derick Scott;

06 Brett Banker; 08 John Peters, Trevor Balthazor, Justin

Drossart, Clayton VanLanen; 09 Don Reif, John Risley, Katlyn

Bohr, Harley Griesbach; 12 Gary Habeck, Austin Peeters, Ella

Griesbach; 13 Jamesen Boerst; 14 Malachi Gray; 15 Maverick

Griesbach; 17 Andrea Burch; 18 Debbie Jarek; 19 Michele

Eggers; 20 Judy Berreitter; 25 Samantha Bierhals; 29 Sharon

Habeck



2026 Bishop's Appeal

"Be the Light"

We invite everyone who is able, to please participate in the Bishop's Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$14,805.00. As of 14 April we have received 41 gifts of \$12,543.00. Thank you! We are 85% of our way there.

If you have already given, thank you so much. If you haven't given before, please consider making your first gift this year. Every gift makes a difference. Those who are able may want to join the Crozier Society with a gift of \$500 or more, which helps these ministries to reach even more people.



"Help Jesus with His work of educating our children, comforting the sick, and helping families in need."



Please prayerfully consider supporting the 2026 Bishop's Appeal. You may have received a pledge card at home in the mail. If you have not, we have materials at the entrances of the church. You can also visit



Please give generously at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give



Please bring your Rice Bowls either to Mass or to the parish office. Thank you for supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services.

For a summer youth experience, check out Camp Tekakwitha.

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715-526-2316,

camptekakwitha@gbdioc.org



Congratulations, Blessings and Welcome

We want to congratulate Tiffany Fisher, from our parish, who has been going through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process, and was welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil service on 4 April, through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We also thank Jean Fisher for being her sponsor. May God's abundant blessings come upon Tiffany as she has taken this important step, and continues on her journey of faith. Congratulations Tiffany. God bless you and welcome!

Reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: "3rd Sunday of Easter Year A, Sunday April 19, 2026" found on the "Young Catholics" website—young-catholics.com:

The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A invites us to reflect on encounters with the risen Jesus. The readings highlight how Peter and the disciples on the road to Emmaus experienced Jesus' presence in unexpected ways. These encounters strengthened their faith and filled them with new courage to share the Good News. As we reflect, we are called to open our hearts and recognize Jesus' presence in our own lives.

Encountering the Risen Lord

The first reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A features Peter's speech to the crowd in Jerusalem. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ, starting with his own personal witness to the resurrection. Through his eloquent and persuasive speech, he invites the people to repent and to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

This passage reminds us of the transformative power of the resurrection of Christ. We are invited to renew our faith, to repent of our sins, and to live as faithful disciples of the Risen Lord. Like Peter, we are called to bear witness to this encounter, to proclaim the Good News of Christ, and to invite others to share in this life-changing experience. May we be filled with the same Holy Spirit that inspired Peter's speech, and may we bear witness to the Good News of Christ in our own lives.

Recognizing Jesus

It is unclear why the two disciples who walked with Jesus did not recognize him. However, it is possible that recognizing him so easily would have been too simplistic. Instead, they were forced to grapple with their feelings of disappointment and confusion as they conversed with him. They openly shared their emotions with him, which served as a model for us.

Often, during difficult times in our lives, we may not feel Jesus' presence. However, we should speak to him candidly about our feelings, without fear of expressing our negative emotions and disappointment. Through such conversations, we may gain a fresh perspective. Eventually, the two disciples were able to recognize Jesus clearly. Talking with him had transformed their hearts, turning them from despair to a passionate flame.

Transformative Encounters

The common theme in the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A is the transformative power of encountering the Risen Lord. Peter and the disciples on the road to Emmaus both experienced a profound encounter with Jesus, which transformed their lives and gave them the courage to bear witness to the Good News. They remind us that our faith is not just a set of beliefs, but rather a personal encounter with the living God, who has the power to transform us and to fill us with hope.



As we reflect on these readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter..., we are invited to ask ourselves whether we have truly encountered the Risen Lord in our lives. Have we experienced his transforming power? Are we willing to bear witness to his Good News, even in the face of opposition or persecution? May we open our hearts to the Risen Lord, who longs to encounter us and to transform us into his faithful disciples.



Let us pray for our neighbors in Shiocton, New London, and other communities as they deal with this flooding situation, and offer any kind of help that may be needed. May God bless and protect them and all those affected by the floods.

