

April 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Gospel recounts a story of discouragement and hope. All of us who go through discouragements and disappointments in our lives can relate to this experience.

St. Luke tells us a story of how two people watched Jesus die on the cross. Their hopes and dreams of liberating Israel from the Roman invaders are crushed with failure and disappointment. They walk away from Jesus. They want to disassociate with Jesus. Something very similar to what happens to us; when shadow of failures, disappointments, regrets and even death, confuse our vision and sorrows lay claim to our hearts, we walk away from God, because he does not do the things, we want him and expect to do.

However, Jesus does not abandon us even when we walk in the valleys of darkness and shadows of death: He makes good and compensates with his steadfast love. He reaches us to us as he did these two individuals. Initially, he lets himself be taken as a stranger and at the same time a fellow traveler. He enters into a conversation with them, unlocks the scriptures, and opens their eyes and hearts to unravel the mystery of His suffering and death.

The death of Jesus at once is seen as a redemptive act of the Suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. Rather than a tragic accident or horrific mistake, the death of Jesus out of the generosity of love in the heart of Jesus, is salvation for all humanity, who believe in his name.

He then proceeds to feed them, strengthen them and sustain them: He breaks bread with them. It is in this action of 'breaking and giving' that they identify Him. Having recognized Jesus, their 'hearts burn' with fervor. Having witnessed the Risen Lord, they are changed. It renews hope in them. They recognize their mission. They return to Jerusalem to strengthen the Apostles and believers.

It is the life in the Risen Christ that endures forever.

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

El Evangelio de hoy nos relata una historia de desánimo y esperanza. Todos nosotros que pasamos por un desánimo y decepciones en nuestras vidas podemos relacionarnos con esta experiencia.

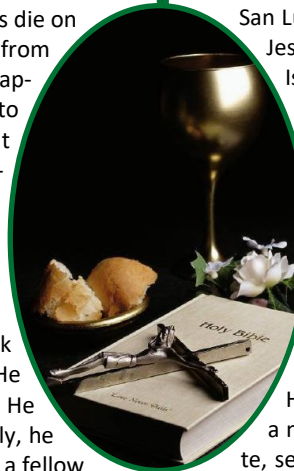
San Lucas nos cuenta la historia de cómo dos personas vieron a Jesús morir en la Cruz. Sus esperanzas y sueños de liberar a Israel de los invasores Romanos son aplastados con fracaso y decepción. Caminan lejos de Jesús. Se quieren separar de Jesús. Algo muy parecido a lo que ocurre con nosotros; cuando la sombra de fracasos, decepciones, remordimientos e incluso la muerte, confunde nuestra visión y dolores reclaman nuestros corazones, caminamos lejos de Dios, porque Él no hace las cosas que queremos y esperamos que haga.

Sin embargo, Jesús no nos abandona aun cuando caminamos en los valles de las tinieblas y sombras de la muerte: Hace bien y compensa con su amor misericordioso. Él llega a nosotros como lo hizo con estos dos individuos. Inicialmente, se deja ser tomada como un extraño y al mismo tiempo un compañero de viaje. Él entra a una conversación con ellos, libera las escrituras y les abre los ojos y corazones para demostrar el misterio de Su sufrimiento y muerte.

La muerte de Jesús a la vez es vista como un acto redentor del siervo Sufriente anunciado por Isaías. En lugar de un trágico accidente o error terrible, la muerte de Jesús de la generosidad del amor en el corazón de Jesús, es la salvación para toda la humanidad, que cree en Su nombre.

Luego procede a alimentarlos, fortalecerlos y mantenerlos: Él parte el pan con ellos. Es en esta acción de 'partir y dar' que lo identifican. Al ver reconocido a Jesús, sus 'corazones se incendian' con fervor. Al haber presenciado al Señor Resucitado, son cambiados. Se renueva la esperanza en ellos. Reconocen su misión. Regresan a Jerusalén para fortalecer a los Apóstoles y creyentes.

Es la vida en el Cristo Resucitado que perdura para siempre.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

April 11 - 12, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 106.86
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$1,991.00
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.....\$1,183.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

April 26: Catholic Home Missions
May 3: Reserve Fund
May 10: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

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| Parish Assessment: | \$32,295.00 |
| YTD we paid: | \$ 5,402.65 |
| Balance we owe: | \$26,892.35 |
| Pledges Balance | \$ 2,095.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18 TO APRIL 25

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| April 18, 2026 | April 19, 2026 | April 20, 2026 | April 21, 2026 | April 22, 2026 |
| <p>9:00am ✠ Alexander Apalit</p> <p>4:30pm Parish of St. John</p> | <p>8:00m Living members of the Young Men's Institute</p> <p>10:00am ✠ Fr. Harold Kiheipua Meyer ✠ Perfecto Hierro, Sr.</p> <p>12:00pm Parish of St. John</p> | <p>9:00am ✠ Medina & Eufrazio Ermitaño ✠ Hermogenes & Leonila Datu</p> | <p>9:00am ✠ Ramon Berry ✠ ✠ Senonica Quintero Valera ✠ ✠ Ana Cepeda Bordallo</p> | <p>9:00am ✠ Albert & Michael Gagnani ✠ Ana Cepeda Bordallo</p> |
| | | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | April 23, 2026 | April 24, 2026 | April 25, 2026 |
| | | <p>9:00am Judith Berry ✠ ✠ Ana Cepeda Bordallo</p> | <p>9:00am David Steinbruner ✠ ✠ Julius Alejo ✠ Ana Cepeda Bordallo</p> | <p>9:00am Deceased members of the Young Men's Institute</p> <p>4:30pm Parish of St. John</p> |

