

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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*(Founded in 1851)*

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**April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter**

*You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence. ~ Acts 2:28*

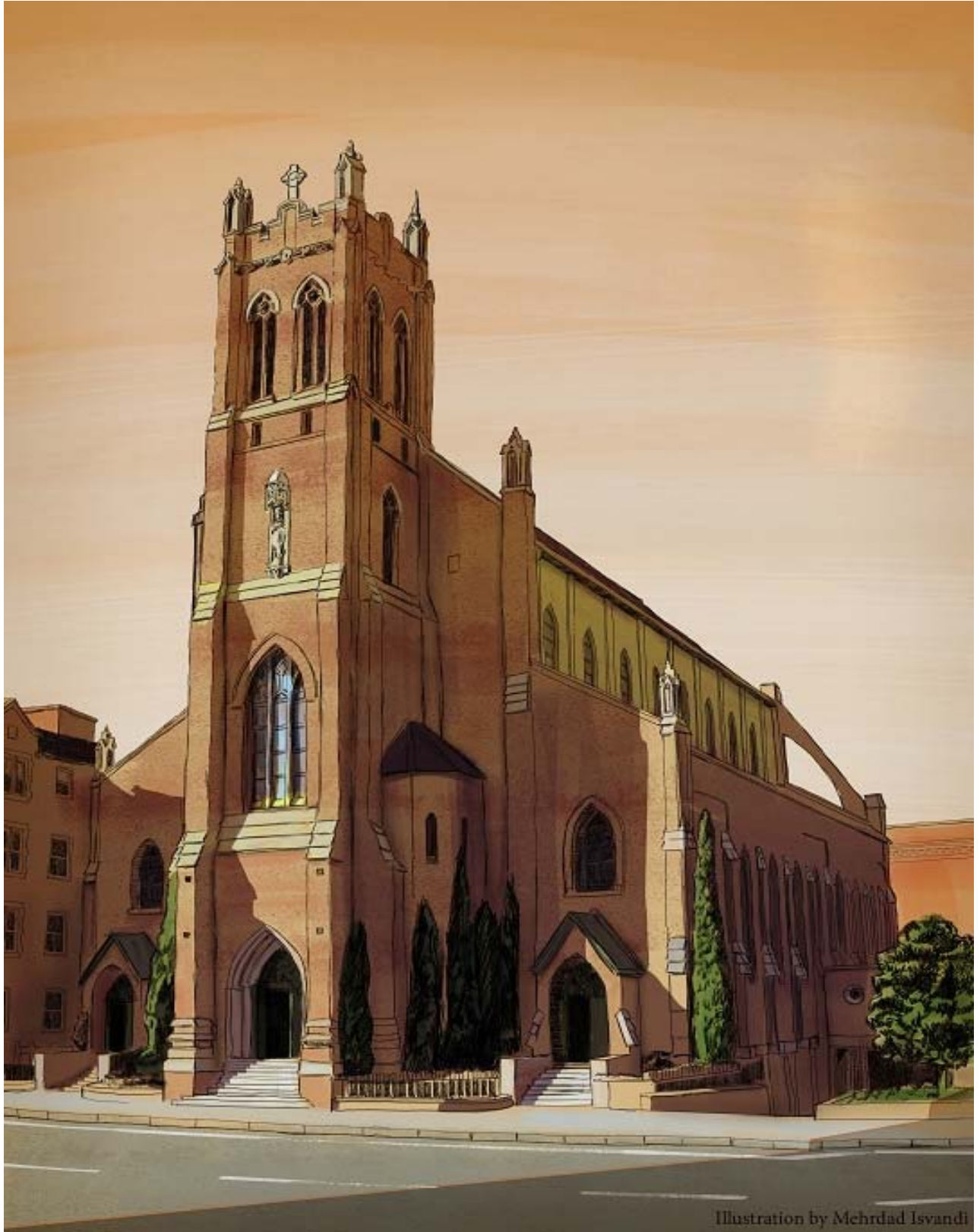


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### Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.  
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.  
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.  
Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.  
Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

### Parish Schedule

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)**

Monday through Friday  
11:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

#### **Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Sacred Heart**

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

#### **Sto. Niño Devotion**

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Our Lady of Fatima**

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

### Patrician Meeting

Join us this Sunday for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month’s topic is...

#### **The Divine Mercy**

Speaker ~ Judy Labaria

Date ~ Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

McKenna Hall

### Living God’s Word

As many have said, life is a journey. Faith, too. And journeys take us to all sorts of unexpected places, or else they’re not really journeys. Faith can be one of those unexpected turns in the road that make the journey new.

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### Damaged Blessed Items

If you have any damaged blessed items, including statues and Bibles, as well as sacramentals, such as crucifixes and rosaries, please feel free to drop them off in our gift shop. We’ll make sure they are disposed of properly and respectfully.

### Emmaus and the Mass

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

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### Our Fascinating Faith

#### **Neophytes**

Perhaps you’ve noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren’t they done? What’s going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called “neophytes,” and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name “mystagogy.” They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community.

As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

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### AAA Update

(as of 08 April 2026)

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252.00
Received	\$8,877.00
Amount Remaining	\$34,375.00
% of Goal	21%

### Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Ronald Ferrer	4/19	Gabrielle Listana	4/22
Maria Iris Fernandez	4/20	Ellen Mak	4/22
Erica McCracken	4/20	Aurora Santos	4/22
Remedios Lato	4/21	Trinity Guirre	4/23
Nicasio Lenon	4/21	Lily Nangca	4/25

## St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: [www.stpatricksf.org](http://www.stpatricksf.org). On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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## St. Patrick 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

From humble beginnings on 4th St here in San Francisco way back in 1851, we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary as a parish on June 6, 2026.

*Dinner tickets for \$100 may still be available*

*from the various parish organizations*

*Raffle tickets are still available from the parish office (\$25 for a booklet of three, sold as booklets only)*

Sponsorships are also available in our Gala program. Please contact the parish office for more details.

As part of our Gala celebration, on Sunday, May 31st, we will serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses which will coincide with our ministry fair. Come and see what's going on ministry-wise at St. Patrick. You just might find something that will inspire you to join. See some old friends, make some new friends, have some coffee and donuts, and maybe join a parish organization. What could be better than that!!

## The God Squad Catholic TV Mass

FATHER HARRY

**God Squad** PRODUCTIONS

The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

*In San Francisco*

*KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;*

*and in Sacramento*

*KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.*

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to [FatherHarry.org](http://FatherHarry.org). You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

## Feast of Faith The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I." In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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## Relevant Radio

Tune your radio to 1260 AM or 101.7 FM for 24-hour broadcasts concerning Catholic teachings and prayers.

<b>Mass Intentions for Apr 19 - 25</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Ricardo Luib, Sr. TG Rene & Elena Delos Santos † Thanh Ho & Qui Phana SI All Parishioners of St. Patrick † Fernando Rodrigues Tenerio
<b>Monday 20</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Virginia & Florencio Paras SI Mercedita Cadiz
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Pura Aranes SI MC Canlas
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Jose Abaoag † Jose Abaoag SI John & Judith Casper
<b>Thursday 23</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon † Ambrosio Duran SI Dr. Beverly Lynn Bolinger
<b>Friday 24</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong BD Fr. Celestine Tyowua SI Sandra Cea
<b>Saturday 25</b>	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilfredo Berdon SI Lina Henry SI Felix Chang

### **Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese of San Francisco**

**May 19 (5:00 pm PT) / May 21 (8:00 pm PT)** An evening for the separated or divorced webinar with Carolyn Klika, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of SF. Struggling with the pain of marital strife, separation or divorce? this Evening is for you. Whether you feel disconnected from the Church or are deeply engaged—you are welcome here. You belong. More information and registration here. Sessions will be offered twice, once (5/19) on East Coast time, once (5/21) for West Coast.

**June 29 – July 5** CANA Week is a wonderful 6-day retreat for couples at St. Anthony Retreat near Sequoia National Park in California. Kids are welcome! Take time away to strengthen your marriage and deepen your spiritual life, while your kids have a great time with new friends in their own parallel program. The week includes teachings, prayer, daily mass, and time together as a couple and as a family. There is plenty of fun, relaxation, and celebration, all in an ecumenical context. Register here, or email questions to [info@canausa.org](mailto:info@canausa.org)

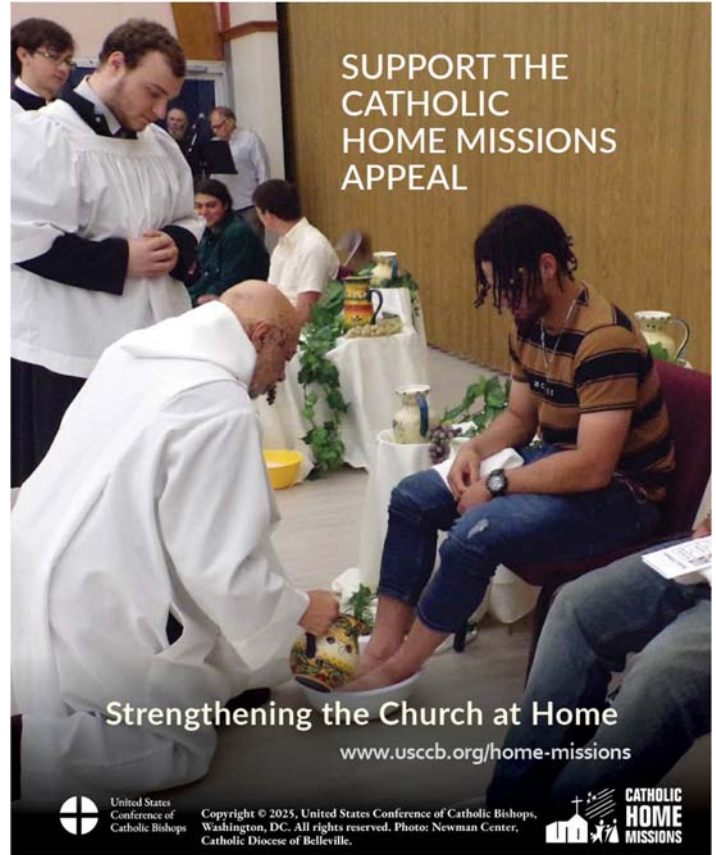
### **Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026**

You have made known to me  
the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy  
in your presence.

~ Acts 2:28

### **Special Collection Next Sunday**

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



### **Stay With Us, Lord**

Walk with us, Lord,  
along the road of resurrection!  
Explain for us, so slow to believe,  
the things that Scripture says of you.  
Break the bread of the Eucharist with us  
whenever we share our lives  
with our brothers and sisters.  
Stay with us  
each time night approaches  
and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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### **Catholic Prayer Corner**

#### **Blessing before Meals**

You give us every good gift,  
O God of the covenant.  
Help us to see in the food spread before us  
another outpouring of your grace.  
Be with us as we share this meal  
and keep us ever mindful of the hungry.  
Bless us and the food we are about to receive.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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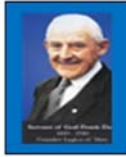
**LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

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Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall

The Legion Family Worldwide  
On all continents  
In over 170 countries  
4 million active members  
5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff  
1889 - 1980

**Legion of Mary's History**

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

**Legion of Mary's Aim**

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

**Legion of Mary's Unit**

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

**Legion of Mary's Active Works**

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

**Legion of Mary's Active Membership**

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

**ST. MARK**



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**Letters from Heaven**



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

After the Resurrection the disciples were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has ..."

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Answer: *appeared to Simon*

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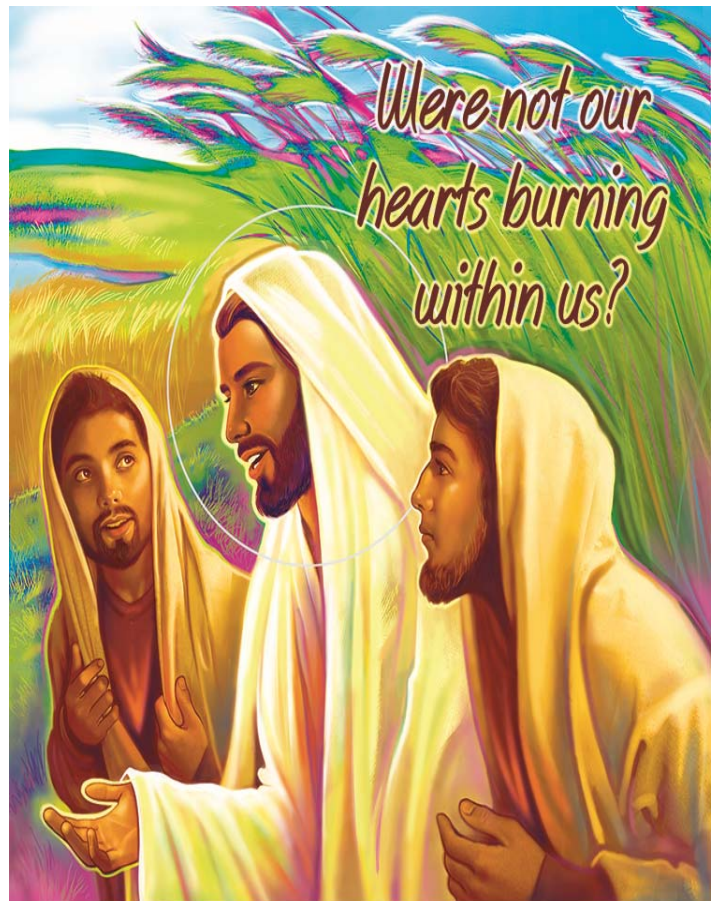
saint snippets

Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**  
German lawyer who became a Capuchin friar and defender of the poor. He was a major figure in the Counter-Reformation until his martyrdom in 1622.

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April 24



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# CATHOLIC CORNER

## FROM PLACE TO PLACE

Today's Gospel (Luke 24:13-35), about Jesus meeting two disciples on the road to Emmaus, is a story about something that happened after Jesus' resurrection. Think about the conversation that took place when the disciples met a stranger, whom they finally recognized as Jesus, as they walked along. The mention of these two towns, Emmaus and Jerusalem, reminded people of certain events in the life of Jesus. Other towns named in this page remind us of other important events. Match the towns with the events. Can you remember the stories about what happened in these places?

- Bethlehem** The place where Jesus visited his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 11:1)
- Cana** The town where the angel Gabriel visited Mary and where Jesus lived as a young child (Luke 1:26-27)
- Nazareth** Jesus was born in this city (Luke 2:4).
- Jerusalem** The country where Jesus talked to the woman at the well (John 4:4-5)
- Samaria** The traveler was on the road to this city when the good Samaritan found him (Luke 10:30).
- Bethany** Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding here (John 2:1).
- Jericho** The place where Jesus died (Luke 19:28)



## The Little Ones

## Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



They began to relate their experiences on the road and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread. Lk 24:35

Entonces ellos contaban sus experiencias en el camino, y cómo le habían reconocido en el partir del pan. Lc 24:35

### THIRD SUNDAY OF

# Easter

April 19, 2026

Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

## Pastor Al™

"If I didn't have to wait 'til heaven for my wings, I know I could light this paschal candle, Pastor Al!"

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## Third Sunday of Easter

Today's readings look back at both the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, remembering the promise given to David that Jesus would be raised from the dead. The Psalm and First Peter look forward to our lives as we await our resurrection and consider the sacrifice made by Jesus. Luke tells us the story of another experience of the risen Jesus. The disciples unknowingly walk with Jesus and tell him of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Jesus himself looks back with them to the promises made to Moses and all the prophets about his death and resurrection. Still they do not know who he is. It is only when he blesses and breaks bread and shares it with them that they realize it is Jesus. Then they race back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

### Slow of Heart

After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, two of the disciples hit the road and try to escape all the uncertainty, fear, remorse, and guilt they feel. They feel the same regret that the disciples feel in Acts and First Peter. They meet another man traveling the same road and are astonished when he seems to know nothing about the events that so occupy their thoughts. These events have consumed them, have broken their hearts, have left them downcast and blind to the very person who joins them on their journey. Their companion, Jesus, takes them through their own tradition, through the Old Testament promise that someone just like him would come, be killed, and would rise from the dead. Though they do not recognize him by the words alone, they do not want him to leave. Lucky for them he stays.

### In the Breaking of the Bread

Despite all the hints, the disciples do not recognize Jesus. They remain consumed with their own confusion and fear and they cannot see who is right in front of them. It is only with the blessing, breaking, and sharing of the bread that they suddenly recognize Jesus. No words, however insightful, can penetrate the confusion and fear the disciples feel. Through the simple act of breaking and blessing bread they recognize Jesus. Even as their "hearts were burning," their minds did not know. How often do we not see what is right before us because we are so consumed with our own worries, regrets, concerns? Like the disciples it takes an action like the breaking of the bread, a reminder of the death of Jesus, his sacrifice, to get us to understand what our hearts already know.

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## God's Plan

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

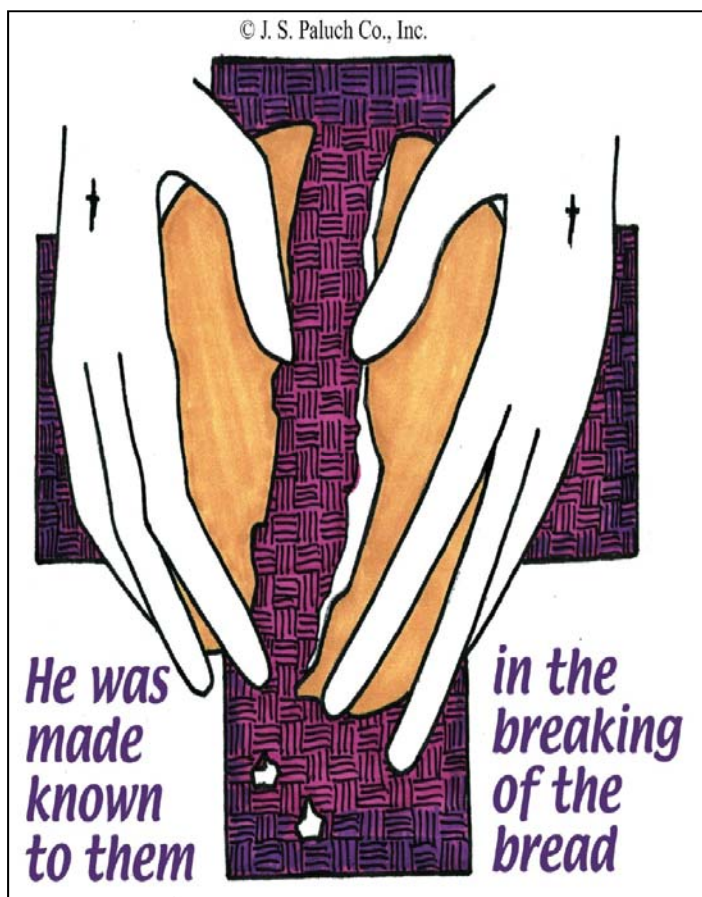
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### Treasures From Our Tradition

"Mystagogy," reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a "pentecost," in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord "has gone before you into Galilee." Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

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He was  
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## Emmaus Amazement



Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). Now I don't think Jesus was wearing glasses like Clark Kent. More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. Luke says they were debating, as if they couldn't decide what to believe.

That leads to the second point. No, they were not surprised that the stranger could quote scripture. Most Jewish men were familiar with the scriptures, but they were amazed at how Jesus explained them. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their hearts were burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, who helped them to understand the new meaning of scripture. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Even better, debate it with someone who doesn't believe. (Remember to keep it friendly.) You may not convince them to change, but your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Passages that may have been mysterious before began to become clear when applied to Jesus.

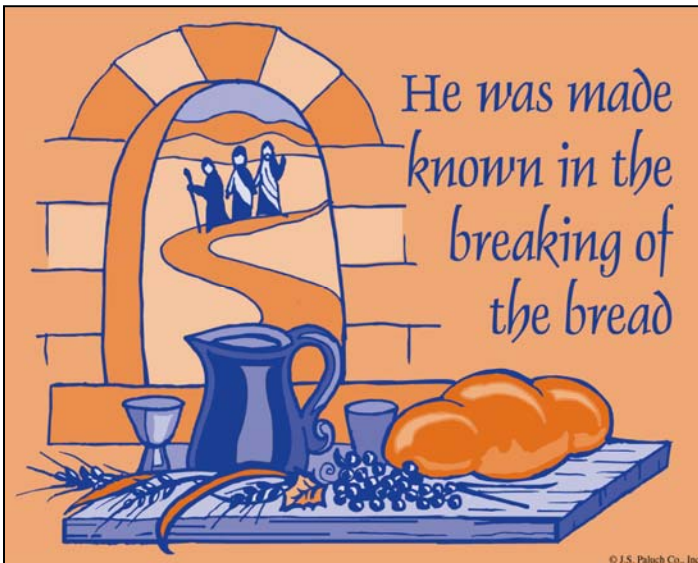
Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in the people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

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## Entrance

How else but through a broken heart  
May the Lord Christ enter in?

~ Oscar Wilde



## Eyes Wide Open

Only Saint Luke tells the story of two disciples walking to Emmaus, and it is full of puzzling gaps. While all the other disciples and Jesus' mother were in Jerusalem trying to understand the amazing fact of the Resurrection, why were these two hurrying out of town? Only one is named—Cleopas. Who was the other? A friend, a brother, a cousin or, perhaps, Cleopas' wife? The two were going over the terrible events in Jerusalem during the previous days when they were joined by a stranger who asked what they were talking about. He listened intently to their story, and then explained what had happened to Jesus in the larger context of the Jewish scriptures. But these two were too blinded by grief to realize who the stranger was. When they reached the village it was late, so they persuaded him to come into the house, which we may guess was either this couple's home or a relative's. The culmination of the story occurs when they sit down for a meal and Jesus breaks bread and gives thanks, at which moment "their eyes were opened" and they knew their guest was the Lord (Luke 24:31). It was not just that they opened their eyes, but they were awakened to a whole new reality. Perhaps that is just the point. God's grace falls on us in the midst of dinner or as we hurry down the road, trying to get away. God's grace falls on us smack dab in the everyday, ordinary moments, in the plain and simple struggles to understand, through conversations in the checkout line, at the bedside of a sick relative, during phone calls and driving the car to pick up or deposit the kids. The Emmaus story says that God is alive, right now, in every moment. Wake up and see!

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## Effects

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

~ Pope Saint Leo the Great

April 19  
2026

# THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOUNTED  
WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY  
AND HOW JESUS WAS MADE KNOWN  
TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Luke 24:35

A photograph showing a pair of hands in white robes breaking a large, golden-brown loaf of bread. Below the hands, a chalice filled with red wine sits on a dark surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light.

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## Recognizing Jesus

St. Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first Letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: all this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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## Reflecting on God's Word

Sometimes new worlds unexpectedly slip up over our horizon and catch us off guard. One morning we get up, stand at the foot of our bed, look out the window, and oh so briefly think how good it is to be alive; and for a moment we smile to ourselves before resuming the arranging of our day. Or we sit with a friend at a noonday lunch, telling stories and laughing over what our lives have been; and somewhere in the midst of it all we think to ourselves that what is happening right at this moment is worth all the struggles and tears of life. Or we sit by ourselves in the rare quiet of a house that is hardly ever so, and daydream, and think about what has gone on in this house over all the days and years, and realize that more than living has happened here, that love has, and maturing; and then the back door slams and our day returns to its tumultuous chaos.

These are all moments of grace, moments when the shadows part if only briefly, and we see more clearly than we ever have before that it's the very presence of God in which we live and move. Then of course the moment disappears, and we'd like to tell someone about it and maybe we try, but in the end our words fall short. After all, how does one find words to explain how for a brief while we walked life with God more consciously than ever before?

I find myself wondering if that was part of what took place as Cleopas and his friend found themselves joined by a stranger on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. How could they not know this stranger was Jesus? Maybe the grace of it was that through faith they came to recognize the Lord Jesus among them, and it didn't much matter whether that dawning of light came quickly or slowly. What did matter was that it happened.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknielis

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## And it Happened That...

The two major components of today's familiar Gospel hinge on this phrase: "And it happened that . . ." But what monumental moments of grace that seemingly insignificant phrase introduces! The first time it appears, the risen Christ joins the disciples on their journey. The second time, he joins them at table and breaks bread with them. Twice also there are "openings" in this passage. The first is the opening of the scriptures to the disciples, which will help them realize that through this "breaking open" of God's inspired word their hearts came to burn with the fire of faith. Second, the breaking of the bread causes their eyes to be opened, so that they recognize Christ with them. And so it happens, each and every Lord's Day, as it happened on this "first day of the week," that in the opening of the word and the breaking of the bread, we come to know Christ with us.

## Finding God in Broken Things

The two disciples were having trouble, as many of us still do today, finding the presence of God in broken things. The body of their Lord had been broken on a cross. They were confused at the broken seal on the tomb—not yet understanding what this meant—thinking perhaps that the grave had been desecrated. Their dreams of the reign of God that Jesus had preached were broken, too. Luke tells us they were "downcast." They were surely not expecting to find God's presence in this stranger on the road whom they did not recognize. But as they continued on their journey with him, his sharing of the scriptures inspired them to keep him as companion, and at their table he became the host. Then grace was present, known, seen, and believed in the broken bread. Their joy overcame their fear of traveling after nightfall (a dangerous undertaking in that time and place), and they sped to Jerusalem to share their good news. We, too, must journey with Jesus, allow him to open our eyes and set our hearts on fire. Then, overcoming all our fears in joyful faith, we must continue on as messengers of the gospel.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

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## On the Road

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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## Treasures From Our Tradition

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

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## Entrance

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May the Lord Christ enter in?

## Worthy Work

I must believe no work beneath me, since Jesus was a carpenter for thirty years, and Joseph all his life.

~ Charles de Foucauld

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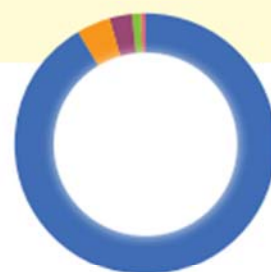
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 God Thea Bowman.

All were filled with love for your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 and were emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 They shared the Good News of your abundant mercy  
 across our country.

We ask, Lord,  
 that you fill us with the same love  
 of Christ and of neighbor,  
 as we follow their holy examples of faith and service.

Strengthen us as we work to build up  
 your Church throughout the United States and  
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 as did these missionary disciples we venerate,  
 and so bring us to share with them  
 the glory of your presence for all eternity.

Amen.

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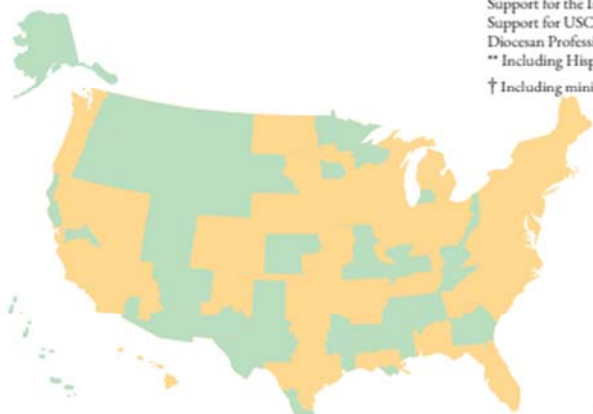
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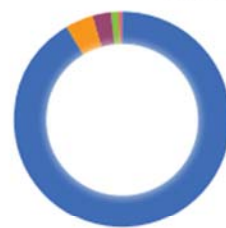
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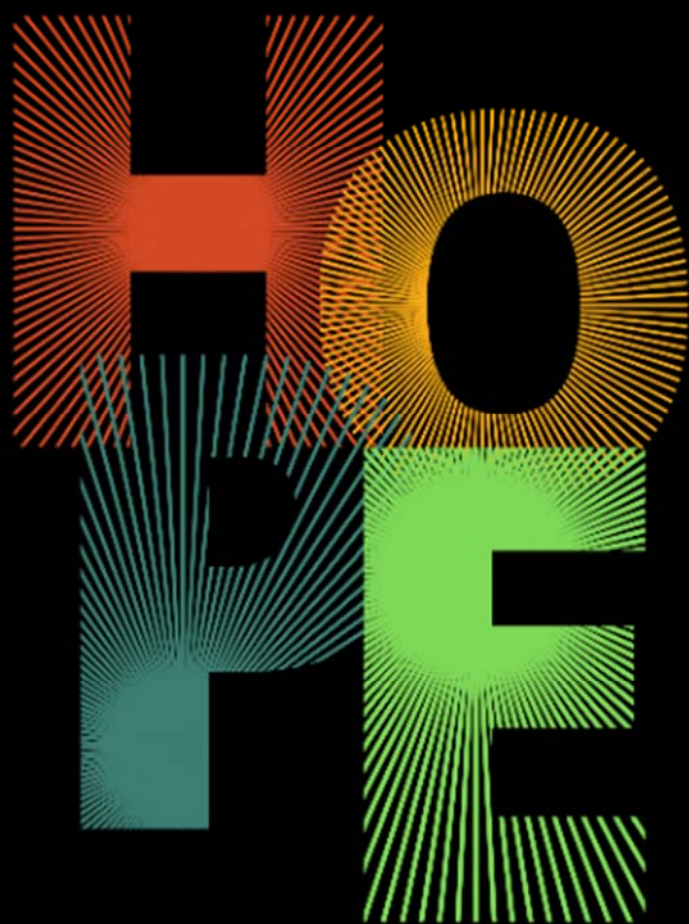
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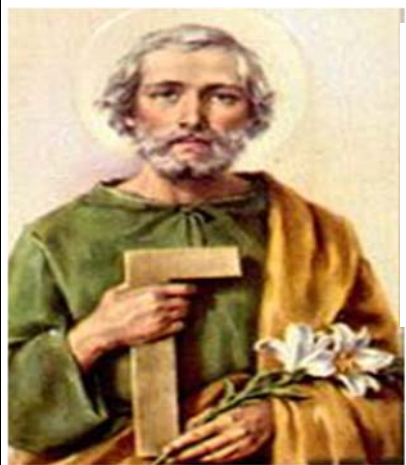
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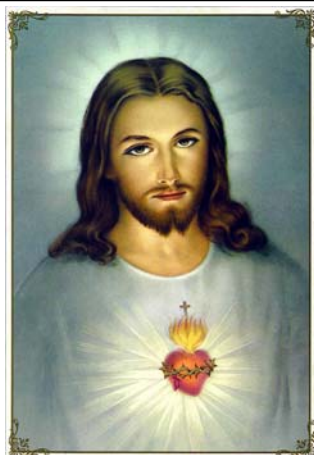
O GOD, You  
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the mother of  
MARY, who  
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Your only  
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Grant that we may  
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Amen.

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The Gracious Chapter

# Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Gracious Chapter

*Yap Family*



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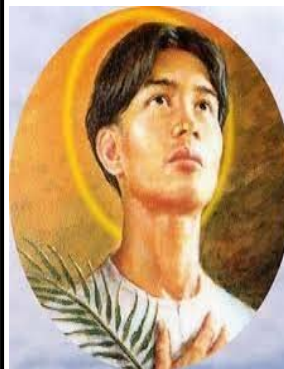
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Feast Day  
December 12



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