

**April 26, 2009**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

*Readings: Acts 3:13-19; 1John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48*

**Emmaus: our story**

The Emmaus story in today's gospel is the most interesting story of Jesus' appearances in the Gospels. On Easter Sunday afternoon two disciples give up on Jesus and are on their way home to Emmaus, 8 miles from Jerusalem. They encounter another pilgrim on the road who joins them on their journey. The two are sad and depressed and they share with the new companion their sorrow and disappointment about Jesus. They say, "We were hoping that he was the Messiah... He taught the people in words and deeds, he worked miracles... but our chief priests and rulers crucified him... The companion is familiar with the bible and he begins to explain to them about the Messiah, and how he is supposed to suffer and to die

to save his people. The two decided to stop for dinner and invite the guest. While eating the guest picks up the bread and blesses it and offers it to them. They look at him intently and they recognize him as Jesus. Jesus disappears from their sight. The two say to each other, "were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke to us and explain the bible? They return to Jerusalem to inform the apostle of their experience. The story continues in today's gospel.

The Emmaus story is my own story and the story of many believers. In my life's journey at times I was shocked and disappointed with events that happen to me and to people dear to me, and I could not understand how God could allow such things to happen. Emotionally I was ready to give up at times. Then suddenly the Emmaus Story, the words of a song, or a friend or a sudden inspiration opened my eyes and warmed my heart and I realized that Jesus was walking with me and explaining God's wisdom and love.

The Emmaus story has been my favorite story for years and it applies to my day to day living. I often read the story and



**Easter Prayer**

Loving God and Father,  
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,  
for He is alive and had become the Lord of life.  
From the waters of death you raise us with him  
And renew the gift of life within us.  
Increase in our minds and hearts  
the risen life we share with Jesus  
And help us to grow as your people  
toward the fullness of eternal life with you.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen



**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Holy Rosary Parish Societies are sponsoring a dinner for Fr. Joseph's 80th birthday on Tuesday April 28, 6:30PM at the Argosy Buffet. There is still room available. For reservations call the parish office before noon on Monday. The dinner is \$12.00 including tip. You may pay at the parish office or by mail. The parish will pay with one check. Parishioners who cannot afford to pay can still call for reservations and the parish will pay for them. Those who need a ride call the parish office.



**Yeah.....your secretary is back in the office.** Thank you to all the people who volunteered and helped out at the rectory while I was recovering these past six weeks. Thanks to all the wonderful parishioners who said prayers for me, called me and sent get well cards. All this helped in my recovery. My left knee is just about completely healed. There is still some minor swelling, but that is normal. The best part, I no longer limp when I walk.

**Cardinal Virtues**

There are four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude. The cardinal or moral virtues are natural, because they can be achieved through human effort

\*\*\*Prudence is correct knowledge of things to be done or avoided. Prudence resides in the intellect and is natural, that is, acquired by our own acts. As an act of virtue, prudence requires three mental actions: taking counsel carefully with oneself and others, judging correctly from the evidence at hand, and directing the rest of our activity based on the norms we have established.

\*\*\*Justice - Our constant and permanent determination to give everyone his or her rightful due. Justice is a habitual inclination of the will. The rights due to others are whatever belongs to a person as an individual as distinct from oneself. A sin against justice requires reparation. We are to compensate for the harm we have inflicted.

\*\*\*Temperance is the virtue that moderates the desire for pleasure. It regulates every form of enjoyment that comes from the exercise of human volition, and includes all those virtues, especially humility, that restrain the inordinate movements of our desires or appetites.

\*\*\*The virtue of fortitude, or courage, is firmness of spirit, steadiness of will in doing good despite obstacles in the performance of our daily duty. It suppresses inordinate fear and curbs recklessness. Because fortitude also moderates rashness, it is the special virtue of pioneers in any field.

## CHÚA NHẬT THỨ III PHỤC SINH

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Khi ấy, vào ngày Chúa nhật Phục sinh có hai môn đệ rời Giêrusalem để về nhà ở làng Emmaus. Dọc đường họ gặp một người lữ hành khác và người này hỏi họ tại sao họ buồn quá như vậy.

Hai ông nói rằng họ đang nói về Chúa Giêsu. Họ hy vọng Người là Đấng Cứu Thế và họ đi theo Người, nhưng bây giờ Người đã bị đóng đinh và đã được chôn nên họ ngượng ngùng khi trở về nhà



gặp mọi người. Người khách có vẻ thành thạo phúc âm và nói rằng Đấng Cứu Thế phải chịu khổ hình và chết. Rồi họ dùng chân và mời người khách dùng cơm tối với họ. Trong khi dùng bữa, người khách cầm lấy bánh, đọc lời chúc tụng bẻ ra và trao cho họ. Trong cách chúc tụng, bẻ bánh và trao cho họ, họ nhận ra người khách là Chúa Giêsu. Rồi Chúa biến mất. Họ vội vã trở về Giêrusalem để thông báo cho các tông đồ khác về sự việc xảy ra trong cuộc hành trình. Chúa Giêsu đã hiện ra với Phêrô và các tông đồ khác và câu chuyện tiếp tục trong bài đọc hôm nay.

Đây cũng là câu chuyện của chúng ta. Đã bao lần trong đời chúng ta, khi chúng ta bị gian nan khôn khó thì Chúa Giêsu đến với chúng ta an ủi chúng ta và cam kết với chúng ta Người sẽ là người bạn đồng hành của chúng ta trên đường đời.

### Lời cầu nguyện trong mùa Phục Sinh

Hãy yêu Chúa và Cha, Chúng ta không còn phải tìm Chúa Giêsu ở giữa kẻ chết nữa vì Người đã sống lại và trở thành Chúa đời sống. Từ nước của sự chết Người đã kéo chúng ta lên với Người và hồi sinh sự sống trong chúng ta. Hãy tăng lên trong tâm trí chúng ta đời sống hồi sinh chúng ta chia sẻ với Chúa Giêsu. Để giúp chúng ta lớn mạnh trên đường về cõi vĩnh hằng. Chúng ta cầu xin nhờ Chúa Giêsu. Amen

### TIỆC MỪNG SINH NHẬT

Hội đồng giáo xứ Holy Rosary sẽ tổ chức tiệc mừng sinh nhật 80 tuổi của cha xứ Joseph vào ngày thứ Ba 28 tháng 4 lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều tại nhà hàng Argosy Buffet. Xin mời tất cả anh chị em tham dự. Xin gọi văn phòng giáo xứ trước ngày thứ Năm 23/4/09 để tiện việc sắp xếp. Giá bữa ăn là \$12. Ai không thể trả được hoặc không có xe di chuyển xin gọi văn phòng giáo xứ để được giúp đỡ.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 25

4PM Carmelline Petrus by Christine Seese  
Sam Vigilato by Sam and Margaurite Raccuglia

### Sunday, April 26

8AM In honor of St. Peregrine by Anthony and Josephine Pace  
Matthew, Minnie, and Annette Orlando by Barbara  
11AM The deceased members of the Masucci Family by family  
Lino Baldin by wife and family

### Monday, April 27

8AM For the parishioners of Holy Rosary

### Tuesday, April 28

8AM The Mathis Family by Vivian Gentile

### Wednesday, April 29

8AM Special Intentions

### Thursday, April 30

8AM Special Intentions

### Friday, May 1

8AM Frank Balestere by Family

### Saturday, May 2

4PM Kathryn L. Presta by Chee Bay & Rose Guastello  
Sam Vigilato by Rosalie & Jim Bonadonna

### Sunday, May 3

8AM In Memory of Saverio Ray by Rosalie Ray  
11AM Sam Vigilato by Rose Sirna  
Jerry Sirna by Wife & Family  
Anna Mineo by Rose Sirna & The Denny Family

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 19, 2009

Collections: **\$3704.00**  
Other Income: **\$1637.00**  
TOTAL: **\$5341.00**

*"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left."* —

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES May 2 & 3

### LECTORS

4PM: D Armato  
8AM: E Smith  
11AM: M Valenti  
**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**  
4PM: L. Roccaforti,  
D. Armato, T. DeLuna  
8AM: Q. Tran, M. Smith, E. Smith  
11AM: A. Cascone, M. Danna,  
A. Depetre

### ALTAR SERVERS

4PM: Brian Bui  
8AM: Triston and Fantasia Ta  
11AM: Yen and Lon Bui



### Upcoming Marian feasts

The feast of Our Lady of the Audience is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. Tell your friends from Sambuca and all others devoted to Our Lady. After Mass, refreshments will be served outside.

The feast of the Holy Rosary will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. More details later.