

EPIPHANY

April 23, 2023

"What are you discussing
as you walk along?"



Third
Sunday
of Easter

WELCOME to Epiphany



Emmaus is whatever we do or wherever we go to make ourselves forget that the world holds nothing sacred... where we spend much of our lives, you and I, the place that we go to in order to escape - a bar, a movie, wherever it is that we throw up our hands and say, "Let the whole damned thing go hang. It makes no difference anyway." But there are some things that even in Emmaus we cannot escape. We can escape our troubles, at least for a while. We can escape the job we did not get or the friend we hurt. We can even escape for a while the awful suspicion that life makes no sense and that the religion of Jesus is just a lot of wishful thinking. But the one thing we cannot escape is life itself...

About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Apr 23, 2023

Table manners

Someone once said we like our heroes dead more than alive. Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers movement but found himself denounced as a communist and surveilled by the FBI during his lifetime. Only after death was his stature recognized, and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Encouraged by a priest who fueled him with Catholic social teaching, Chavez was also inspired by the nonviolent resistance of Gandhi. Along with lifelong co-worker Dolores Huerta, Chavez brought national attention to an abused yet fundamental part of our work force. Support farm workers' rights and remember at every table how your food got there.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

Monday, Apr 24, 2023

Seek what is hidden

Benedictine sister, best-selling author, and spiritual guide Macrina Wiederkehr was called a "master of everyday spirituality." She lived with the monastic community of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas and died on this day in 2020 at the age of 80. On this anniversary of her passing, let her words infuse your own everyday spirituality: "Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. . . . Real Presence is everywhere, and those with the hearts of children revel in it."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."*

Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023

Mark left his mark

Mark wasn't a direct disciple of Jesus but was quite active in the Early Church. He was closest to Peter, the latter returning to Mark's mother's house after escaping prison. According to Saint Jerome: "Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome embodying what he had heard Peter tell. When Peter had heard this, he approved it and published it to the churches to be read by his authority." Mark's short, action-packed gospel highlights the immediacy of Jesus' actions; Mark also uses the word *eutheos*—Greek for "right away"—more than 40 times. How might the Spirit be tapping you to act with immediacy?

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). *"Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.'"*

Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023

Don't skip this meal

The Catholic Church teaches that the "Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." As such, it is essential to feeding our spirit and showing us the way to holiness. The very act of listening to the Word, sharing our gifts, and breaking bread with others during Mass is a foretaste of God's reign, where all are welcome to the table. A U.S. Bishops-sponsored Eucharistic Revival is underway to encourage all to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

and feel healed, converted, and called to spread love of this life-giving experience to others. Learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, which culminates in a 2024 Eucharistic Congress, at eucharisticrevival.org.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Jesus said to the crowds, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.'"*

Thursday, Apr 27, 2023

The real deal

Today's gospel has a eucharistic theme, with talk of "living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world." One way the church emphasizes the Eucharist is its insistence on the Real Presence, that is, the core belief that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly *are* the Body and Blood of Christ. They are not just symbols but, as Saint John Damascene wrote, the "actual deified body of the Lord." If wrestling with that concept makes your head hurt, know that the church also acknowledges this is a "mystery"—something the mind cannot fully grasp. Leave it to the heart to understand.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). *"The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."*

Friday, Apr 28, 2023

What's in your wallet?

Stored in coin wallets, pockets, purses, jewelry boxes, and glove compartments are many hundreds of little beads. Some are held together by string or wire, others fashioned into metal "decade" rings with laminated instructional cards. No matter what form they take, each reminds us of a special prayer of the Catholic Church, the Rosary. Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, known for his love of the Rosary, always made sure to teach people to pray the Rosary in whatever method best helps them enter into the mysteries of the life of Christ. What's your unique way of praying the beads?

MEMORIAL OF LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *"[Ananias] answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'"*

Saturday, Apr 29, 2023

Stand firm in your calling

Sometimes in the process of growing up you have to stand your ground with your parents. While they love you and are owed your devotion, they don't *always* know what's best for you. Catherine of Siena had to stand firm against the objections of her parents in order to fulfill her deepest calling, which was to the religious life. A wise choice on her part, and the entire church has benefited enormously as a result. The church has expressed its collective appreciation to her by bestowing the rare title of "doctor of the church" upon her.

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, TERTIARY, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"You have the words of eternal life."*

Earth Day at Epiphany

Watching

The Letter: Laudato Si' Film

"Pope Francis invitation on care for invitation"



April 22nd

1:00pm - 3:00pm

**Children's Earth Day
Craft and Activities**

April 23rd

After 11am Mass

Alpha

**New Young Adult
Alpha**

Beginning

April 27th 7:00pm

**New Parish Adult
Alpha**

Beginning

April 30th 12:30pm

New Parish Connect

Beginning

April 25th 7:00pm

**Explore
Life
Faith
Meaning**

Alpha

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APR. 23 - APR. 30

EVENTS



**11:00am Class Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program**
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
**12:30pm Miraculous
Medal Novena**
7:00pm The Chosen



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
**7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom**



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
**6:00pm Curia of
Legionnaires of Mary**
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays



**10:00am Confirmation
Retreat**
4:00pm Vigil Mass



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture**
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Easter Giving

What Should I Give to God at Easter? Truly, all we have, we owe to Christ, who spared nothing of himself on Calvary. During the Easter season, we build our commitment to God by placing our treasure where our hearts need to be. Give Him your heart, by supporting Christ's bride, the Church, with a generous donation. Our Easter Christmas collection is our most important collection. Thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

April 29th
Sant' Egidio
Prayer Service
at 6:30pm

MASSES
Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 22

4:00pm Helen Tierney

Sunday, April 23

11:00am Joan Frontino & Robert Spadaro

7:30pm Kathleen Harris

Monday, April 24

12:10pm Mary E. Brady

Tuesday, April 25 *Feast of St. Mark*

12:10pm Rafael Marcos

Wednesday, April 26

12:10pm intentions of Amanda Bowling

Thursday, April 27

12:10pm Mary Spadaro

Friday, April 28

12:10pm Sally Boyer

Saturday, April 29 *Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena*

4:00pm King Phojanakong

Sunday, April 30

11:00am Joseph S. Chembri

7:30pm the Escueta family

Monday, May 1

12:10pm intentions of Alex & Andrew Bianco

Tuesday, May 2

12:10pm Francis G. Paturas

Sanctuary Lamp

Apr. 23 - 29

John Caradonna

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