



**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020**

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

<b>SUN 4/26</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
<b>MON 4/27</b>	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
<b>TUE 4/28</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
<b>WED 4/29</b>	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
<b>THR 4/30</b>	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
<b>FRI 5/01</b>	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
<b>SAT 5/02</b>	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
<b>SUN 5/03</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

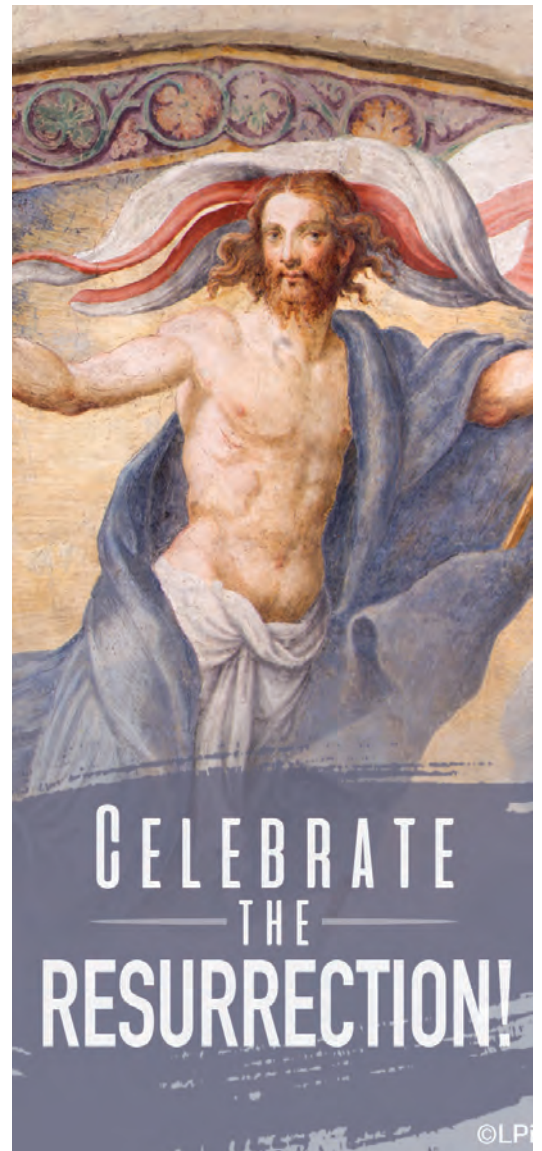
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Pius V, Pope
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Joseph the Worker
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us

and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.







# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## FIRST READING

"God raised this Jesus;  
of this we are all witnesses.  
Exalted at the right hand of God,  
he received the promise of the Holy  
Spirit from the Father." (Acts 2:32-33a)

## PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.  
(Ps 16) or Alleluia

## SECOND READING

He was known before the foundation of  
the world but revealed in the final time  
for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

## GOSPEL

"The Lord has truly been raised and has  
appeared to Simon!" (Lk 24:34)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a "Eucharistic" encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Catholic Life Explained:**  
*Discerning Vocations*

#### Question:

As the godfather for my niece, what must I do as she grows up? Are there specific responsibilities I have?

#### Answer:

The biggest responsibility you have as a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in your parish teaches by deed and shows your godchild how to live a life of faith. Next to the child's parents, your role can be one of great influence in her religious formation and education.

What else can you do? A special remembrance on the day the child was baptized can highlight its importance. As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith, and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Celebrate first Penance, first Communion, and Confirmation as key moments in your godchild's faith journey. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. Your obligations do not end with the ceremony of Baptism, but are just the beginning.

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They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

— Lk 24:33-35

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

In his first speech in Acts, Peter focuses on God's work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. What do you think the resurrection of Jesus says about God?

### Second Reading

Peter asserts that the resurrection of Jesus should give believers "faith and hope" in God. How do you remain focused on this objective in your spiritual journey?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus' resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most well-known and beloved resurrection stories. What do you think makes this resurrection account so appealing?



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

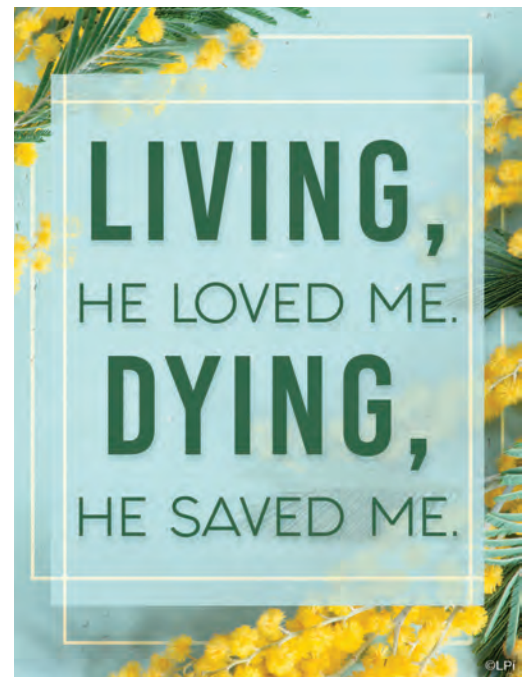
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



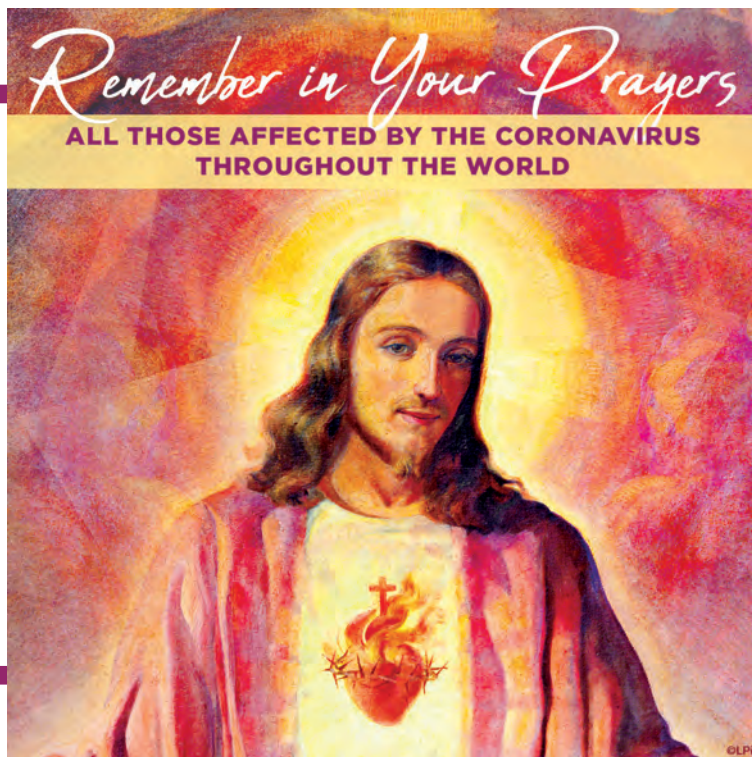
*And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.*

- Lk 24:30-31

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*Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.*

*Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.*

*Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.*

*Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.*

*Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.*

*Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.*

*We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen*



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