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## SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 24:35

# HOLY REDEEMER

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs, Fri . 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

### First Sunday of the Month:

*The Mass of Healing ...5:30 p.m.*

### Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

### Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email [vocations@fwdioc.org](mailto:vocations@fwdioc.org).

### Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

### Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

### Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

### Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

### Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

### Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or disability, please call the parish office.

## Readings and Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

**NO 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**9:30 a.m. LIVE STREAM Mass online**

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

### MONDAY, APRIL 27

Acts 6:8-15/119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

**NO Mass**

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

**NO Mass**

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

**NO Mass**

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

**No 5:30 p.m. Mass**

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

## HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

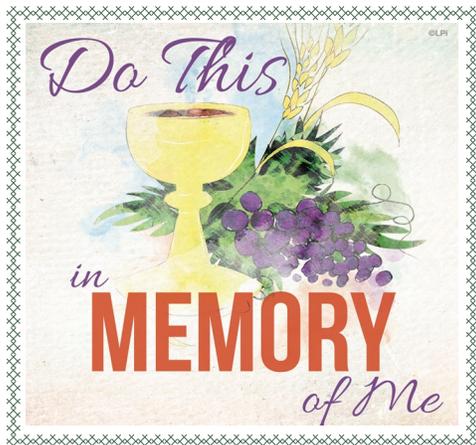
Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book.

### Online electronic giving makes giving easy!

You can schedule your Sunday, F/M, and Special Collection contributions all in one place.

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**GIVEPLUS APP:** Download the GivePlus app by Vanco Payment Solutions. Enter the parish zip code "76008" to find Holy Redeemer and select it as your parish.



## OUR EMMAUS ROAD

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus in today's reading came to know the Lord in the "breaking of the bread"—the Eucharist. We can see that their encounter with Jesus that day parallels the way Jesus comes to meet us in Mass.

First, just as Jesus spoke to the two disciples on the road about the Scriptures, so Jesus speaks to us through the Scriptures in the Liturgy of the Word. Then, just as Jesus explained the Scriptures to the disciples on the road, so do we have those words interpreted for us by the priest so that we can begin to understand what they mean for our lives. The first half of the journey to Emmaus, focuses on the Word of God.

Then, as we experience the "breaking of the bread," Jesus gives us his very self, his Body and Blood. At that moment, our eyes can be opened and we are able to see Jesus in our midst. When we receive the Lord with an open and receptive heart, we know that he is alive . . . and with us. We begin to have a glimpse into the awesome plan of God for our own lives. The second half of the Mass, like the second half of the Emmaus story, centers on meeting and recognizing Jesus.

Finally, like the disciples who run back to Jerusalem to share the Good News, we too, at the end of every Mass, are commissioned to be ambassadors of Christ who has revealed himself in the Word and in the Eucharist.

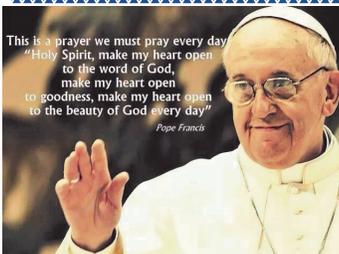


*Many of you have asked about Monsignor Publius's absence in the live stream Mass. He is healthy and at home. Bishop Olson has asked elderly priests to celebrate Mass privately and avoid being in the public. Monsignor appreciates your prayers and thoughts during this time. We are truly grateful for Fr. Richard Flores and Deacon Scott France and appreciate their willingness to offer live stream Mass at Holy Redeemer for our parishioners. Thank you to all those who are making this available for us. Monsignor looks forward to meeting together as a parish as soon as we are able!*

Please remember to unite with our parishioners and all Catholics and at 12:00 noon, to pray the **Our Father**, the **Hail Mary** and the **Glory Be** three times everyday. Let us raise our prayers to heaven for those who are infected with this virus, for our safety and for a remedy to this deadly disease. Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints, we humbly implore you to keep us and the whole world safe in these fearful times.

**Prayers bring hope, unity and comfort to the sick and weary.**

God's blessing to all,  
**Msgr. Publius Xuereb**



## What is a Plenary Indulgence?

A plenary indulgence, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, remits all temporal punishment due to sin. To obtain the indulgence, a faithful Christian must be completely detached from all sin and fulfill the ordinary conditions of an indulgence, which are sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayer for the intentions of the pope.

### God Catches Flying Arrows: The Three Plenary Indulgences Explained

Due to the coronavirus pandemic creating difficulties in obtaining the sacraments in a timely manner, the Holy See is allowing the faithful to obtain the indulgences without immediately completing the three usual conditions (confession, Eucharist, prayer for the pope's intentions).

### Three Special Plenary Indulgences

Out of concern for all Catholics during the coronavirus pandemic, the Holy Father announced three special plenary indulgences for people with Covid-19, and for those who care for them, including family members and medical staff, and for those who pray for them. Specific information on obtaining the indulgences being imparted during the coronavirus pandemic are on this hyperlink:

<https://fwdioc.org/special-plenary-indulgences>. Then click each section to expand them.

We encourage you to visit our Holy Redeemer website for any and **ALL** updates for our Parish events, information and **LIVE STREAM** of the Mass. [www.holyredeemeraledo.org](http://www.holyredeemeraledo.org)



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### Broken Hearts Healed by Broken Bread at Emmaus

On that same Easter Sunday, Our Risen Lord made another appearance to two of his disciples who were on their way home to a village named Emmaus seven northwest of Jerusalem.

The darkness of Good Friday, the crucifixion, death and burial caused them to weaken their hope of the resurrection. They had heard of His resurrection; but since they had not seen him it was hard for them to believe. Midday had passed, and only rumors were heard about his resurrection. The disciples began to think of finally separating and returning to their homes; for without their Master, they were without a leader. Two of them determined to go back home to Emmaus.

No subject was more on the men's minds that particular day reminiscing what had happened in the last three days. Their conversation consisted of the things of what their hearts were full of. Was Jesus the Messiah or not? If so, how had things ended up so gloomy? His life, his words, and his miracles seemed to show that he was the Messiah; but on the other hand, how could the



Messiah allow to be treated and be crucified like that?

As they were discussing with heavy hearts, a stranger approached them on the road going the same direction. They did not recognize him; they thought he was an ordinary solitary traveler. Though they did not know the stranger, they were ready to share their conversation with him. He asked them, *"What are you discussing as you walk along?"*

As Jesus was the first to ask the Samaritan women at the well for water, so now he is the first to ask the travelers what they were talking about.

*"They stopped, looking downcast."* The reason they were sad. They knew that Jesus had been arrested, insulted, crucified, dead and buried. His question gave them an opportunity to share with him their pain, disappointment and sorrow.

One of them, whose name was Cleopas, was the first to speak. He expressed amazement at the ignorance of the stranger who was so unfamiliar with the events of the last few days. *"Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in the last few days?"*

He replied, *"What things?"* They both said to him, *"The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet...how our chief priests and rulers...crucified him...we were hoping he would redeem Israel...some women reported they have seen him...he was alive..."*

They had hoped that they would hear the good news, but it looked like Jesus had disappointed them. That was the third day and Jesus had not been seen.

Then the Risen Lord, the Stranger said to them, *"Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart... then he interrupted them to what referred to him in the scriptures."* They were accused of being foolish and slow of heart because they failed to see that his birth, his life, his passion, his death and his resurrection were the price he had to pay to bring redemption.

Such conversation seemed to shorten the road and found them eagerly listening as they approached Emmaus, the end of the journey. And, now, the stranger bade them goodbye. What they had heard from him, however they longed to hear more. Therefore, they begged him saying, *"Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over."* So, Jesus went in to stay with them.

There is a Hebrew proverb which says, *"Those who have good thoughts about God during the day will not abandon them during the night."*

Their invitation to be a guest he accepted, but at supper he acted as the host for *"...when he sat down at table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it and offered it to them..."* Luke 24:30. The voice, the words, the blessing, the breaking, the giving, the bread... it was really him. Jesus is Risen!

Broken hearts healed by broken bread at Emmaus.

*Most Merciful Father: This Easter season 2020, we are similar to the two disciples going home on that first Easter. Our hope is wounded by fear of this pandemic. Our hearts are weary with sickness and no good news. Journey with us on the road to recovery. We invite you to come to our home, share with us our fear. Restore our broken hearts. Bless us with your presence as we share our daily bread. Let us share with you, in your home, the church, the Bread of Life, the Blessed Eucharist. And as the two disciples of Emmaus, whose hearts were burning within them, as you walked with them, and strengthen by your presence and the breaking of the bread, we too shall proclaim your goodness to us and to the whole world. Amen.*

Let not your fear overcome your faith.

*Msgr. Publius Xuereb*