



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **Reconciliation Confession**

Tues, Thurs

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

5:00 – 5:45 pm

Confession by appointment:

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### Reconciliación Confesiones

Los martes, jueves y el segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45 pm y por cita 936-825-3920

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Pastor: Rev. Giovanni Nguyen

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### Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm Sunday: (English) 8:00 am Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm

Weekday Mass:

First Saturday 9: 00 am Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am Tuesday 6:00 pm (English) Thursday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Rosary Prayed in Common: Tues & Thurs: 5:40 pm Wed & Fri: 8:10 am Saturday: 5:15 pm Sunday: 7:15 am & 12:15 pm

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### APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY DECREE

Indulgences attached to devotions in honour of
Divine Mercy
PLENARY INDULGENCE

To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbour, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.

Decree Misericors et miserator, (5 May 2000)

### **PARISH LIFE**

### MASS INTENTION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23** 

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM Jorge Quirino † and Demetrio Quirino †

**MONDAY, APRIL 24** 

No Mass

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25** 

6:00 PM Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26** 

8:30 AM Torres & Rangel Families

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 AM Archie † and Dolores † Wetuski

6:00 PM\* Martin Ruiz, Jr. †

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 AM Christie † and Shirley † Mattern

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 -Vigil

6:00 PM Joe † and Margaret † Noto

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30** 

8:00 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM\* Maria Elena Hernandez † and Antonio Ramirez †

\*Spanish

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MONDAY, APRIL 24** 

5:00 PM Spanish Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25** 

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

6:00 PM CCE Grades 1-5th, SPCC/SPH

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27** 

12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

7:00 PM Mystagogy, SPCC

7:00 PM Bazaar Meeting, SPH

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30** 

10:30 AM CCE Grades 6-12th, SPCC/SPH

4:00 PM First Holy Communion Rehearsal, CH

### OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2023

For a culture of peace and nonviolence
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence,
by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office: 936-825-3920.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptism preparation is completed via an on-line video class. Spanish Baptism Classes will be held in person. Please call for Rosa or Felisa for class dates and times. All Documents, forms and classes must be completed prior to the next upcoming scheduled Baptism date, turned in, and approved by the Pastor.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration; therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated at Christ Our Light.

English Baptisms will be held quarterly. January 28, April 22, July 22, 2023, and October 28, 2023, at 11:30 AM. Spanish Baptisms will be held quarterly. January 14, April 15, July 15, 2023, and October 14, 2023, at 11:30 AM.

For more information regarding English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979–219–1360.

For more information regarding Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.

### WEDDING PREPARATION

Contact parish office or email Jennifer Nguyen, jnguyen9@twu.edu for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 6-9 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.



### PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of our

community: Sarafina Alo Andrew Castillo Braxton Castillo Jo Ann Clepper Frank Crouch Elizabeth Culmer Eva Estrada Liz Estrada Lois Finke Fabryna Hitchcock Liz Johnson Rachel Kammel Mary Ann Knowles Liz Kubricht Iohn Lawrence Christian Mills Leslie Mills France Munoz

Donna Grupa

Anita Olguin Julian Olguin Matthew Oliver Cecelia Pearson Angelina Peterson Wallace Peterson Irene Ramirez Lucila Rivera Zek Rueda Rosalinda Salazar Josh Sechelski Sherrie Shiflett Lydia Torres **Jessie Torres** Polly Uilkie Jessie Valadez, III Crystal Winkler David Woehler Trần Thi Tuyết Mai

<u>Call the parish office</u> when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 936-825-3920. Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, <u>please call to let us know when to remove the name from the list.</u>

Thank you.

#### MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Candle Stands are electrical. Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by pressing the red button and give an offering. The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial Candles burning for one year are \$150.00 each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.

P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic Reparative Adoration)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. following the 8:30 AM Masses and will be reposed at 9:00 PM on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 5:45 PM before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass and Friday at 9:00 PM. The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. "Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday 04/16/2023 \$ 5,479.51

Maintenance Fund \$ 775.00

Advertising \$ 300.00

### **DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023**

2023 Parish Goal	\$ 26,000.00			
2023 Total Paid (activity thru 4/1	7/2023) \$ 12,510.00			
Difference Goal vs. Paid	\$ 13,490.00			
Participants	34			
HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY				
APRIL 30, 2	2023			

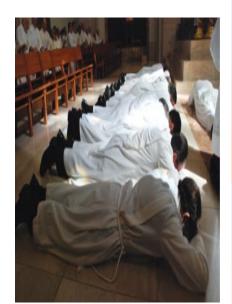


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#### EASTER FLOWERS PRAYER INTENTION

### IN MEMORY OF:

Jorge Quirino Adolfo Reyes David Miller Peter Nguyen Ngoc Tuynh Maria Tran Thi Thanh Tra Maria Teresa Pham Thi Tuyet Teresa Avila Huynh Thi Hue Joseph Nguyen Van Hung Peter Nguyen Ngoc Huyen Peter Nguyen Xuan Canh Maria Pham Thi Nhan Anton Nguyen Thai Hy Pauline Bidelspach Rev. Phaolo Nguyen Hoai Chuong Maria Nguyen Thi Dung Bishop George Arthur Sheltz Venerable Cardinal François Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan The Rev. Joseph Nguyen Van Chu



### Be holy!

Make Christ the centre of your lives!

Build the edifice of vour existence on him!

In Jesus you will find the strength to open vourselves to others and to make yourselves,

after his example, a gift for the whole of humanity.

Pope Benedict XVI 5/8/11



### EASTER FLOWERS DONATION

Pamela Maleh Jennifer & Thong Nguyen Barbara Lebeck Laura Quirino Helen Kimball Clara Walkoviak Michael Miller Juan & Elisa Caronella Familia Quirino Eva Reyes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### APRIL

THIRD SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1022 Acts 2:14,22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35 (46) Pss III

MONDAY

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29 (273)

TUESDAY

St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20 (555) Pss Prop

WEDNESDAY

Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40 (275)

THURSDAY

Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51 (276)

FRIDAY

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59 (277)

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin SATURDAY and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69 (278)



### THIRD EASTER SUNDAY

Were not our hearts burning within us while he . . . opened the Scriptures to us? (Luke 24:32)

In today's familiar Gospel, a disciple named Cleopas and his companion walked the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were leaving Jerusalem, a place of disappointment and dashed hopes, where their Master had suffered and died. But on that path of sadness and doubt, Jesus spoke and "opened the Scriptures" to them, even though they failed to recognize him (Luke 24:32).

Patiently, Jesus explained how all the Scriptures pointed to him. Step-by-step, the risen One brought their faith back to life. Perhaps the women's story of an empty tomb could be true! Could this have been God's plan all along? Slowly, their grief-stricken hearts grew warm; they hungered to hear more. "Stay with us," they pleaded (Luke 24:29). And once he broke the bread, their eyes were opened: they knew it was Jesus.

Today the same Jesus who walked the road to Emmaus will be speaking to *you* through the Scriptures at Mass. These aren't just wise words from a gifted teacher or an ancient book. It is Jesus himself, the living Word of God, speaking to you. He will meet you wherever you are: whether you're just starting out in your journey of faith or you've been following him for years. Whether you have questions or you're sure of what you believe, Jesus will still open his word to you. He loves to stir your heart!

Don't you want the hope that comes from hearing Jesus speak his words? Don't you want more confidence that he will speak to you through his words? And don't you want deeper faith that he is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, on the altar? Jesus wants this even more than you do!

Open your heart to the Lord; listen as he speaks through his word. He will not disappoint.

"Jesus, help me to hear you speak through the Scriptures today."
Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

The Word Among Us



¡Escúchenme! (Hechos, 2, 14)

La palabra griega kerigma significa "la proclamación" y la Iglesia la utiliza para describir el mensaje central que Pedro y los apóstoles predicaron después de la resurrección de Jesús. La primera lectura de hoy es un ejemplo claro del kerigma de la Iglesia. Dirigiéndose a la multitud reunida en Pentecostés, Pedro proclamó los eventos clave que se encuentran en el corazón de nuestra fe:

Jesús realizó "milagros, prodigios y señales" mientras estuvo en la tierra (Hechos 2, 22). Los Evangelios están llenos de relatos en los que Jesús cura gente, resucita muertos, calma tormentas, expulsa demonios. Todos estos milagros demostraron que Jesús no era un hombre ordinario.

"Conforme al plan previsto y sancionado por Dios, Jesús fue entregado" (Hechos 2, 23). La muerte de Jesús no era simplemente una parodia de justicia o un accidente del destino. No, era parte del plan de Dios. Jesús fue a morir voluntariamente, como una víctima inocente del pecado que había en el mundo, para liberarnos del pecado.

"Dios lo resucitó" (Hechos 2, 24). Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos. El Señor rompió las cadenas de la muerte y reveló la promesa de la resurrección, tanto para él como para todos aquellos que creen en él.

Habiendo ascendido al cielo, Jesús derramó "el Espíritu Santo prometido" (Hechos 2, 33). Gracias a ese Espíritu, cada uno de nosotros puede experimentar el amor de Dios en su corazón. Podemos conocer el perdón de todos nuestros pecados y nuestro corazón puede llenarse con la esperanza de la vida eterna.

Este *kerigma* no es solamente un conjunto de verdades que creemos. Es la historia de nuestra redención. Es una serie de promesas que podemos experimentar: Sanación física y espiritual, perdón, vida eterna, el Espíritu Santo.

Esta es tu herencia, Jesús murió para asegurarte el perdón de los pecados y la vida junto a él.

"Amado Jesús, ¡me maravillo por el amor y la generosidad que me ofreces!"

Salmo 16 (15), 1-2a. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11

1 Pedro 1, 17-21

Lucas 24, 13-35



### ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS



Discepoli di Emmaus. Vatican News 04/20 **Regina Coeli:** 

### With Jesus, we can face all challenges

At the Regina Coeli, Pope Francis reflects on the story of the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

### **Christopher Wells**

At the Regina Coeli on the Third Sunday of Easter, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel account of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35).

"It is a story which begins and ends on the move", the Pope said. On the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples are sad, although the Lord, whom they do not recognize, is walking beside them. On the return journey, they are joyful, because, although they no longer see Jesus, they feel Him near them.

### Two different paths

Pope Francis said that these "two different paths" show us "that in life, we have two opposite directions in front of us". One is the path of those who "let themselves be paralyzed by life's disappointments", and the other is that of those who put Jesus, and their brothers and sisters, in first place.

"Here is the turning point", the Pope said: "to stop orbiting around oneself, the disappointments of the past, the unrealized ideals, and to go on looking at the greatest and truest reality of life: Jesus is alive and loves me".

### HOLY SEE JOINT WORKING GROUP WITH VIET NAM

Vietnam and the Holy See do not have diplomatic relations. However, since 2009 they have collaborated through a joint working group, which met for the 10th time in March.

On March 31, 2023, representatives from Vietnam and the Holy See gathered in the Vatican for the 10th meeting of the two states' joint working group. Although Vietnam and the Holy See do not have official diplomatic relations, their ties have developed greatly over the <u>years</u>, especially after the establishment of the group in 2009. Today this entity, made up of delegations from both states, continues to fulfill its mission of drawing together the two and ensuring the livelihood of Catholics in Vietnam.



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"The two sides reaffirm the freedom of the Church, within the bounds of law, to carry out its mission for the good of the whole of society. Both agreed that the Catholic Community in Vietnam will continue to be inspired by the Magisterium of the Church regarding their vocation to be good Catholics and good citizens," the <u>statement</u> released by the Holy See Press Office on April 1 said.

The 10th meeting was headed by Le Thi Thu Hang, the Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Monsignor Mirosław Wachowski, Under-Secretary for Relations with States of the Holy See's Secretary of State. The working group was supposed to meet Pope Francis but was unable to as he was in the hospital at the time being treated for bronchitis. They did meet with the Pope's Secretary for Relations with States and International Organizations, Archbishop Paul Gallagher.

"The meeting took place in an atmosphere of cordiality, frankness and mutual respect," the statement said. Vietnam and Holy See Relations

The Holy See and Vietnam have not had diplomatic relations since 1975, when the Communist forces in the north took over the southern part of the country. At the time the regime was not favorable to the Church, as it saw it as a <u>close</u> ally of France, the former colonial power, and there were restrictions on the Catholic community.

There are only 13 countries that do not have formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See. It does have relations with 183. With these, the Holy See has either a local nunciature (106) or a delocalized nunciature (77). In comparison, China has an ambassador in 169 countries, the United States in 168 countries and France in 161 countries. Vietnam is still today a socialist republic and despite there not being official diplomatic ties with the Holy See the two states have ongoing and stable relations, especially since the creation of the joint working group in 2009. In 2007 Pope Benedict XVI met the Vietnamese Prime Minister at the time in "the highest-level encounter" until that moment, after many years of tensions. This paved the way for the creation of the working group. The entity has gotten together 10 times alternating between meetings in the Vatican and in Vietnam. Over the years they have discussed a range of issues from the appointment of bishops, as the



On April 29, the Church celebrates the Catholic News Agency  $\,$  nt Catherine of Siena

### THE LIFE OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Catherine was born on March 25, 1347. The late middle ages was a time of great change in the world and for the Church. The bubonic plague, a deadly and contagious disease often called The Black Death, spread across Europe and killed one third of the population. The Hundred Years War between France and England began. The 14th century was also a troubled period in the life of the Church. During Catherine's lifetime, the pope, who had always lived in Rome, was living in France, which caused problems. This era was also the beginning of the Renaissance, a revival of classical art, architecture, literature, and learning that began in Italy.

Pope Benedict XVI said of Saint Catherine of Siena, "Even in the most difficult times, the Lord does not cease to bless his People, bringing forth Saints who give a jolt to minds and hearts, provoking conversion and renewal. Catherine is one of these and still today speaks to us and impels us to walk courageously toward holiness to be ever more fully disciples of the Lord." (Benedict XVI, General Audience, November 24, 2010).

Catherine was from a very large family. She had twenty-five brothers and sisters. Her family lived in Northern Italy. Her father was a wool dyer, and her mother ran the household and took care of all the children. Catherine did not go to school and did not have a formal education.

When she was very young, Catherine began to find quiet places where she could pray and talk to God. At the age of sixteen, prompted by a vision of Saint Dominic, Catherine joined the Third Order of Dominican nuns. She wore their habit and lived in a small room in her parents' home. Catherine spent three years in this room, praying. After this time, she began to serve those who were sick and poor. People began to visit Catherine because they wanted to.follow her example of living in God's love.

Catherine wrote that no matter where people lived or who they were, they should realize that all their talents and everything they have is from God.

There were many disagreements in the Church during Catherine's life. The pope, Pope Gregory XI, was living in France instead of Rome. Catherine believed that God wanted the disagreements to end so she began to write to the pope. She successfully convinced the Pope to move back to Rome. Catherine continued to write letters to all kinds of people, from the poorest in the land to the richest and most famous. It was considered a miracle that Catherine was able to write well because she never attended school. In her letters, Catherine encouraged people to live in peace.

Catherine's writings are among the classics of Italian literature. The advice and wisdom contained in her writings can still be applied to our lives today. Catherine wrote that no matter where people lived or who they were, they should realize that all their talents and everything they have is from God. Catherine used her talents to have a positive effect on the world.

Saint Catherine of Siena was canonized in 1461. Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1970. She also holds the titles of Co-Patroness of the City of Rome and of Patroness of Italy.

Sadlier Religion. April Feast Day

### HOLY SEE JOINT WORKING

(Continued)

government must approve of the Vatican's choices, to <u>religious freedom</u> in the country, which has not always been a guarantee. As recently as February 2022 state officials <u>interrupted</u> a mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Hanoi.

### The non-resident papal representative

Although there is no apostolic nunciature in Vietnam, since 2011 there has been a non-resident papal representative. There have been talks about having a resident representative since 2018. The statement on the March 31 meeting of the joint working group said that the status of this envoy continues to be a topic of discussion and "the two sides were essentially in consensus on the agreement." At the moment the non-resident representative is Archbishop Marek Zalewski, who is also the Apostolic Nuncio to Singapore.

#### Vietnamese Catholics

Vietnam has a population of over 100 million people and the vast majority, around 86% according to 2019 <u>estimates</u>, do not identify with any religion. Catholicism is the religion with the largest number of faithful, representing 6% of the population.

According to a 2022 report by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) of Georgetown University around 26% of ordinands to the priesthood in the USA were foreign-born and of these 4% were from Vietnam. After Mexico (6%) it is the most represented country. Isabella H. de Carvalho - published on 04/13/23



### Vida de santos

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

### Santa Catalina de Siena

Catalina escribió cartas aconsejando y animando a las personas a vivir en paz. Ella no era rica o educada, sin embargo, tuvo una gran influencia en las personas grandes y pequeñas.

Piensa en alguien que necesita consejo o ánimo. Puede ser alguien en tu familia o vecindario, un compañero de clases, una persona famosa o un amigo. En el espacio escribe palabras de ánimo y consejo para esa persona. Recorta la carta y envíala.


The Lives of the Saints

Name .

### Saint Catherine of Siena

Catherine wrote letters giving advice and encouraging people to live in peace. She was not wealthy or well educated, but Catherine was able to influence many people.

Think of someone you know who could use some advice or encouragement. It could be someone in your family, a neighbor, a classmate, a famous person, or a friend. In the space below, write words of encouragement and advice to this person. Cut the letter out and send it if possible.

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St. Faustina offered her day in 1936 for Russia, as Jesus was in anguish over what was happening in the atheistic country.

During the 1930s, a Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska reportedly had private revelations from **Jesus Christ**. The visions she had would later be defined as the "**Divine Mercy**" devotion, and inspired <u>St. John Paul II to establish "Divine Mercy Sunday"</u> on the 2nd Sunday after Easter. On **December 16, 1936**, St. Faustina wrote in her *Diary* about how she offered her day for Russia.

I have offered this day for Russia. I have offered all my sufferings and prayers for that poor country. After Holy Communion, Jesus said to me, I cannot suffer that country any longer. Do not tie my hands, My daughter. I understood that if it had not been for the prayers of souls that are pleasing to God, that whole nation would have already been reduced to nothingness. Oh, how I suffer for that nation which has banished God from its borders!

### Diary, 818

This entry was only a few days after **Joseph Stalin** signed the **Constitution of the Soviet Union** on December 5, 1936. During the same year, Stalin began what would later be called, "**The Great Purge**," where 750,000 people were killed for their opposition to the government.

The good news is that Jesus' Divine Mercy triumphs over all and that the "prayers of souls that are pleasing to God" **can help turn the tide in any war** and even convert the hearts of the leaders in Russia.

Above all we should pray with St. Faustina, "Jesus, I trust in you!"

Philip Kosloski Aleteia 04/24/22











### Mass Readings for Third Easter Sunday Year A

- **First Reading** Acts 2:14, 22-33: Peter stood up with the eleven apostles and addressed the crowd, explaining that the events they were witnessing were the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. Peter testified about Jesus and how his death and resurrection were also foretold by the prophets, and that Jesus had been raised from the dead by God.
- **Responsorial Psalm** <u>Psalm 16</u>: In this Psalm, the psalmist expresses trust in God as their refuge and source of counsel. They praise God for guiding them on the path of life, and express confidence that God will not abandon them but instead bring them to eternal joy in His presence.
- Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17–21: Peter urges his readers to live in reverence and fear of God, knowing that they were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ. He emphasizes the eternal significance of their faith and encourages them to continue to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave them new life through Him.
- Gospel <u>Luke 24:13-35</u>: Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus when they encountered a stranger who turned out to be Jesus, but they did not recognize Him at first. After Jesus spoke to them and broke bread with them, their eyes were opened and they realized that it was Him.

#### Themes for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Easter for Year A encourage us to truly walk the path of discipleship. In the first reading Peter boldly proclaims the Good News. The psalm reminds us that God will guide us along the path of life. The second reading explains that Jesus Christ died so we could have new life. And in the gospel, two disciples encounter the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

• The Road to Emmaus: Two disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, when they were joined by a stranger who was actually Jesus himself. The theme of the Road to Emmaus is about recognizing the risen Christ in unexpected places and unexpected ways.

- Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread: In the Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. This theme emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist, and that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration.
- Witnessing and Testimony: Christians are called to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, and to share their testimony of how their lives have been changed by their faith in him. This theme is reflected in the reading from Acts, in which Peter proclaims the good news of Jesus' resurrection to a crowd in Jerusalem.
- **Discipleship**: Christians are called to recognize Jesus in unexpected ways, to share their testimony of faith, to spread the good news of Jesus, and to study and apply the teachings of scripture in their lives. We are called to continual growth and transformation in the Christian faith. Being a disciple of Jesus involves a lifelong journey of learning, service, and devotion.
- **Fellowship**: We come together to share in the Eucharistic celebration, to remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and to be nourished by his presence in the bread and wine. We are not called to follow Jesus alone, but to be part of a community of believers who support and encourage one another in our faith.

Young Catholics



### VATICAN DIPLOMACY BY THE NUMBERS: 5 KEY STATS



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The numbers describing the Holy See's diplomatic relations are fascinating ... And an interesting comparison with China and the USA.

On January 10, 2022, Pope Francis received the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See.

Here is an overview of the Holy See's diplomatic relations in January 2022, described in 5 key numbers.

183

This is the number of States with which the Holy See officially maintains diplomatic relations out of the 195 countries that exist to date. The Holy See has either a local nunciature (106) or a delocalized nunciature (77). In comparison, China has an ambassador in 169 countries, the United States in 168 countries and France in 161 countries.

120

This is the number of apostolic nuncios — the Pope's diplomatic representatives — in January 2022. Some nuncios represent the Holy See in more than one country at a time. Today, 33 nunciatures are vacant, including the one to the European Union — since the death last December of nuncio Aldo Giordano, to whom Pope Francis paid tribute in his address to diplomats — but also the one in Australia, Taiwan (since 1979), Hungary, Mexico, the Netherlands, and Venezuela.

In all, there are 13 countries that do not have formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See. The Holy See has no formal diplomatic relations with 8 countries: Afghanistan, Bhutan, China (except for temporary pastoral agreements), North Korea, and the Maldives; it has no diplomatic relations with Tuvalu, but has an Apostolic Delegation for the Pacific; and it has no diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia and Oman, but has an Apostolic Delegation for the Arabian Peninsula. In some countries, the Holy See does not have an

ambassador but has apostolic delegates: the Comoros, Somalia, Brunei and Laos. Finally, the Holy See has only one "non-resident representative" in Vietnam.

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At present, 87 embassies accredited to the Holy See are located in Rome. During his address to the diplomats, Pope Francis welcomed the forthcoming opening of the 88th permanent embassy in the Eternal City, that of Switzerland, until now located in Slovenia. Another country will soon set up a permanent representation in Rome: Azerbaijan.

This is the number of important signatures the Holy See can note from last year.

- ~ On February 10, the Holy See signed its 7th concordat agreement with Austria on the reimbursement of goods confiscated during the Nazi period.
- $\sim$  On May 31, the Holy See was recognized as a non-member observer state in the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ~ Finally, on November 26, the Holy See placed with UNESCO the instrument of ratification of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education, which is part of its Global Compact for Education project.

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OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THESE COMMITTEES FOR PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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### CCE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Saturday, April 22

First Holy Communion confessions 9:00 a.m. COL

Sunday, April 23

CCE Grades 6-12 SPH/SPCC 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 PM

**First Holy Communion Workshop** 

SPH 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Confirmation Workshop** 

SPCC 4:00- 5:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 26

CCE Grades 1-5 SPH/SPCC 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 27

Mystagogy SPH 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

CCE Grades 6-12 SPH/SPCC 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 PM

First Holy Communion Rehearsal COL 6:00 P.M.

### Archdiocese Of Galveston-Houston (Child & Youth Protection Safe Environment Training)

Bienvenido a CMG Connect, el centro de capacitación de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston para el programa Ambiente Seguro.

### Asistencia previa a la formación VIRTUS

Si ha completado la capacitación de VIRTUS en los últimos 5 años, no necesita crear una nueva cuenta.

Inicie sesión con su ID de usuario de VIRTUS de siempre e ingrese la contraseña 1234. Si no puede iniciar sesión, comuníquese con nuestra línea directa de atención al cliente: 833-993-1667 o envíe un correo electrónico:

cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org.

#### **NOTAS IMPORTANTES**

Se le pedirá que complete una verificación de antecedentes penales como parte del proceso de registro. Asegúrese de ingresar su nombre legal tal como aparece en su identificación emitida por el gobierno (licencia de conducir, tarjeta de identificación emitida por el estado, pasaporte, matrícula consular).

### Usuarios nuevos

Si nunca ha asistido a la capacitación VIRTUS o ha tomado la capacitación en línea de Safe Haven anteriormente, regístrese para crear una nueva cuenta



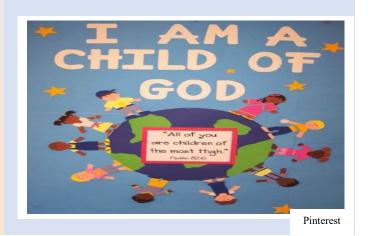
All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, volunteer, or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment, volunteer, or participate with ministries, groups, movements, and organizations. In addition, the mandatory renewal training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5-year expiration of prior training.

Se le exige a todo el clero, a los empleados, al personal escolar contratado y a los voluntarios mayores de 18 años, que trabajen en cualquier capacidad con los niños, los ancianos, y los adultos con necesidades especiales o alrededor de ellos que completen la Formación de la Arquidiócesis para un Ambiente Seguro. También es un requisito presentar los antecedentes penales y que sean analizados antes de que puedan comenzar a trabajar o actuar como voluntarios en las escuelas, o con ministerios, grupos, movimientos u organizaciones. Además, es obligatorio renovar la formación cada 5 años y presentar antecedentes penales actualizados.

If you have never taken the Safe Haven online training, please register to create a new account or log in to renew your account via CMGConnect at

https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org.

Jeremiah1:7 is an Archdiocesan safe environment program that provides formation for high school-age youth who assist adults in ministry to children and youth under the age of 18. For upcoming training please visit: jeremiah1-7@archgh.org or tcolbert@archgh.org.





### Convalidation: Bringing your marriage to the Church

Is my Marriage Recognized by the Church?

Like other couples in your parish or family, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a "dispensation from canonical form," Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love.

### Why Marry Catholic?

Catholic Marriage is unique among other marital relationships because it is a sacrament that makes Christ present in our world. The relationship between husband and wife mirrors the relationship of Jesus Christ for his people. In the Catholic tradition, the husband and wife accept a role in God's plan for humanity. They are ambassadors of God's love, and they collaborate with God to keep humanity alive.

The vows exchanged by the couple are a sacred pact through which the spouses embrace each other, and, together, embrace Jesus as their partner. Through their union with Christ, they participate in the unbreakable pact between God and humanity: the covenant that was sealed in the death and resurrection of Christ.

#### Benefits of Catholic Marriage

One of the many benefits of a sacramental marriage is the power of God's grace, which helps couples keep their commitment and find happiness together. Social scientists are finding that couples who recognize God's presence in their relationship experience more satisfaction and are more likely to achieve lifelong marriage. All in all, couples who choose to bring their marriage into the Church receive many gifts — peace of heart, oneness with the Church, the fullness of the sacraments, and God's special blessing upon their marriage

#### What if there is a Prior Marriage?

In the simplest terms, if a Catholic wishes to marry in the Church when there has been a previous marriage for either party, the partner in the earlier union must have died or the Church must have issued a <u>declaration of nullity</u> (frequently called an annulment) of the previous marriage.

The Catholic Church views all true marriages with respect. It presumes that they are valid. Thus, it considers the marriage of two Protestant, Jewish or even non-believing persons, any of whom marry according to their own tradition, to be binding in the eyes of God. Consequently, a tribunal process is required to establish that an essential ingredient in the relationship was missing from the start of the previous marriage.

For Catholics with a prior marriage outside the Church, the declaration of nullity is based on what is called a "lack of canonical form." For Catholics with a prior "valid" marriage, the tribunal process is termed a "formal case." Catholics should consult with their pastor if a declaration of nullity is needed.

#### Three Things that Make Marriage Valid in the Church

Three things need to be in place for a true (valid) marriage: capacity, consent, and canonical form. A valid Catholic marriage comes into existence when a man and woman who are capable, give consent to a true marriage, including all the essential properties of marriage, and exchange this consent in the proper form for Catholic weddings.

Convalidation is not simply a "blessing" of an existing union. It requires that a new, free act of consent be made. **Capacity** 

- Psychological capacity (emotional maturity and stability)
- Physical capacity
- Freedom from impediments (e.g. a prior marriage, vows in a religious order, etc.)

#### Consent

- To a lifelong marriage
- To an exclusive marriage
- To a marriage that is open to children

#### Canonical Form

• To be married in the presence of a Catholic bishop, or a priest or deacon delegated by either the pastor or bishop, and two witnesses according to the Order of Celebrating Matrimony.

NOTE: Special permission is required for Catholics to marry in a place other than their parish church.

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### PARISH LIFE MARRIAGE CORNER

### CONVALIDATION

### Ten Steps toward Convalidation:

- 1. **Contact** your local parish for an appointment with your pastor or his delegate to discuss the situation and determine what must be done.
- 2. **Obtain** a new copy of the baptismal certificate for the Catholic party (or parties). Make that request to the parish where the person was baptized. If the parish no longer exists or baptismal records are unavailable, contact the Chancery office of that Catholic diocese for assistance.
- 3. **Begin** collecting the necessary paperwork for the Pre-Nuptial Investigation.
- 4. **Participate** in formational sessions with a mentor couple, priest, or deacon in the parish to prepare you for sacramental marriage; take a Natural Family Planning Class (<a href="http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/find-an-nfp-class.cfm">http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/find-an-nfp-class.cfm</a>).
- 5. **If there** is a prior marriage for either party, seek a Church declaration of nullity.
- 6. **As part** of your formational sessions, you may be asked to complete a premarital inventory to identify strengths and areas for growth in the relationship.
- 7. **If married** civilly two years or less, attend a parish or diocesan marriage preparation program (<u>some examples listed here</u>); if previously married, discuss with the priest or his delegate options for specialized preparation.
- 8. **If married** more than two years it is highly recommended that you attend a marriage enrichment weekend or event.
- 9. **Determine** the date and most suitable type of ceremony. For two Catholics, a nuptial Mass is suggested so that the first meal shared by the couple is the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. Plan a joyful get-together that will follow the liturgical service to celebrate the Church's recognition of your marriage.
- 10. **Celebrate** the Sacrament of Reconciliation and become actively involved together in your parish community.

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# PREPARATION OF MARRIAGE AT CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Information about Twogether in Texas Certificate

Our PREPARATION OF MARRIAGE program here at Christ Our Light works with the state of Texas and the Twogether In Texas Program. We have gone through a lengthy review process to gain our qualification to provide the marriage program course to you.

Once you have completed your preparation of marriage program, we will then log into the official Twogether In Texas Program website with the state of Texas. We input your name and your future spouse's name. The state's site then generates a unique certificate for you two that includes your registration number. Having this number indicates that you have been registered as completing the course with Texas.

Any Texas clerk of court will then have record that you and your spouse have completed the course. We receive your certificate immediately from the State of Texas, and will then email you an electronic copy of your official Twogether In Texas Premarital Program certificate. The Twogether In Texas certificate will give you 1) Up to \$60 off of your marriage license and 2) Waiting the 72 hours requirement waiting period with the State of Texas.

Our program will equip you with:

- 1) Theology of the Body course (TOBET) approved by the USCCB
- 2) Prepare -Enrich
- 3) Financial Planning
- 4) Effective Communication
- 5) Overview of Natural Family Planning
- 6) Couple Retreat (info. coming soon)

Registration begins April 16, 2023, for class starts on May 21, 2023. More information on our website: https://christourlight.org/Holy Matrimony.

Jennifer Nguyen @jnguyen9@twu.edu

### **EMHC-CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY**



I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

**IOHN 6:51** 

Why Now?

### BECAUSE THE CHURCH NEEDS HEALING AND THE WORLD NEEDS THE CHURCH.

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

### YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL

June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through eucharistic congresses and events.

### YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.



# NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS July 17 – 21, 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

#### YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION

July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025

Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord as we enter the universal Church's jubilee year in 2025.

### SAVE THE DATE

### Extraordinary Minister Holy Communion Installation

### CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

AN EMAIL WAS SENT TO YOU WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE BEFORE MONDAY MAY 15, 2023.

ONCE YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATIONS IS RECEIVED BY THE DUE DATE, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF YOUR INSTALLMENT AS AN OFFICIAL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRIST OUR LIGHT OR ST. STANISLAUS OF KOTSKA ON CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023. DETAILS COMING SOON!



St. Faustina offered her day in 1936 for Russia, as Jesus was in anguish over what was happening in the atheistic country.

During the 1930s, a Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska reportedly had private revelations from **Jesus Christ**.

The visions she had would later be defined as the "**Divine Mercy**" devotion, and inspired <u>St. John Paul II to establish "Divine Mercy Sunday"</u> on the 2nd Sunday after Easter.

On **December 16, 1936**, St. Faustina wrote in her *Diary* about how she offered her day for Russia.

I have offered this day for Russia. I have offered all my sufferings and prayers for that poor country. After Holy Communion, Jesus said to me, I cannot suffer that country any longer. Do not tie my hands, My daughter. I understood that if it had not been for the prayers of souls that are pleasing to God, that whole nation would have already been reduced to nothingness. Oh, how I suffer for that nation which has banished God from its borders!

#### Diary, 818

This entry was only a few days after **Joseph Stalin** signed the **Constitution of the Soviet Union** on December 5, 1936. During the same year, Stalin began what would later be called, "**The Great Purge**," where 750,000 people were killed for their opposition to the government.

The good news is that Jesus' Divine Mercy triumphs over all and that the "prayers of souls that are pleasing to God" can help turn the tide in any war and even convert the hearts of the leaders in Russia.

Above all we should pray with St. Faustina, "Jesus, I trust in you!"

Philip Kosloski Aleteia 04/24/22





Please thanks these men: Mr. Dominique Dierlam & Mr. William Nobles of Dierlam's Home Repair if you see them at mass for their generosity and their time in spending the entire day to get the Divine Mercy board up for our parish last Friday. Just in time for our Devotion Hour!

Santa Faustina ofreció su día en 1936 por Rusia, ya que Jesús estaba angustiado por lo que estaba pasando en el país ateo.

Durante la década de 1930, una monja polaca llamada Faustina Kowalska reportó haber tenido revelaciones privadas de parte de **Jesucristo**.

Las visiones que tuvo se definirían más tarde como la devoción a la "Divina Misericordia", e inspiraron <u>a San Juan Pablo II a establecer el "Domingo de la Divina Misericordia" en el segundo domingo después de Pascua.</u> El **16 de diciembre de 1936,** Santa Faustina escribió en su Diario acerca de cómo ofreció su día por Rusia.

He ofrecido este día por Rusia. He ofrecido todos mis sufrimientos y oraciones por ése pobre país. Después de la Sagrada Comunión, Jesús me dijo, no puedo hacer sufrir más a ése país. No me ates las manos, hija mía. Comprendí que, si no hubiera sido por las oraciones de las almas que agradan a Dios, toda aquella nación ya estaría reducida a la nada. ¡Oh, cuánto sufro por ésa nación que ha desterrado a Dios de sus fronteras!

### Diario, 818

Esta entrada fue sólo unos días después de que **Joseph Stalin** firmara la **Constitución de la Unión Soviética** el 5 de diciembre de 1936. Durante el mismo año, Stalin comenzó lo que luego se llamaría "La Gran Purga," donde 750,000 personas fueron asesinadas por su oposición al gobierno.

La buena noticia es que la Divina Misericordia de Jesús triunfa sobre todos y que las "oraciones de las almas que agradan a Dios" <u>pueden ayudar a cambiar el rumbo de cualquier guerra</u> e incluso a convertir los corazones de los líderes en Rusia.

Sobre todo debemos rezar con Santa Faustina: "¡Jesús, en ti confío!" Translación: MCG

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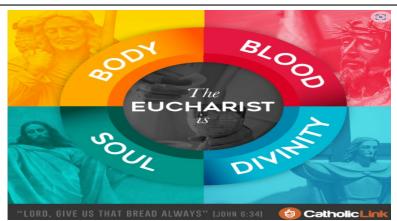


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