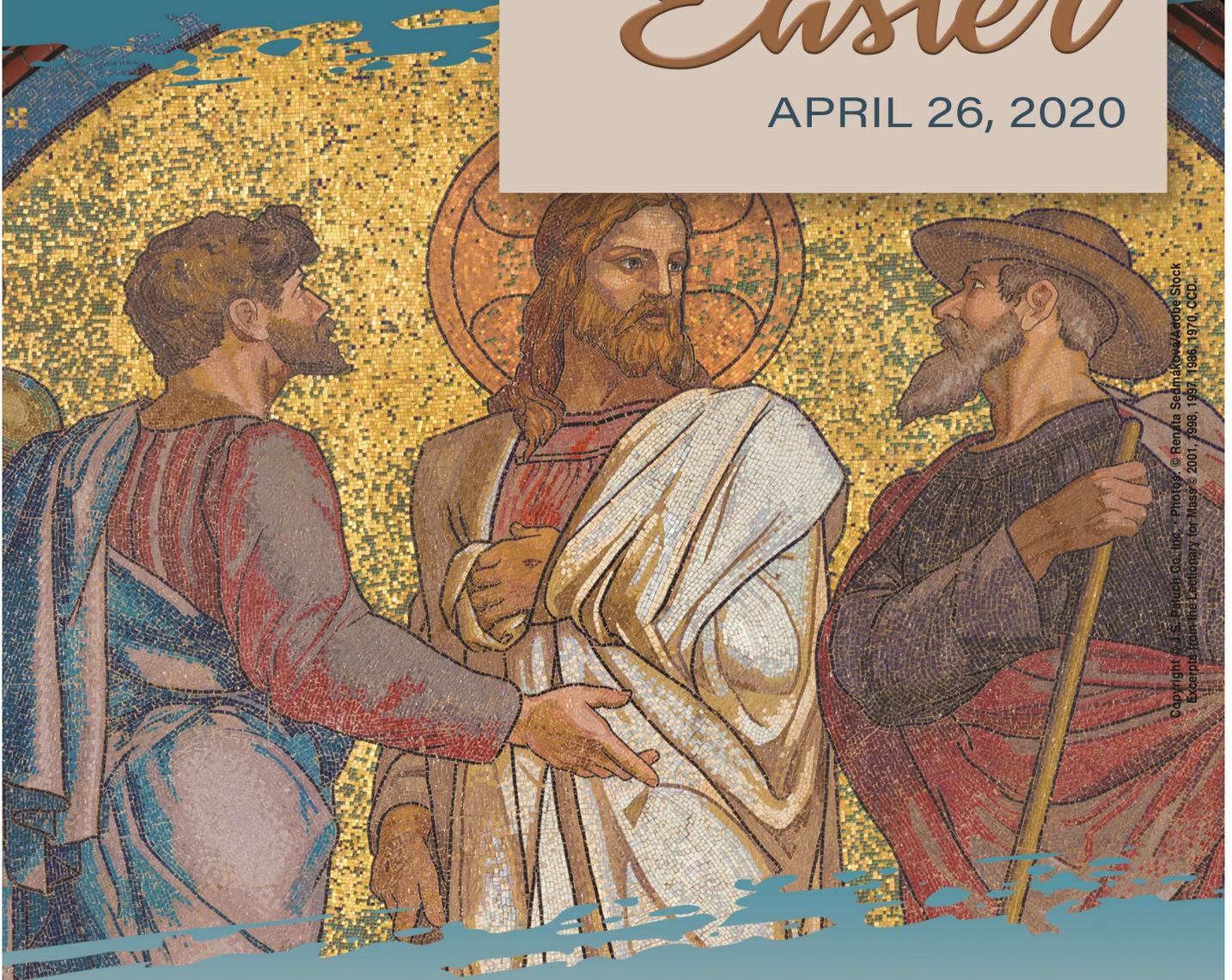


# *Saint Bernadette Parish*

THIRD SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

APRIL 26, 2020



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Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way  
and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

*Father Falco will remember all of the Mass Intentions scheduled, as well as all of our parish community, in his daily private Mass.*

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, April 25**

† Ilona Newton, *By Matthew McCarthy*  
† J.P. Killen, *By Matthew McCarthy*

**Sunday, April 26**

† Barbara Halloran, *By the Family*  
† John McLellan & Anna Latorre, *By Carmen*

**Monday, April 27**

For Healthcare Workers

**Tuesday, April 28**

For all affected by Covid19

**Wednesday, April 29**

For an end to this Pandemic

**Thursday, April 30**

† For all who have died from Covid19

**Friday, May 1**

For all Bishops and Priests

**Saturday, May 2**

† Madeleine Duff, *By the Family*

**Sunday, May 3**

† Bob Englund, *By his wife*

### **A Message from the Pastor:**

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

We are invited on this Third Sunday of Easter back again to Easter Sunday, to “that very day, the first day of the week...” So great is the mystery of the Lord’s resurrection, so great is the joy! The Gospel According to St. Luke today describes for us one of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. In today’s gospel we encounter two disciples on their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The risen Lord, although unrecognized by these two disciples, walked along with them.

I find verses 13 - 15 of Chapter 24 of Luke’s gospel ones of encouragement. “Two disciples that same day were making their way to a village named Emmaus...discussing as they went all that had happened. In the course of their lively exchange, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them.” Jesus walked along with them as they discussed the events that had impacted their lives. It is encouraging to know, and to always remember, that Jesus walks along with us too. So much has impacted our lives recently. We too discuss all that has happened to us, and the Lord accompanies us on the way.

The gospel today gives us a basic outline of how the early Church came to recognize the presence of the risen and ascended Lord. They recognized his presence in the Word, in the Eucharist, and in Witnessing (and preaching). We do the same. The gospel presents us with the outline of Mass. We recognize the risen Lord in the Word, in the Eucharist, and in the preaching / witnessing. It is an early Church outline of how we worship.

At Mass we are instructed and encouraged as the Lord speaks to us in the Liturgy of the Word. “...Beginning with Moses and all the prophets he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures...Then they said to each other, were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”

The first disciples, and we present day disciples too, recognize the risen Lord’s divine presence in the “Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. “And as it happened that, while he 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.”

Having been strengthened by the Lord in his Word, and nourished by his Body and Blood, we, like those first disciples, share our experience of him. We express our faith, in words and in deeds. “At once they 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.”

Pope Francis teaches, “The Church’s closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; communion and mission are profoundly interconnected...The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. The Church which ‘goes forth’ is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice...An evangelizing community is filled with joy...Evangelizing with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness.”

Fr. Ron

### **Masses, Feasts & Gospels**

**SUNDAY Luke 24:13-35**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**MONDAY John 6:22-29**

*Easter Weekday*

**TUESDAY John 6:30-35**

*Easter Weekday*

*Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr*  
*Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest*

**WEDNESDAY John 6:35-40**

*Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

**THURSDAY John 6:44-51**

*Easter Weekday*

*Saint Pius V, Pope*

**FRIDAY Matthew 13:54-58**

*Easter Weekday*

*Saint Joseph the Worker*

**SATURDAY John 6:60-69**

*Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

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*Thank you.*

### ***Prayer in Time of Pandemic***

*O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
bore the weight of human suffering  
for our salvation,  
hear the prayers of your Church  
for our sick brothers and sisters  
and deliver us from this time of trial.*

*Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son:  
Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

*Bless all doctors and nurses,  
researchers and public servants;  
give us the wisdom to do what is right  
and the faith to endure this hour,  
that we might gather once again to praise  
your name in the heart of your Church,  
delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Lord Jesus, shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men and women, raise up new apostles in your holy church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our young people the fire of Zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your kingdom upon earth. Grant them the courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

*Prayer taken from the Roman Missal*

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### **For Encouragement and Hope**

Anxiety and worry seem to be part of life in these stressful days. We all experience anxiety and worry at different times and about different situations. We have concerns for our families, our husbands, wives, children and grandchildren. We worry about the health of elderly parents and other loved ones. We have concern too for our own health and well-being. We are troubled over job stability, finances, and general safety. Anxiety and worry can disturb the inner peace of our hearts, minds, and souls.

May I recommend that you express your anxiety and worry to God in prayer. May God's Word, in these passages from sacred scripture, be a source of strength and consolation:

"Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, make your petitions known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (St. Paul, Letter to Philippians)

"Be not afraid." (Jesus, Gospel of John)

"I am with you always" (Jesus, Gospel of Matthew)

"I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go." (Book of Joshua)

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? (Psalm 27)

"I will call upon God, and the Lord will save me. In the evening, and at dawn, and at noon, I will grieve and moan, and he will hear my voice." (Psalm 55)

"Anxiety in a man's heart depresses it, but a kindly word makes it glad." (Proverbs)

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me." (St. Paul, Letter to the Philippians)

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life...And which of you being anxious can add one cubit to his life span... Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day. (Jesus, the Gospel according to Matthew)

"For though the fig tree blossom not nor fruit be on the vines, though the yield of olives fail and the terraces produce no nourishment, though the flocks disappear from the fold and there be no heard in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God. God, my Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet swift as those of hinds and enables me to go upon the heights. (Book of the Prophet Habakkuk)

Fr. Ron

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