

Dear Padre,

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	1 Pt 5:5b–14	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Mk 16:15–20	1 Pt 2:20b–25
						Jn 10:1–10



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter (A)
Acts 2:14, 22–33 / 1 Peter 1:17–21 / Luke 24:13–35



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35

Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them

well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

Reflect

Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?



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Saturday, April 18: 4:00 pm

Repose of the soul of Ginna Kailanny Maldonado

(Maldonado Vazquez Family)

Repose of the soul of Katie Young (Yochum Fmaily)

Sunday, April 19: 8:00 am

People of the Parish

Monday, April 20: 8:00 am

Intentions of Camille Norrel Birthday (Hayslett Family)

Friday, April 24: 8:00 am

Intentions of Fr. Carl Gregorich (BT & Winnie Logan)

Saturday, April 25: 4:00 pm

Repose of the souls of Juan Hernandez &
Engracia Tinajero (Maldonado Vazquez Family)

Repose of the soul of Heather Jenkins (Family)

Sunday, April 26: 8:00 am

People of the Parish



Sunday, April 19:

PRE Classes 9am

Stations of the Resurrection 10:15am

Saturday, April 25:

Ladies Guild Bake Sale after Mass

Sunday, April 26:

Ladies Guild Bake Sale after Mass

PRE Awards Day 9am

Friday, May 1:

First Friday Adoration following 8am Mass

Saturday, May 2:

Confirmation Mass 10am

Wednesday, May 6:

Stations of the Resurrection 5pm

Thursday, May 7:

1st Communion Practice 6pm

Saturday, May 9:

1st Communion Mass 10am

Sunday, May 10:

Happy Mother's Day

Parish Offertory

Weekly Budget: \$5,400

April 12, 2026



Regular Collection: \$ 2,603

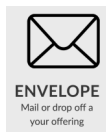
Online Giving: \$ 1,111

(\$ 1,680)

Easter Collection: \$ 1,125

Families giving with Envelopes or Online Giving: 49 out 178

Thank you for your generosity & support!



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TO
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Online Giving



Eucharistic Ministers

&

Lectors



April 25 & 26: 4th Sunday in Easter

Lector:

4:00pm: Laura Bustos Sanchez

8:00am: Austin Atwill

Eucharistic Minister:

4:00pm: Mike Vallee

8:00am: Tony Stigler

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Assumption Memorial Garden Cemetery

Columbarium Niches for Cremains \$1,600.00 per Niche

contact parish office (731) 885-0963 Niche Face Plate

Engraving Compliments of Edmaiston-Mosley Funeral

Home (731) 885-1033 Curtis Monument Company

(731) 352-5769 & The Wall Family

Immaculate Conception Parish Staff:

Office Hours:

9:00am—2:00pm

Pastor:

Fr. Carl Gregorich

Bookkeeper/Reception:

Leticia Maldonado

Tuesday & Thursday 9am—2pm

Religious Education Director:

Teresa Vallee

Communications/Technology:

Lillie Vallee

Choir Rehearsal:

Wednesdays 5pm

Knights of Columbus:

3rd Degree: Mike Morel

4th Degree: Jason Batchelor

Ladies Guild:

Janell Gegg

Meal Ministry:

Brenda Piazza

Rosary Prayer Group:

Sundays 7:30am Lillie Vallee

Flocknote:

icuctn.flocknote.com/
register

FORMED.org:

Sign up as a parishioner
& use the church zip code
franciscanathome.com
Sign up under the
Memphis Diocese

Facebook:

facebook.com/icuctn

Bulletin Deadline:

Noon on Monday

Wishing all of you a Happy and

BLESSED

April Birthday!

May your special day be filled
with joy, sweet memories,
relaxation, and
God's blessings.



*The Altar Candles are for
Frank Maceri.*

***Altar Linens Month of
April: Beverly Canale***

Thank you for your service to our parish!

Holy Sacraments Offered

Baptism: Arrange by appointment three (3) months
before the desired date of baptism with the Office.

First Eucharist: Arrangements made with the Religious
Education Director.

Confirmation: Arrangements made with the Religious
Education Director.

Confession: Saturdays 3:15pm—3:45pm

Matrimony: Arrangements must be made six (6) months
before the wedding date with the Parish Office.

Marriage Blessing: Contact the parish Priest.

Marriage Annulment: Contact the parish Priest.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders: Contact the Parish Priest.

Sagrados Sacramentos Ofrecidos

Bautismo: Organizarlo por medio de una cita con la oficina
parroquial tres (3) meses antes de la fecha deseada de
bautismo.

Primera Comunión: Arreglos hechos con el Director de
Educación Religiosa.

Confirmación: Arreglos hechos con el Director de Educación
Religiosa.

Confesión: Sábados 3:15pm—3:45pm

Matrimonio: Los arreglos deben hacerse seis (6) meses antes
de la fecha de la boda con la Oficina Parroquial.

Bendición Matrimonial: Comuníquese con el párroco.

Anulación de Matrimonio: Póngase en contacto con el
párroco.

Unción de los Enfermos: Comuníquese con la Oficina
Parroquial.

Órdenes Sagradas: Póngase en contacto con el párroco.



Names on the prayer list for family and friends will be
removed on monthly basis. They will not be put back on
until requested. Please notify church office to remove or add
a person or email: *icuctnmaster@gmail.com*

Parishioners

Dick Barlow

Lupita Berner

Diane Cobb

James Judge

Pat Martinek

Barbara Pituch

Marilyn Stigler

Mayci Hogg

Dave Johnson

Layla Karlz

Linda Lattus

Nancy Long

Brian Maddox

Fr. Jim Martell

Dottie Grace Tibbs

Doris & Van Veach

Friends & Family

Butch Busby

Karen Canale

Robert Chmielewski

Kathy DeWaters

Judy Guillory

David Hayes

Geri Hinson



United Under God. Unified In Prayer.

As part of this pilgrimage, we are calling Catholics across the country to participate in a shared act of faith and hope for our nation. Together, we are working toward the offering of **250,000 Holy Hours**, each and every prayer a beacon of hope, offered for the renewal and blessing of America.

This campaign will be a quiet but powerful witness: a declaration that Christ is not on the margins of our lives or our nation, but at the center. These prayers will be gathered and offered as a sign of our shared dependence on God and our desire for His guidance in the life of our country.

Join us in this nationwide movement. Unite your prayers with thousands from every corner of our country, as we continue to fan the flame of revival across the nation.

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

Scan this QR Code to pledge your prayers today!



Our parish offers a Holy Hour on the 1st Fridays of each month after 8am Mass.

St. Jude offers a Holy Hour every Wednesday at 4:30pm.



Join us for Ladies' Guild annual
Bake Sale
IN The NARTHEX

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
AFTET 4:00 PM MASS

Sunday, April 27 Following
8:00 AM Mass

We kindly ask all womem of the parish to bring a baked item to share. Please deliver to the church by Friday before 4 pm.

Sweet treats available:
Cookies • Brownies • Cakes • Pies • Donuts • Chocolates • Candies • Pastries & more!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT — WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Únase a nosotros para la venta anual de repostería
del Gremio de Damas
EN EL NÁRTEX

SÁBADO 26 DE ABRIL DESPUÉS
DE LA MISA DE LAS 4:00 PM

Domingo 27 de abril Después
de la misa de las 8:00 AM

Les pedimos amablemente a todas las mujeres de la parroquia que traigan un producto horneado para compartir. Por favor, entréguelo en la iglesia antes del viernes a las 4 pm.

Dulces disponibles:
Galletas, brownies, pasteles, tartas, donas, chocolates, caramelos, pasteles y más.

¡GRACIAS POR SU APOYO! ¡ESPERAMOS VERLOS ALLÍ!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 AT ST. JUDE

KNIGHTS WILL BE COOKING FOR THE NEWMAN CENTER & WILL BE ELECTING OFFICERS AT THIS MEETING.



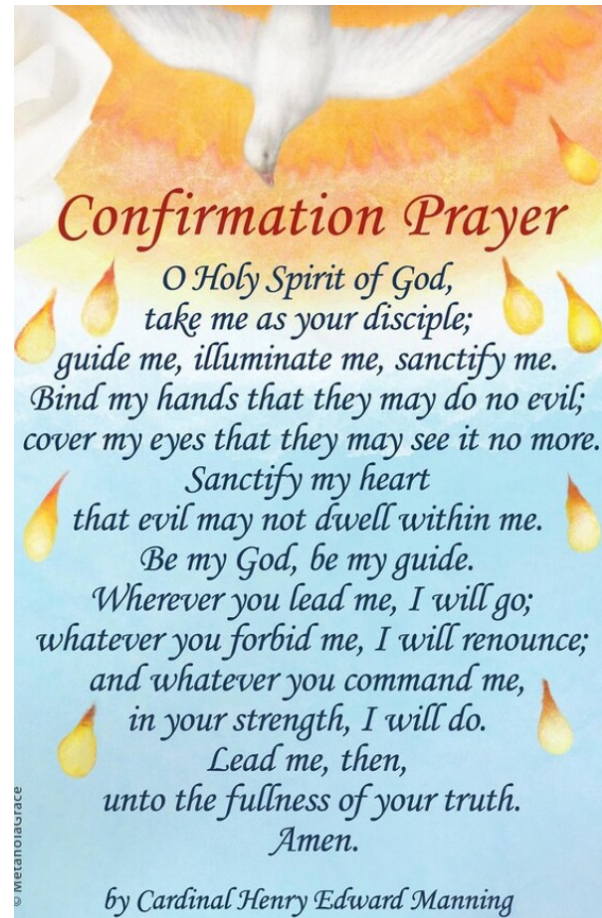
Please send an email to icuctnmaster@gmail.com of your senior's picture and the high school from which he/she is graduating.

Deadline: April 24

Hello senior parents. We are looking at Sat. May 2 at the 4pm Mass to recognize the graduating High School Seniors of our parish.. We are asking the seniors to come to Mass to be recognized.



Saturday, May 2,
2026
10:00 am



Michael Wells Vallee
Selena Lopez-Maldonado
Christopher Joel Leal
Fabio Mateo Bustos
Sofia Silva Maldonado
Curry Holmes Sullivan
Angel Guerrero Alvarez
Axel Tadeo Rodriguez
Ana Yasmín Rodriguez

Please pray for our Confirmandi & their families & sponsors as they prepare these last couple of weeks to grow in their relationship with Christ.

Por favor, oren por nuestros confirmandos, sus familias y sus padrinos, mientras se preparan durante estas últimas semanas para crecer en su relación con Cristo.



Acompáñenos en tres días diferentes para orar durante el Tiempo Pascual.

Al igual que el Vía Crucis durante la Cuaresma, rezaremos el Vía Lucis (Estaciones de la Resurrección).

¡Todos están invitados a asistir!

Domingo, 19 de abril a las 10:15 am
(después de la catequesis, en la iglesia)

Miércoles, 6 de mayo a las 5:00 pm
(planea ir a McDonald's después para compartir un rato divertido. Cada uno paga su comida)

Viernes, 15 de mayo a las 3:30 pm
(Venga después de la escuela)

Think about the moments that have shaped your faith. A First Communion. A Confirmation. A child learning their first prayers. An adult saying "yes" to entering the Catholic Church.

These moments do not happen on their own. Behind each one is a beautiful parish community committed to forming disciples--and forming leaders who guide that faith journey every day.

Faith Formation

Across our Diocese, Directors of Religious Education (DREs) serve at the heart of this mission. They walk with families, prepare individuals for the sacraments, and help people of all ages grow in their relationship with Christ. Through our 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, we are all able to support these leaders with the tools, training, and formation they need to serve effectively in their parishes.

Impact

The impact is real and visible. Just last year across our Diocese, we celebrated:

- 1,176 Baptisms
- 1,365 First Holy Communions
- 1,385 Confirmations
- 208 Weddings

Each number represents a life touched, a soul formed, and a deeper connection to Christ, made possible

Join us on 3 different days to pray during the Easter Season.

Just like the Stations of the Cross at Lent, we will pray the Stations of Light (Stations of the Resurrection).

All are invited to come!

**Sunday, April 19 at 10:15am
(after PRE in the church)**

**Wednesday, May 6 at 5pm
(plan to go to McDonald's after to share fun time. Buy your meals.)**

**Friday, May 15 at 3:30pm
(Come after school)**

through the shared mission of our Church.

Diocesan Family

Because of this united effort, Faith Formation is not limited by the resources of any one parish. Instead, it becomes a mission we carry together as a Diocesan Family, ensuring that every person, in every parish, has the opportunity to encounter Christ and grow in our Catholic faith.

Chances are, you or someone you love has been impacted by this work. Every sacramental celebration reflects a much larger story; one made possible through faithful support of our 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Join Us

As we continue this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, *Hearts Poured Out in Love*, we invite everyone to take part in forming the Catholic faith of others. The generosity helps ensure that the next generation, and every generation, has the guidance and support needed to live a life rooted in Christ.

Consider how each of us can support the Appeal whether in gift or in prayer. Thank you for being part of this mission.

All Glory to God!

