

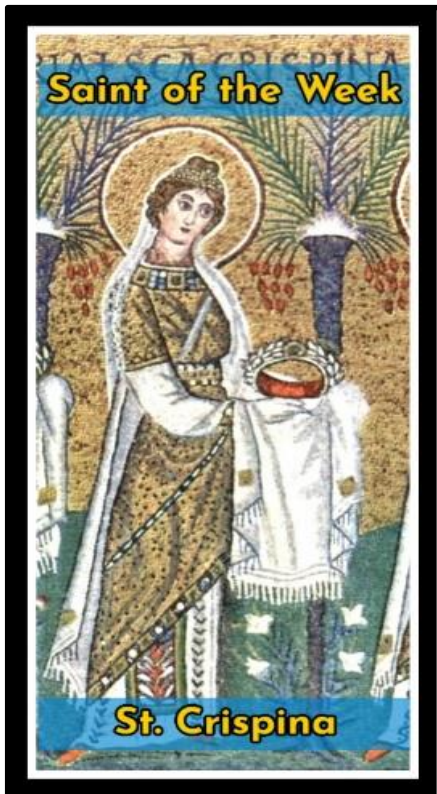
Sunday Alive!

Helping our families prepare for Mass!

Sunday, April 14, 2024 - EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL
The Third Sunday of Easter

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MEET OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK!



St. Crispina - Feast Day: December 5

Born: ? Died: 304

St. Crispina was a wealthy Roman wife and mother of several children in Thagara, Africa. When she found herself in danger of losing her children, her possessions, and her life in the raging persecution, instead of being intimidated, she was filled with a holy joy, because of the Christian education which she had received from her most tender years. Being arrested in her native city of Thagara by order of the proconsul Anulinus, and brought before his tribunal, he inquired of her whether she was aware of the imperial edicts which commanded that all persons should sacrifice to the gods of the empire.

She said that she would not sacrifice to any other God other than the Lord Jesus who suffered for us. As a result, Crispina was tortured and publicly ridiculed. On December 5, she was beheaded. St Crispina was held in high veneration all through Africa and is honored by St. Augustine in various parts of his works, in which he speaks of her martyrdom.

TAKE TIME TO CHAT WITH YOUR FAMILY ABOUT THE GOSPEL!

- In today's Gospel story, Jesus asked his disciples why they were troubled. Why do you think they were troubled? Share a time when you went to Jesus when you were troubled.
- Why did Jesus ask the disciples to look at his hands and his feet?
- Share a time when you had difficulty believing something about the faith.
- In a time of trouble, St. Crispina was filled with a holy joy because of the Christian education she received. Share a time when the teachings that were handed on to you became a source of comfort or joy.

FAMILY PRAYER

God of infinite Mercy, You sent Your Risen Son to encounter the Disciples on the way to Emmaus. Grant us today a missionary spirit and send us forth to encounter our sisters and brothers: to walk with them in friendship, to listen to their hopes and dreams with compassion, and to proclaim Your Word with courage, so that they might come to know You once again in the breaking of the Bread. Make us all missionary disciples, and stay with us always, as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel with people of all generations, from every race, language, culture, and nation. We ask you this with burning hearts, filled with the Holy Spirit, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization in the Americas. **Amen!**

LITURGY LINK

Outside the Easter season, the first reading is typically from the Old Testament. During the Easter season, the first reading is from which book in the New Testament?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

In the Spirit of St. Crispina, discuss as a family what are some of the things the world wants you to “worship” instead of our God. How can you as a family help each other say yes to God?

FUN FACTS!

Jesus’ resurrected body was different from His earthly body – He appeared and vanished instantly, yet He had flesh and bones and He ate food.

FAMILY FUN!

In today’s Gospel, the disciples were “incredulous for joy.” Is there a place or activity that brings your family joy? Ask everyone what and where that is and GO!! Why not experience this joy again! Go have fun with the family!



“Let no one look down upon you because of your youth, but be a continuous example of love, truth, and purity to your community of believers!”
1 Timothy 4:12



“GIVE ME AN INCREASING LOVE FOR YOUR PEOPLE, LORD. TEACH ME HOW TO LIVE!”

– St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann, our Patron Saint, as bishop of Philadelphia, organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time. Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing, and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.