

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). ●



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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 Jn 6:22–29	Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35	Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2026

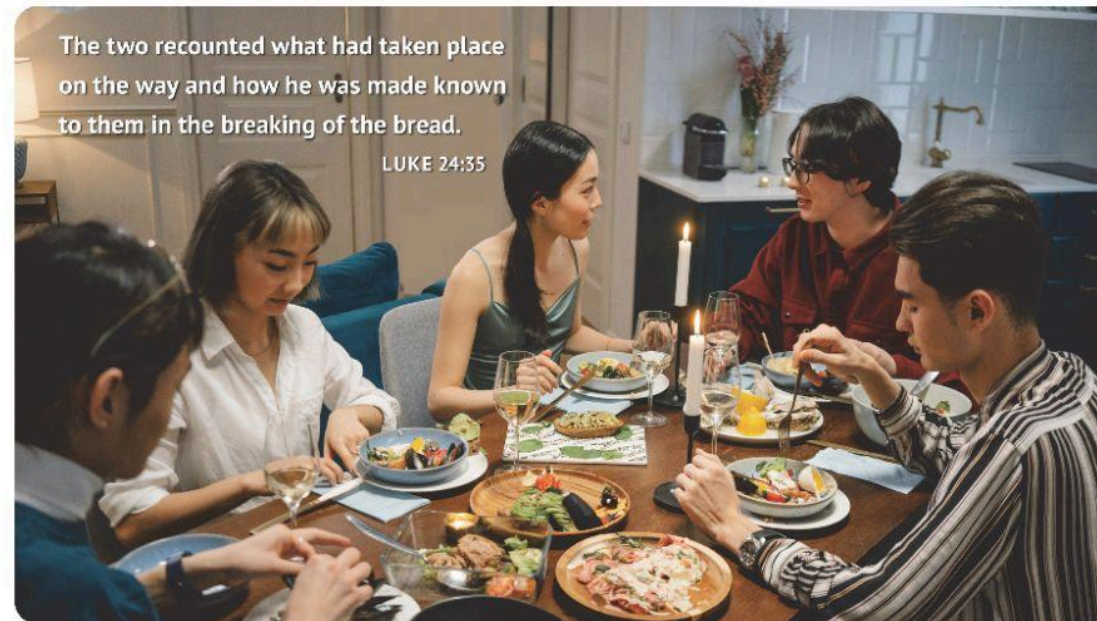
Third Sunday of Easter (A)

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?



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

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



Weekly Bulletin

April 18-19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY COLLECTION - April 26th

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 26. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation. On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 26, we take up a special collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. *Currently, the Diocese is supporting 25 seminarians on their discernment journey by providing funds to cover their education and formation costs and necessities of living.* You can participate in this pastoral work and help them on their journey by generously supporting the Good Shepherd Sunday Collection next week at mass or online at bit.ly/FWSeminarian (case sensitive).

**“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers
for his harvest” (Mt 9:37-38)**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Donna Boschart, Jane Dooly, Jax Jordan, Cathy Wallen

MASS INTENTIONS

For the repose souls of **+Gilbert Garces**, requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco.

STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Thursday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:00 PM: Confession/ Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

CISCO - OUR LADY OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

8:30 AM: Confession/Adoration

9:00 AM: Mass

RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:00 PM: Mass

POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION

April 2026 - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

STEWARDSHIP

April 11 & 12, 2026

St. John \$ 1,143

St. Rita \$ 760

St. Francis \$ 527

Holy Rosary \$ 1,396

WEEKDAY MASS

This weeks daily Mass schedule is as usual and noted below with one change on **Tuesday, April 21st** where times are *30 minutes early* due to a scheduled meeting. Adoration/confession will be at 5:00 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm at St. Rita on Tuesday.

CONFIRMATION - April 20th

Our confirmation students this year will join Bishop Olson with the teenagers at **St. Mary's in Dublin**, 12286 US-377, Dublin, on Monday, April 20th. The Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

CISCO FRIENDSHIP MEAL - April 21st

Cisco Friendship Meal is Tuesday, April 21st from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Hall. All are welcome!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT - April 25th

We are going to have a safe environment class **Renewal on April 15, 2026** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Hall in **Cisco**. This class is for those who need to *renew* their training, not those who need the first training. Sign up at virtusonline.org or call **Katrina Briseno at 325-864-3892**.

MOVIE MATINEE - April 26th

Come enjoy a religious movie with your family and friends in fellowship at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Hall at 2:00 PM. Refreshments are provided. The Chosen series will be continued this month.

EASTLAND - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday (Español)

11:15 AM: Mass

Thursday (Español)

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Confession/Adoration

7:00 PM: Mass

1st Friday - Monthly (Español)

7:00-8:00 PM: Adoration

3rd Saturday - Monthly (Español)

9:00 AM: Mass

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