



*In the spirit of St. Joseph,  
we lovingly serve Jesus Christ  
and His people.*

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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Dover, Ohio 44622  
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**NEW PARISHIONERS** Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish	Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Holy Days	Check inside of bulletin
Weekdays	Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. | Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
or anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGES** Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.

**BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS** Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.*

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**April 19 and 20, 2025**  
**19 y 20 de Abril del 2025**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, April 21**  
**No Mass**  
 Readings: 261: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday, April 22**  
**No Mass**  
 Readings: 262: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday, April 23**  
**8:15 a.m.** Deborah Gordon  
**9:00 a.m. Rosary**  
 Readings: 263: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday, April 24**  
**8:15 a.m.** Lillian and Lyle Tope  
**9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Readings: 264: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday, April 25**  
**8:15 a.m.** Frank Conidi  
 Readings: 265: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday, April 26**  
**The Vigil for Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**4:00 p.m.** Tony and Betty Ginnetti

**Sunday, April 27**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**8:30 a.m.** Bob and Polly Zifer  
**11:00 a.m.** John and Katherine Gopp  
**1:30 p.m.** The People of the Parish  
**(Mass in Spanish)**  
 Readings: 45: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118/  
 Re 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**Ministry Schedule**

**Tuesday, April 22 – No Mass**  
**Wednesday, April 23 – 8:15 a.m.** – Matt Ritzert  
**Thursday, April 24 – 8:15 a.m.** – Jeannine Kennedy  
**Friday, April 25 – 8:15 a.m.** – TCCES Students

**April 26, 2025**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Lectors:** Debbie Tristano – 1st Lector  
 Sue Quillen – 2nd Lector  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tim Avon, Beth Cecil,  
 Susan Murphy, Jackie Hostetler, Michelle Tope,  
 Lyle Tope, Jessica DeBois  
**Ushers:** Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois  
**Servers:** Chase Hostetler, Alex Utuy, Dylan Utuy

**April 27, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lectors:** Jeannine Kennedy – 1st Lector  
 Sally Dooling – 2nd Lector  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Doug Telle, Jan Michael LaBrake,  
 Laura Barkett, Matt Ritzert, Jack Burnham,  
 Volunteers Needed  
**Ushers:** Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,  
 Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell  
**Servers:** Marleny Ajanel, Jocelyn Ajanel, Jennifer Ajanel

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

**Lectors:** Mark Clemence – 1st Lector  
 Cathie Peters – 2nd Lector  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Elco, Dan Galbraith,  
 Cathy Galbraith, Elizabeth Allison, Marcus Clemence,  
 Patti DeVault, John Kuczirka  
**Ushers:** Patti DeVault, Lindsay Williams,  
 Larry and Linda Clawson  
**Servers:** Adamari Huinac, Theresa Huinac, Greg Nguyen

**Offertory for April 13 and 14, 2025**

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,539.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 21,339.00
Online Giving	\$ 640.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,518.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	
Poor Fund	\$ 310.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 45.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
St. Joseph School Support	\$ 100.00
Other Collections	\$ 115.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph  
 Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.

If you know of a friend or family member that is in a hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



**Prayer Chain:** To place your request on the Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available, please leave a message.



### Spiritual Notes

In Acts, Peter's proclamation of the good news to the household of Cornelius acknowledges that "God shows no partiality. While he is speaking, "the holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." These people are Gentiles and they will be the first Gentiles to be baptized. Christ died for all of us, and His Resurrection is a promise of the new life God offers to "everyone who believes in him." We are called witness to this by our words and actions. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul reminds them that baptism is not a guarantee of eternal life. Some risk losing the gift because they have fallen into sin. This "little yeast" can leaven "all the dough" and so is a danger to the community at large. Paul exhorts them to "clear out the old yeast." Easter is a time to renew ourselves and reaffirm our faith in God's power to save us and make all things new. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene's visit to the tomb "while it was still dark" sets the stage for a new beginning. Jesus had been entombed in a garden reminiscent of the story of the Fall in Genesis 3. Jesus' Resurrection occurs "on the first day of the week." In the Resurrection, God is recreating that "they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him" suggests that even Jesus' closest followers were not anticipating the Resurrection. She thinks the body has been stolen. In the visit of Peter and "the other disciple," we learn that the empty tomb finds meaning only through the lens of faith. Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

*For Reflection: Do I believe the Gospel is for all people or just a select group? What meaning does Jesus' Resurrection give to my life?*

### Congratulations to our new Catholics!

The following individuals have been participating since last September in the OCIA Program (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) and were admitted into full membership of the Catholic Church this weekend at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate them and welcome them into our faith family and to St. Joseph Parish!

✠ **Kary Warner**

(Sponsor - Anna Ball)

✠ **Morris Hansford**

(Sponsor - John Kuczirka)

✠ **Bailey Schindler-Miller**

(Sponsor - Sharon Kuczirka)

✠ **Vigo Barry Varns**

(Sponsor - Steve DeTorio)

A very special thank-you to our OCIA team, John and Sharon Kuczirka. St. Joseph Parish is blessed to have you sharing your faith with our parish and our newest members!

Congratulations to our young parishioners, Enzo Varns who received his First Holy Eucharist, Amelia Ball, who was baptized and received First Holy Eucharist, and Nadia Warner who was baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass. May God bless you always!

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday. If you have an emergency, please call the Office and leave a message. Someone will return your call as soon as possible! The voicemail is checked routinely.

### Employment Opportunity

The Catholic Community of St. Joseph Church (Dover, OH) seeks a Pastoral Minister with experience to serve the needs of a growing Latino population in the parish. An excellent working knowledge of Catholic worship is required. Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to, flexibility, fluent oral and written bi-lingual communication, public relations skills, interpret and translation with public officials and other service agencies, advocate for the needs of the Latino families, act as a liaison between church and school families and ability to educate and catechize Latino families.

The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, exhibit an attitude and behavior for cultivating lifelong learning and development in the faith. Candidates must submit to a standard background screening. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and Diocesan policies.

Send résumé and references by April 21, 2024 to Father Jimmy Hatfield, c/o St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas Avenue, Dover, Ohio 44622 or email to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

### Birthright Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall - \$12.00 per meal. For more information or advance tickets, call Mary at 330-407-3464 or Larry at 330-365-0393.



### St. Joseph Parish Festival!!

July 18 and 19, 2025

5:00 to 11:00 p.m.



**Booth Chairpersons, we will have a Festival Committee Meeting, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center**

### Festival Sponsors

If you or your company are interested in becoming Festival Sponsors, we are accepting donations. For more information, please contact Milt Hamilton or the Parish Office.

**More information coming soon!**

### Chicken Bar-B-Que

Carry-out Only

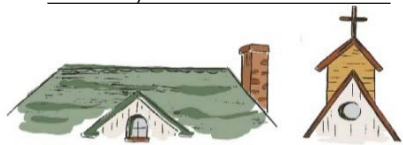
Sunday, May 4, 2025

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

We hope you will support this important fundraiser, while enjoying our Festival Chicken BBQ recipe.

### Family Faith Formation



# PATHWAYS

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**  
**First Communion Rehearsal**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Meet in the Family Life Center

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**  
**First Holy Eucharist**  
**4:00 p.m. Mass**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**Spring Family Day - Last Session**  
**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**  
May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Prayer Service

### Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter
Canned Meats	Canned Pasta
Stew	Rice and Pasta Sides
Pasta Sauce	

**(Please, No Glass)**

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church. Or you make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

We cannot accept food items that have expired.

### St. Joseph Meal

The intention for our community meal is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

**\*\*April 23, 2025 - Team I (Isabellas)\*\***

**Note Schedule Change**

**April 30, 2025 - Team C (Knights of Columbus)**

**May 7, 2025 - Team D (Andrea Settimio)**

**May 14, 2025 - Team E (Judy Burnham)**

**Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!**

### L.C.B.A.

Our meeting will be on Monday, April 21st in the Family Life Center, at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be a representative from TCC High school. The topic will be the new chapel and fieldhouse projects at the school. Please bring a friend. Hope to see you there.

**The Memorare Mom's Group meets in the Family Life Center on Friday mornings after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All mothers of school-age children and younger are invited to attend.**

### Woman's Prayer Group

**Would you like to learn more about prayer, why we pray, and how we pray?** All women are invited to join us on the first and third Monday of each month in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Mary Elco or the Parish Office.

### Knights of Columbus Holy Hour Added to Adoration

A Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection has been added to the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Adoration is celebrated on the First Friday of each month. From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Members of the Dover Knights of Columbus will lead prayers after which personal reflections will be observed. Holy Hour concludes with the rosary and a short prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney, a priest who founded the K of C in 1822.

**The next Holy Hour will be held on May 2nd**



### Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School



Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School  
600 N. Tuscarawas Ave.  
Dover, Ohio 44622

# TCCES is HIRING!

## Custodial Assistant

#### DETAILS:

- Part-Time
- 2pm-6pm, Monday-Friday
- \$15/Hour
- Assisting Custodian with school cleaning til end of school year 2024/25 (off for summer break and will resume again at the start of school year 2025/26)

**TCCES is  
HIRING!**



For more info:  
Principal, Jessica DeBois  
330-343-9134



**Send resumes and inquiries to:**  
**Principal, Jessica DeBois**  
**jdebois@cddeducation.org**

### Registration underway at TCCES!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open for Preschool through Grade Six at Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School. We are open to all. We are affordable. We invite you to be a Saint! If you would like to discover more about our schools, schedule a visit or for registration information, please call 330-343-9134 or email Jessica DeBois at [jdebois@cddeducation.org](mailto:jdebois@cddeducation.org).

### Tuscarawas County Catholic Seniors (50 years +)

The Tuscarawas Catholic Seniors from the parishes of Holy Trinity, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph are invited to the April 23rd luncheon at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, located at 320 Fair Ave. NE, New Philadelphia. The speaker will be Leigh Burnham from the Tuscarawas County Library. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.00, which includes a full meal, dessert, and beverage. Bingo will follow the meeting for anyone wishing to play. For reservations or questions, please call Linda at 330-343-4934. Bring family or friends to enjoy meeting fellow Catholics from our county.

### Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025

#### Immaculate Conception in Dennison, Ohio

1:00 to 3:15 p.m. Adoration

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Confession

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:15 p.m. Benediction

Those attending should receive Holy Communion at the Mass they attend that day as communion will not be distributed during this time.

### Stand up and be counted!

**Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number?** Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule. Simply fill out one and drop it in the collection basket, stop in the Parish Office during the week, or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.

### There is a Special Intentions Book in the Vestibule.

Please simply write the request for prayer intentions or for special needs and/or the sick in the parish in the book and give your fellow parishioners the privilege and the opportunity to ask for God's blessings on you and yours.



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*"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."*

(Acts 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you. Show your thanks by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.



### Other Information To Note:

#### **Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:**

Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

**Low-gluten Hosts:** If you are a person who needs to receive a **low-gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.

**Bulletin Deadline:** The Bulletin Deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.



Online Giving

**Online Giving:** If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. To get started, please visit [www.stjosephdover.org](http://www.stjosephdover.org). If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

### St. Joseph Cemetery

**If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.**



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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

When traveling, and you need to find information on the closest Catholic Church and the times for their Masses, please check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

April 2025

#### **For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope  
The Month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.*

***"The power of Easter has burst upon us with the resurrection of Christ. Now we find in ourselves a strength which is not our own, and which is freely given to us whenever we need it, raising us above the Law, giving us a new law which is hidden in Christ: the law of His merciful love for us. Now we no longer strive to be good because we have to, because it is a duty, but because our joy is to please Him who has given all His love to us! Now our life is full of meaning!" ~FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO***

### **Monday, April 21 ~ Monday in the Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.' And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day.

**Meditation:** Have you ever asked what the basis is of our faith in the resurrection? The scriptures tell us that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Our faith is a free assent to the whole truth which God reveals to us through his word. Faith is certain because it is based on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith also seeks understanding. That is why God enlightens the "eyes of our hearts" that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us (Ephesians 1:18). Peter the Apostle says we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). Through the gift of faith, the Lord reveals himself to those who believe in his word and he fills them with "new life in his Holy Spirit". Do you live in the joy and hope of the resurrection? And do you recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Are you always prepared to meet the Risen Lord? The disciples of Jesus were as unprepared for his resurrection as they were for his death. The empty tomb made them fearful and joyful at the same time. "Where did they put the body or did he really rise just as he predicted?" Even though Jesus had spoken to them before of his death and rising, they could not believe until they saw the empty tomb and met the risen Lord. Aren't we the same? We want to see with our own eyes before we believe! The guards brought their testimony to the chief priests and elders who met the news with denial. They were resolved to not believe that Jesus had risen and they bribed the guards in the hope of keeping others from believing.

### **Tuesday, April 22 ~ Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 20:11-18** Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to



them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her.

**Meditation:** The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope – the hope that we will see God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). And so, do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies, endow your people with heavenly gifts, so that, possessed of perfect freedom, they may rejoice in heaven over what gladdens them now on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** How easy it can be to miss the Lord when our focus is on ourselves! Mary did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him. Mary's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18).

### **Wednesday, April 23 ~ Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35** That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And 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. 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?" So they set out at once and 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 the bread.

**Meditation:** St. Augustine provides a reflection on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1). "Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of

their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth "that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth" (from *The Harmony of the Gospels*, 3.25.72) How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to challenge and transform you to living a life in Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities, we may merit through them to reach eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** We often wonder how it would have been difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? To put it simply, Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

### **Thursday, April 24 ~ Thursday in the Octave of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:35-48** The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

**Meditation:** Isn't amazing how much we are like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The gospels attest to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the scriptures foretold his death and rising. Saint Jerome, a Bible scholar, comments: "As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them...Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (*From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34, 5th century*)

**Prayer:** O God, who have united the many nations in confessing your name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** A central teaching of the gospel is the cross; but it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies – death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the gospel to those around you?



## Friday, April 25 ~ Friday in the Octave of Easter

**Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14** Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

**Meditation:** Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Lord when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous career out of despair and uncertainty. The other apostles followed him back to Galilee. When was the last time Peter was commanded to let down his net after a futile night of fishing? It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord dramatically approached Peter in his fishing boat after a futile night of fishing and commanded him to lower his nets (see Luke 5:4-11). After the miraculous catch, Jesus told Peter that he would be 'catching people' for the kingdom of God. Now Jesus repeats the same miracle. John, the beloved disciple, is the first to recognize the Lord. Peter impulsively leaps from the boat and runs to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord when you meet setbacks, disappointments, or trials? The Lord is ever ready to renew us in faith and to give us fresh hope in his promises.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race, so dispose our minds, we pray, that what we celebrate by professing the faith we may express in deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrection. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his resurrection – that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, after Jesus performed the miraculous catch of fish, he prepared a breakfast and ate with them. Peter's prompt recognition of the Master and exclamation, "It is the Lord!" stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial of his Master during the night of arrest. The Lord Jesus reveals himself to each of us as we open our hearts to receive his word. Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life and do you receive his word with faith?

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## Ministerios Hispanos

### Domingo de Pascua: la Resurrección del Señor

### 20 de Abril del 2025



#### Calendario Litúrgico:

##### Misas en Español

Domingo	27 de Abril	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	4 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	11 de Mayo	1:30 p.m.

##### Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 a 1:15 p.m.

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Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.



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Abril 27	Mensajeros de Cristo
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#### Notas Espirituales

En Hechos, Pedro proclama la buena nueva a la familia de Cornelio reconoce que "Dios no muestra ninguna acepción de personas. Mientras que él está hablando," cayó el Espíritu Santo sobre todos los que estaban escuchando la palabra." Estas personas son paganos y ellos serán los primeros gentiles para ser bautizados. Cristo murió por todos nosotros, y su resurrección es una promesa de la nueva vida que Dios ofrece a "todo el que crea en él." Estamos llamados a este testimonio a través de nuestras palabras y acciones. Escribiendo a los Corintios, Pablo les recuerda que el bautismo no es una garantía de vida eterna. Algunos se arriesgan a perder el don porque han caído en el pecado. Esta "pequeña levadura" puede fermentar "toda la masa," y así es un peligro para la comunidad en general. Pablo los exhorta a "limpiar la vieja levadura." La Pascua es un tiempo para renovar y reafirmar nuestra fe en el poder de Dios para salvarnos y hacer todas las cosas nuevas. En el Evangelio, María Magdalena visita la tumba," cuando todavía estaba oscuro" prepara el terreno para un nuevo comienzo. Jesús había sido sepultado en un jardín que recuerda la historia de la caída en Génesis 3. La Resurrección de Jesús procede "en el primer día de la semana." En la resurrección, Dios está recreando que "han llevado al Señor del sepulcro, y no sabemos dónde lo pusieron" sugieren que incluso los seguidores más cercanos de Jesús no estaban esperando la resurrección. Ella piensa que el cuerpo ha sido robado. Durante la visita de Pedro y el "otro discípulo," nos enteramos que la tumba vacía tiene un significado sólo a través de la transparencia de la fe. ¡Cristo ha resucitado! Verdaderamente ha resucitado!

*Para la reflexión: ¿Creo que el evangelio es para todas las personas o sólo para un grupo seleccionado? ¿Qué significado le da Jesús en su resurrección a mi vida?*

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