

# Weekend of April 25 & 26, 2020

## Third Sunday of Easter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Mass Schedule

**Barona:**

**Mass:** Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.

**Weekends:** Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.

**Confessions:** Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

**Adoration:** 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

**Viejas:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, 10:00 AM.

**Confessions:** By appointment.

**Sycuan:**

**Weekends:** Sunday, Noon.

**Confessions:** By appointment

**All masses and parish events are cancelled until further notice.**

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Fr. Herman will continue livestreaming  
On Tues-Friday at 3:00 PM  
Just go to Facebook under Herman Manuel.

Please continue to send your tithes and offerings to:  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040  
Thank you!



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Gina Lloyd, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

### Prayer During a Pandemic

Loving God, Holy One,  
Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.  
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.  
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.  
We pray: May love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,  
You, the God who does not abandon, You, the Holy One,  
breathing within us,  
breathing among us,  
breathing around us  
in our beautiful yet wounded world.

- Sisters of IHM, Scranton, Pennsylvania

# A Beautiful Story on the Road to Emmaus

## A reflection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Once there was a tree who constantly thought of his hopes and dreams.

“I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest,” he said. “People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches.”

Every day he relished the thought of becoming a proud and lofty tree. His dream was suddenly shattered, however, when some woodsmen came and mercilessly cut him down.

Someone came and got the tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked a man named Jesus who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill.

The tree got what he wanted, but not in the way he dreamed of. We might say the same of the two disciples in the gospel of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter. As the two were leaving Jerusalem on their way to Emmaus, they felt so disappointed. They were expecting their master Jesus to be the Messiah, but seemingly all of that was dashed to pieces by the disaster of Christ's death on Calvary.

Are we not much the same as the tree or the two disciples? How many times have we had our dreams end in disappointment? How many times have we expected one thing but then turned out differently?

Bear in mind though: When things don't seem to be going your way, God must have a different plan for you. His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always for our good. Moreover, this Sunday's gospel should open our eyes like the eyes of the two disciples. It should open our eyes to recognize Christ in the events and opportunities around us, say, at home, in our work, in our personal experiences. Hence, we don't have to go elsewhere in order to encounter Christ.

He is with us for instance, at Mass. The Risen Christ continues to encounter us – through the

Sacred Scripture (Word of God) and the “breaking of the bread” (Eucharist) which two parts made up the episodes of the two disciples' encounter with the Lord. Hence, the two parts of our Mass: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

For many Christians today, these two have provided a deep reservoir of peace, consolation, and strength. The late Mother Teresa of Calcutta, although extremely busy, once said: “I falter in my work if I don't get nourishment from the Eucharist.”

Encountering the Lord in His Word and the Eucharist is, however, not just a personal experience or a one-on-one relationship with God.

The truth is the Eucharist is pre-eminently a *social* sacrament. Like the disciples of Emmaus, who afterwards joined the other disciples in spreading the Good News, we must also spread the message of salvation to people by words and deeds.

Unfortunately, many lose sight of the social nature of the Mass. Many, for instance, receive Communion in the hope of becoming holier, without stopping to reflect that “becoming holier” means becoming more friendly, more honest, more approachable, and more ready to be at the disposal of others.

Today is a good day to reflect on the following questions:

Do you believe that you encounter Jesus in the “breaking of the bread” at Mass? Do you value the Eucharist by attending it, especially on Sunday?

Does Sunday Mass going make you kinder, more honest, more generous, more charitable? In short, a better Christian?

Source: Fr. Bel San Luis, SVD

