April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence. ~ Acts 2:28

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God’s Plan

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God’s plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don’t recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God’s plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

Treasures From Our Tradition

“Mystagogical,” reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a “pentecost,” in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord “has gone before you into Galilee.” Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal.

The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

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Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

O God of compassion, your people are anxious in this time of pandemic. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel our fears. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us. Strengthen and sustain those who are ill, and be with those who care for them. Help us to travel this road in solidarity with our neighbors, with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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Entrance

How else but through a broken heart
May the Lord Christ enter in?

~ Oscar Wilde

Worthy Work

I must believe no work beneath me, since Jesus was a carpenter for thirty years, and Joseph all his life.

~ Charles de Foucauld

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for April

Pope’s Intention: Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.
Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, united with Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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Prayer for Healthcare Workers

God of everlasting goodness, you sent your Son among us to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world. Be with all health care workers and their assistants in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care, renew them in mind, body, and spirit. Keep them safe from infection and illness, and may Christ’s healing presence flow through them as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name, Christ the healer, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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Stay With Us, Lord

Walk with us, Lord, along the road of resurrection! Explain for us, so slow to believe, the things that Scripture says of you. Break the bread of the Eucharist with us whenever we share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us each time night approaches and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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Effects

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

~ Pope Saint Leo the Great
A Litany to Pray Frequently in Time of Health Pandemic
This may be prayed individually or in alternation with others.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, have mercy on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy on us.
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

From all evil, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From every sin, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
From everlasting death, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Incarnation, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By your Death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Mother of Christians, pray for us.
Mother of the human family, pray for us.

Refuge of sinners, pray for us.
Consolation of the lonely, pray for us.
Sorrows of the fearful, pray for us.

Hope of the poor, pray for us.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Companion of the dying, pray for us.
Strength of caregivers, pray for us.

Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of angels, pray for us.
Queen of apostles, pray for us.
Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
Queen of virgins, pray for us.
Queen of all saints, pray for us.
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Compiled from liturgical and traditional sources by Anthony Ruff, Saint John’s Abbey.

St. Catherine of Siena
(1347-1380)
April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medi eval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic The Dialogue inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

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You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any blank squares.

After the Resurrection the disciples were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has...”

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FROM PLACE TO PLACE
Today’s Gospel (Luke 24:13-35) about Jesus meeting two disciples on the road to Emmaus, is a story about something that happened after Jesus’ resurrection. Think about the conversation that took place when the disciples met a stranger, whom they finally recognized as Jesus, as they walked along. The mention of those two towns, Emmaus and Jericho, reminded people of certain events in the life of Jesus. Other towns named in this page reminded us of other important events. Match the towns with the events. Can you remember the stories about what happened in these places?

- Bethlehem: The place where Jesus visited his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 11:1)
- Cana: The town where the wedding guest drank water at the wedding feast (John 2:1-11)
- Nazareth: Jesus was born in this city (Luke 2:4-5)
- Jerusalem: The city where Jesus was crucified and buried (Matthew 27:57-61)
- Samaria: The place where Jesus talked to the woman at the well (John 4:4-26)
- Bethany: Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding reception (John 2:1-11)
- Jericho: The place where Jesus healed a blind man (Luke 19:28-34)

Saints & Special Observances
- Tuesday: optional memorial ~ St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr
- Tuesday: optional memorial ~ St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday: Memorial ~ St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: optional memorial ~ St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday: optional memorial ~ St. Joseph the Worker
- Saturday: Memorial ~ St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Readings for the Week
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for Apr 26 - May 02

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TG Stephen Sun  
† Asterio Navasca, Jr.  
† Apolonio Abalos Ventayen | Pope Francis |
| Mon 27 | 9:30 a.m. | † Chan Chin  
† Lourdes Villanueva | Rev. Roberto Andrey, St. Patrick |
| Tue 28 | 9:30 a.m. | BD Tita Neri Labaria | Rev. Linh Nguyen, St. Patrick |
| Wed 29 | 9:30 a.m. | † Raymund Mandigma | Rev. Raphael Laizer, St. Patrick |
| Thu 30 | 9:30 a.m. | BD Carolyn Cua  
Parishioners, Benefactors, & Friends | Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone |
| Fri 01 | 9:30 a.m. | † Ermita Caparas | Bishop Bill Justice, Retired |
| Sat 02 | 9:30 a.m. | † Helen Lemos | Pope Benedict XVI, Retired |

Pastor Al™

He was made known in the breaking of the bread

"If I didn’t have to wait ‘til heaven for my wings, I know I could light this paschal candle, Pastor Al!!"