



Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

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

-- Acts 2:28



Daily Mass

Week of April 20th – 24th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Sr. Linda McClenahan
 Tuesday: 8:00 Jack Boothman+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: 8:00 Owen & Zelda Burns+
 Friday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Linda Peng, Georgia Pontoniere, Dan McDonald, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Please Note:

Remember to make **all checks payable to Corpus Christi Church**. And, indicate in the Memo line what the check is for. Thank you for your cooperation!



Welcome to Our Family

The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

Esme Jane and Miles James Hammond, daughter and son of Caitlin McCarthy and Kilby Hammond.

Jordan Taejoan Koches, son of Janelle Kim and Daniel Koches.

Henry Dean Woodward, son of Rachel Sorensen and Jason Woodward.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In last week's Gospel reading, Jesus appeared to the apostles on the evening of his resurrection. He found them locked in a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Jesus offered them his peace, empowered them with the Holy Spirit and told them to go forth and proclaim to the nations the Good News of Salvation.

We are the beneficiaries of their apostolic work, the inheritors of their legacy. The mandate that Jesus first gave to the apostles is now meant for our ears. While our apostolic mission is different than theirs, it is no less daunting. The apostles had to proclaim the Good News in an environment that was hostile to them. They placed their lives at risk in the name of Jesus Christ and most of them were martyred for the Faith. You and I are called to live the Good News in an environment of indifference. Our challenge is to share our Lord's message of salvation in an age where God has become irrelevant in the lives of many people.

Love, Fr. Leo

Recognizing Jesus!

St. 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 don't recognize Jesus. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him -- in the breaking of the bread.

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm -- Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading -- Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel -- Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

Magnificat!

Magnificat, a ministry for Catholic women, is excited to invite you to attend their upcoming Prayer Meal on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Please welcome Paul J. Kim as the speaker. Paul is a popular speaker, comedian, influencer, and marriage and family counselor. He is known for sharing his faith and family on Instagram but this December, Paul united people around the world in prayer as his family journeyed through the sudden illness, death and life in Christ of his five year-old son, Micah Joseph. Paul has a compelling testimony in his belief that Mother Mary continues to wrap her mantle around his family as they navigate their new life while Micah is having “the best playdate with Jesus.”

Registration is \$20.00 online by May 5th at: <https://magnificat-ministry.net-chapters/ca-walnut-creek/>. If you need more information, please contact Michelle Heckle at (925) 818-3111. Please note the new location!

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the Eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today’s custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone’s surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church’s history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ’s sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn’t a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.



Readings For The Week April 20th -- 25th

- Monday: First Reading Acts 6:8-15;
Psalm 119;
Gospel John 6:22-29
- Tuesday: First Reading Acts 7:51-8:1a;
Psalm 31;
Gospel John 6:30-35
- Wednesday: First Reading Acts 8:1b-8;
Psalm 66;
Gospel John 6:35-40
- Thursday: First Reading Acts 8:26-40;
Psalm 66;
Gospel John 6:44-51
- Friday: First Reading Acts 9:1-20;
Psalm 117;
Gospel John 6:52-59
- Saturday: First Reading 1 Peter 5:5b-14;
Psalm 89;
Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Mystagogy!

“Mystagogy,” 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 remind us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

Saints & Special Observances!

- Tuesday, April 21st: St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Thursday, April 23rd: St. George, Martyr
St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
- Friday, April 24th: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
- Saturday, April 25th: St. Mark, Evangelist