

April 12, 2009

EASTER SUNDAY: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter

What makes your heart burn?

What would you hope for if you dared to look as deeply as possible in your own self, in your deepest need? What burns to be satisfied?

On the road to Emmaus, two followers of Christ were no longer able to visit those depths. They had spent a lot of time—and their energy and their hope—thinking they had found the place where hope could live and where their deepest longings could work with their feet. They had followed Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said the kingdom of God was starting. Then they saw him crushed—arrested and dead, shamed for all to see. And their deepest hope was crushed and shamed too. They felt like idiots. And they were scared. Were *they* next?

So they walked away from Jerusalem, where all their hopes had come crashing down in Jesus' death.

Where have you been disappointed, felt tricked and insulted—hit hard enough to swear, “I will

never let that happen again. I will not trust anyone like that again.”

If you've been hurt deeply enough, you can understand what these two disciples were feeling when they left for another village, Emmaus, a place away from where their future died.

What possessed them to have another conversation?

The person following along as they walked put their past in perspective, helped them revisit the promises they had shared with each other and with the others who felt let down. Somehow their companion slipped into the place where their pain and questions were left unfinished. They recognized in him enough to invite him to stay.

Then they recognized him when he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. In *his* hands, their broken hearts were taken up, blessed, and given back to them.

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Today's Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7

Afternoon or evening Mass

Lk 24:13–35

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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday	April 11	7:00 PM	Holy Saturday	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
Easter Sunday	April 12	8:00 AM	Our Community	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
		10:45 AM	Dennis Mees, RIP	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
		12:30 PM	Epifano Ortiz	<i>Domingo de Pascua</i>
Monday	April 13	8:45 AM	Kevin McKenna, RIP	<i>Monday in the Octave of Easter</i>
Tuesday	April 14	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Tuesday in the Octave of Easter</i>
Wednesday	April 15	8:45 AM	Marlene Fronk	<i>Wednesday in the Octave of Easter</i>
Thursday	April 16	8:45 AM	Our Youth	<i>Thursday in the Octave of Easter</i>
Friday	April 17	8:45 AM	Edward & Evelyn Zatopek	<i>Friday in the Octave of Easter</i>
Saturday	April 18	6:00 PM	Our Community	<i>Saturday in the Octave of Easter</i>
Sunday	April 19	8:00 AM	June Romero RIP	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
		10:45 AM	Vocations	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>2º Domingo de Pascua-Piedad Divina el domingo</i>

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria
Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)
Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey
Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)
Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.
Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.
Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

REGULAR COLLECTION
April 4 & 5
\$13,018.00
SECOND COLLECTIONS
Property Purchase
\$2,800.
Educate Seminarians &
Ministers—April 11 & 12
CHMA—April 25-26

*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend
Are a Gift From
Eudora & Gloria Meza
In Memory of Mother, Francisca G. Rivera
1st Anniversary of Death
And
Sherrin Hubert
In Memory of Keith Hubert*

*Eternal life, Infinite joy, Love beyond measure....Easter
What a blessing it is to share the promise of Easter with
each of you. As He blessed the world with His
Love....may He bless your world with happiness.*

Easter Greetings—Fr. John

The Faith of the Church—The *Catechism* emphasizes that the Church's faith in the Resurrection is based on two vital components: first, the experience of those who were originally demoralized and convinced of the finality of Jesus' Death, but saw for themselves his risen state in firsthand encounters; and secondly, the reliable testimony of those same eyewitnesses (CF. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 639—647).

Questions of the Week—The Risen Christ is witnessed in many ways and in various settings in the Gospels.

*An Easter Prayer
Jesus, Risen Savior, I praise and adore you in Easter
splendor. Jesus, source of life and hope, I turn to you
for strength any courage. Jesus, conqueror of death
and despair, help me overcome my most difficult
challenges. Jesus, compassionate one, let me feel the
power of love, and bring me to life in your spirit.
Amen, Alleluia*

**There will be no Religious Education Classes or Breakfast
on Easter Sunday, April 12
or Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. Please join us April 19, 3-4 PM, at the Bethel Road Church to celebrate this Feast of Divine Mercy. For more information, please contact Ann Allen at 817-594-8637.

PRISON MINISTRY. There will be a Prison Ministry meeting at 7 PM on Monday, April 20 in the "Cry Room" of the Church. Anyone involved with or interested in this Ministry is invited.

BLOOD DRIVE. Donors are needed to donate blood for Damian Millikan, 7 year old grandson of Cathy Hopkins (who plays the auto harp at the 6 PM Mass). Damian is in the hospital undergoing chemo. He will need transfusions and a bone marrow transplant. Please sign up to give blood on **Monday, April 27** in the Holy Spirit Center from **3:30 to 7:30 PM.** You can also donate at CVS every Friday and Saturday. Donors need to be 17 or older and have a photo ID. Phone 1-800-DONATE4 if you have questions about medications. Walk-ins are welcome but we ask people to sign up so Carter Blood Center can send adequate personnel. The sign-up sheet is on the wall behind the grocery basket in the Church Foyer or go to the web-page at www.carterbloodcare.org to register. Thank you for your generosity. Phone Sophia Dederichs at if you have questions about the drive.

CARTER BLOOD CARE estara aceptando donaciones de sangre en el Holy Spirit Center el dia Lunes 27 de Abril, desde las 3:30 p.m. hasta las 7:30 p.m. Por favor recuerde a aquellos que pueden necesitar sangre para salvar su vida. Se requerira su documento con foto. Si tiene alguna duda o pregunta sobre medicamentos que usted toma, llame al 1-800-DONATE4. El nieto de nuestra arpista, Damian Millikan, tiene 7 anos y esta en el hospital recibiendo uimoterapia. Necesitara un transplante de medula y transfusiones. Le pedimos su generosidad para con este nino. Gracias por servir de esta manera.

THE PINES CATHOLIC CAMP. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 28** The director of the only accredited **Catholic co-ed camp** in the Southwest will be here for an information session. They offer one week sessions each summer for youth ages 7 to 16 to experience fun, friendship and faith-building. We will meet in rooms 1 and 2 at 6 PM . Please contact Jeanette Houle with questions or for more information, doschicas@att.net 817-613-8008.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SPRING CURSILLOS are scheduled for **May 21-24 (Men) and June 11-14 (Women).** Cursillo is a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus. If you are interested, please call Dan or Sue Martin at 817-599-3432, Tony or Elva Perez at 817- 596-8413 or Jim Hickey at 817 220-1203 for additional information.

ST. STEPHEN FAMILY PICNIC Mark your calendars! The annual church picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2009.** The picnic will be held at St. Stephen and will include a BBQ dinner, bingo, sports, games for the kids and waterslides! We need lots of volunteers to help this event run smoothly. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karin Portillo at 817-599-8242 or klpintx@hotmail.com.

Game On!

A 4-inning softball game is being organized for the picnic. The challenge: Youth vs. Adults. We already have several adults signed up and a few from the youth group. Let's get this game going! Signup sheets will be out in the lobby or e-mail Karin Portillo at klpintx@hotmail.com.

WELCOME to the following members who will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday to be one with us the first time at the Eucharistic table of the Lord Jesus, the sign of the Church's unity. Heather Beyer, Crystal Brandon, Rachel Brandon, Dale Bush, Flor A. Carrillo, Rudy Cole, Kelsey Cortez, Lindsey Crook, Jim Crowley, John Everest, Sarah Gutierrez, Paul Hynes, Jose E. Marin, Benjamin Gomez Martinez, Leoncio Martinez, Ossiel Mendoza Medrano, Tyler Merrill, Michael Montgomery, Claudia Orduna, Isidro Patino, Karen Ripple, Laura Rodriguez, Marie Santibanez, Aidan Ryan Salinas, Angela Seastrunk, Dakota James Lewis, Emma Mae Lewis, Brandon Vennel, Sarah Wilke, James Wilks, Laura Wilks. *Thank you to the RCIA team, Loretta Huddleston, Noe Ramirez, Lynn Lang, Dawn Bruns, Tencha Teel, Myra De La Garza, and Sr. Mildred.*



PROPERTY PURCHASE INFORMATION
Cost of New Property—\$1,631,842.00
Monthly Interest Payment—\$7,600.00
Total Contributions to Date—\$87,413.59
Interest Paid to Date—\$86,807.57

TEEN CORNER

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY: Interested in joining a group of teens and young adults who share their musical talents with the Lord? Practice is held weekly. We are currently seeking a percussionist, guitarists, and vocalists. Please contact Hilary Maitlen at 817-771-8573; or Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net or 817-613-8008.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(All activities held at Bethel Road)

Monday, April 13
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion

Tuesday, April 14
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, April 15
6:00 PM Youth Group (Clubhouse Ballroom)
6:30 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM Catholic Daughters

Thursday, April 16
10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
6:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study, Room 4
6 :00 PM Spanish Children Choir Practice (Church)
7:00 PM Spanish Adult Choir Practice (Church)

Saturday, April 18
7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya

April 12, 2009

How do I teach my children about the works of mercy?



I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any suggestions?

Susan

Dear Susan,

It's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy as long as you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing. For example, when they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they give away clothing they've outgrown, remind them that helping clothe the naked is a corporal work of mercy.

When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."

Children who soothe someone who's been hurt comfort the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking



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a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

Rick Potts, C.Ss.R.

Monday



April 13

Octave
of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday



April 14

Octave
of Easter

Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday



April 15

Octave
of Easter

Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday



April 16

Octave
of Easter

Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday



April 17

Octave
of Easter

Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday



April 18

Octave
of Easter

Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday



April 19

Divine
Mercy

Sunday
Acts 4:32-35
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

