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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

Emmaus: Companions on the Journey

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.

~ Luke 24:13-16 ~

This week's Gospel account of the Risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus could be written in our own times of shelter, sorrow and a search for meaning in the midst of pandemic. How do we make sense of these experiences? Has God truly abandoned us? Like those disciples, downcast and fleeing the events of Jerusalem, our Lord still walks with us, *accompanies us* in our distress, and offers consolation and presence. But our eyes of faith can be blurred and overwhelmed.



The Leap of Faith

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.

~ Luke 24:29 ~

In fact, those disciples never make it to Emmaus. The awareness of Jesus' presence as he listens to them, explains the scriptures, and finally is revealed in the breaking of

the bread, turns them back to Jerusalem to declare their experience with others. The restrictions on gathering for Mass have left many of us hungry for the Eucharist – that sustaining presence for all of our joys and challenges as disciples. Yet, in faith, can we *trust* that the Lord still

walks with us and wants to open our hearts to his abiding presence? Such faith requires more than an intellectual belief, but rather a letting go into mercy. As St. Faustina invites us to pray, "*Jesus, I trust in you.*"

How and where have you experienced God's mercy and presence in these difficult days? Moreover, how and where could you *become* that mercy and presence for another person or family? In recent days, I've been gently surprised and delighted to hear from colleagues and friends across the miles and years – reconnecting because we have an extra moment to remember our relationship. Similarly, the generous response of our Mercy Teams Sack Lunches for the Hungry remind me how we all can be bread for others – the root meaning of a *com (with) pan (bread) -ion*.

Each of us face our own challenges in these days to maintain health, sanity, productivity, and safety. Let us take time to reach out to neighbors, family, friends and those in greater need as we follow the example of our Risen Lord.

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT OLL

Daily Homily by Fr. John Kerns available at www.ollparish.com or view on Facebook @OLLCatholicChurch

Prayer - Church open daily from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM for individual silent prayer. Please be mindful of social distancing.

SUNDAY MASSES

Livestream Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM available at www.ollparish.com
Recording available Sunday Morning

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Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

Two Were Bound for Emmaus

One of the losses I personally experience in these quarantine days, is missing the beautiful music at Mass led by our choir, cantors, ensembles and accompanists. Agnes, Serha and I are “holding the fort” but we look forward to our musicians and singers’ return and the singing of our assemblies at Mass – you sustain our faith!

Composer, Bob Hurd, has crafted a song that we sing most every year at Mass on this Sunday, but is particularly poignant for our current times. We reprint the lyrics here for your prayer, and invite you later in the week to view and pray as a reflection video that will be posted on the parish website homepage, www.ollparish.com.

Two Were Bound for Emmaus

- Bob Hurd

1, 5. Two were bound for Emmaus, disheartened and lost;
all their hope for the future had been nailed to a cross.

Love unknown then walked beside them,

come back from the dead,

and they knew he was risen in the breaking of bread.

2. On the Sea of Tiberius, when the night was nearly gone
and their toil seemed so useless, not one fish had they caught,
from the shore the stranger called to them:

“Cast your net, friends, once more.”

And they filled it to bursting, but the net was not torn.

3. Then they knew it was Jesus and they hastened in to shore;
bread and fish for their breakfast from the hands of their Lord.

“O Peter, if you love me you must care for my sheep;

if you follow your Shepherd, then a shepherd you’ll be.”

4. When the road makes us weary, when our labor seems but loss,
when the fire of faith weakens and too high seems the cost,

let the Church turn to its risen Lord,

who for us bore the cross,

and we’ll find our hearts burning at the sound of his voice.

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40 Cans for Lent



Knights of Columbus Food Drive
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Thank you for your support of the Food Drive!

**We are extending the deadline to April 30 as we anticipate
an increase in food and rent requests in the coming weeks.**

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Returning and Searching Catholics: Know God More Personally Through Faith

Are you really “awake” to your Catholic Faith? Is God in your life now? Like many Catholics, your faith may have been passed down to you by your parents. Maybe you even attended Catholic Schools. Did your faith development stop once you reached adulthood?

Perhaps you are considering developing a more active Faith - or perhaps you are considering returning to the Catholic Faith after a period of absence.

We are coming together in Awakening Faith to grow in our understanding of God, of one another and of the true meaning of life.

In Awakening Faith, we will talk about Spirituality - “If I am spiritual do I need the Church”? We will look at Jesus - Who is He? We will discuss The Holy Spirit, not understood by many, God’s un-ending Mercy, The Mass (the source and summit of being a catholic), The Church (given to us by Jesus for a reason).

Due to Covid-19 and maintaining appropriate social distance, we do not have a current start date for the next set of Awakening Faith sessions. But don’t let that stop you from Awakening your Faith!

Contact with questions and to begin your journey of coming back to the Church. For more information go to our website ollparish.com/adults. Call me, Margaret Jamieson, at 503-635-2915 or email me at maggieandmargaret@gmail.com.

**Awakening Faith Small Groups
invite you to...**
Fill the Hole in Your Life
that only God can Fill
Know God More Personally
Unlock the Mysteries of Catholicism



YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD

This year we are encouraging you to read the Bible. Reading Plans available in the Narthex, at the Welcome Desk in the Parish Hall, or at the Parish Office. If you have questions, feel free and we’d be happy to help as well as offer encouragement!

Remember, don’t worry about getting behind or starting at a later date. You can go at your own pace or begin where we are. Follow along with our journey of **Reading through the Bible** this year on social media, the weekly emails, and online at ollparish.com/read-the-bible.

This Week’s Readings

Sunday, April 26 • Day 92: Deuteronomy 10-11 (recalling the wonders of the Lord and the need for fidelity), **Psalms 92**, and **Acts 22:17-29** (Paul imprisoned in Jerusalem). Visit us on Social Media to share what you are learning!

Bible Reading Encouragement

Last week, we read in Acts Paul’s journey through Greece and Asia, risking his life for the Gospel, even preparing himself and the churches for his death. What does this story teach us about our responsibility to the Gospel?

Offertory

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.

THIS YEAR: Week ending 4/19/2020

Weekly Collection: \$38,881

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,238,215

LAST YEAR:

Weekly Collection: \$51,568

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,256,800

BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,265,675

PARISH OFFICE AND CENTER CLOSED DURING COVID-19

Parish phones available
Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 26, 2020

For the Parishioners

Monday, April 27, 2020

+Stanley & Lorraine Kowalski

Tuesday, April 27, 2020

+Pius Chow

Wednesday, April 28, 2020

Int Bishop Peter Smith

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Mass

Friday, May 1, 2020

+Gavino Say

Saturday, May 2, 2020

+Lisa Marie Doell

Sunday, May 3, 2020

For the Parishioners

Due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of public Masses, only one Intention is able to be said per day by our pastor, Fr. John Kerns, when he presides over a private Mass. The Intentions which are not said on their originally scheduled day are being rescheduled as soon as possible. Upcoming Intentions can be viewed online at visit www.ollparish.com/intentions.

Mercy Teams

Mercy Teams in Action

As of Sunday April 26, your parish Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy outreach will have donated over 2,300 sack lunches for distribution to the homeless and hungry population throughout Portland and the East County. Distributions have gone to our Street Ministry to the Homeless, the St. Francis Dining Hall, Union Gospel Missions' Search and Rescue, Salvation Army Female Emergency Shelter, St. Michael the Archangel Park Blocks ministry, Clay St. Table (St. Stephens Episcopal Meals Program) and the Clackamas County Sheriffs Department for distribution in east side homeless camps.

You can help by pledging several sack lunches made up in your home. This is a terrific way to safely involve our youth sheltering in place at home, in much needed "Small acts of Mercy" in our community. The sack lunches should not include the sandwich as we purchase those. Please include a bottle of water, granola bar, chips, fruit cup or pouch and perhaps a cookie (no homemade items please).

Please go to the parish website and in the Home section you will see a Mercy Teams block. Click that to go to Mercy Teams service opportunities. Add your sack lunch pledge or volunteer to help organize or deliver them.

Iain and Millar Clee (*photo to the right*) working safely from home on the Sack Lunch "Meals of Mercy" Outreach. Our youth are learning how the Covid19 virus is negatively affecting their lives, but also how they can use this time to positively affect the lives of others.



Clackamas County Sheriffs and Mercy Teams (*photo below*) after loading the Meals of Mercy into Sheriffs Cars for distribution to East Side Homeless Camps.



Respect Life

The US Catholic bishops have launched a nationwide effort called "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service" to assist pregnant moms and families in need. The Respect Life Committee invites you to join us in this effort, and we will be providing more information in the bulletin each week. For more information go to www.walkingwithmoms.com.

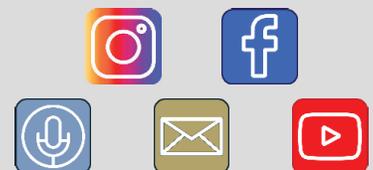


Week 6: Did You Know?? Beginning on April 28, the feast day of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, the United States bishops will share a novena seeking her intercession for pregnant women and all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. St. Gianna was a 20th century physician, wife, and mother. You can sign up to receive this novena at www.walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena. Join us during this year of **Walking with Moms in Need**.

Please notify the office of any family changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions. Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Connect with us!

Besides reading the Bulletin, we encourage you to visit the Website at ollparish.com and click on these images for more ways to connect throughout the week.





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