

Dear Padre,

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	1 Pt 5:5b–14	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Mk 16:15–20	1 Pt 2:20b–25
						Jn 10:1–10



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22–33 / 1 Peter 1:17–21 / Luke 24:13–35



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35

Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them

well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

Reflect

Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?

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WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.


RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm availability. Also, by appointment.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor, at least one month prior to desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to desired date.

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will
THANK YOU for your donations!
Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
 4/05/26: \$1,788.00 4/12/26: \$866.00
Building Fund Donations: \$0.00
March Online Donations: \$1,640.00
 Signup for Online Giving at methowcatholic.org Thank You!

 **Pray for Vocation**
Third Sunday of Easter “They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.” [Luke 24:13-35](#) Christ’s resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? *Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations, Fr. Ratuiste 509-313-7100 or contact <https://spokanevocations.org/contact/>*

 *Thank you to all who volunteer and share!*
CAFFEINE & CALORIES: The weekly social hour continues, after Mass. *Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.*

 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**
 People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.
PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block retaining wall. Thank you!

 The Cove is always in need of toilet paper and pet food. Donations can be left in the basket at the side door.

Mass Schedule:
Sunday, April 19 @ 11:00 am, Third Sunday of Easter,
 Rosary @ 10:20 am

Wednesday, April 22 @ 9:30 am, Rosary at 9:00 am

Sunday, April 26 @ 11:00 am, Fourth Sunday of Easter,
 Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Acts 2:14, 22–23 It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.
Psalm 16 “Lord, you will show us the path of life.”
1 Peter 1:17–21 We were saved with the precious Blood of Christ.
Luke 24:13–35 They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

As we listen to God’s word today, let us imagine the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who were able to hear God’s word directly from the risen Lord. Their hearts burned as he spoke to them of the Hebrew scriptures. May our hearts burn with joy as we realize Christ’s presence in the proclamation of God’s word.

Question of the Week: What am I impassioned about? Can I see the Easter miracle, the continuing presence of the risen Lord, and the promise of the Resurrection bringing me as much joy?

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **Diaper Drive Final Count!**

We are pleased to report a grand total of 1,973 diapers for this year! CareNet of Omak and Brewster are very grateful for our continuous support.
 ~ Ginny Humling



Jesus and the Walk to Emmaus
 Gebhard Fugel (1863–1939)




Supper at Emmaus
 Jacopo da Pontormo (1494–1556)



Where, if not in the Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope?
 ~ Pope Saint John Paul II ~



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