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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. - Bilingual

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. - English

9:30 a.m. - English

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. (**Chapel**)

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday** at 3:00 pm or by appointment.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

First Friday of the month after 8:00 a.m. Mass (**Church**)

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 19, 2026**

It is the first day of the week after the great Jewish feast of the Passover and Jerusalem is trying to return to its normal routine. For the disciples and those who were 'foreigners' in Jerusalem, it is time to start to return to their own homes and their normal lives. The two disciples from Emmaus are to be found, along their journey, talking to 'Jesus in person', *'but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him'*.

Why did the Lord not tell the disciples straight away who He was? Indeed, in the dialogue that the liturgy presents to us today, it almost seems that Jesus did all He could to avoid revealing His true identity. Firstly, He pretended not to know what Cleopas and his companion were discussing and then He went on to *'explain to them the passages throughout scriptures that were about Himself'* but without making direct reference to Himself.

At the end of the journey, *'He made to go on'*. Jesus didn't want to play games with His disciples, but He sought to educate their hearts, and also ours, so that we won't be *'slow'*! In fact, when faced with the Lord's Presence, we find that the heart quickly *'burns'* upon hearing His words as we are grateful of the fact that we were freed not by *'gold and silver but by the precious blood of Christ'* who is the *'blameless and spotless'* lamb.

The Risen Lord uses so much gentleness with us! He doesn't oblige us to *'believe'* but He offers us the instruments that enable us to judge based on the infallible measure of our own hearts. As St Augustine extraordinarily wrote in the opening of his Confessions *'our heart is restless until it rests in you'*.

There is still one more detail that calls for our attention and raises many questions: why did the eyes of the disciples open to recognize Jesus whilst they were at table with Him? The Eucharistic context is undeniable. The disciples are at table, the Lord is with them; He took the bread and saying the prayer of benediction, broke it. It was during the last action of the breaking of the bread that the companions recognized Jesus. It was not only the action in itself but finally Cleopas and his friends could see, with their own eyes, the hands pierced by the nails of the passion that until that very movement had remained hidden from them during the long journey on the road.

It was in that very moment in which they recognized the presence of the Crucified One, that He *'disappeared from their sight'* whilst their eyes remained fixed on the broken bread, that was left to fall *'onto the altar'*. Is it not the same experience that every one of us can have every Sunday?

So, *'they set out that instant'*. They started to understand that death is not the last word on the life of each one of us as we can not be *'held in its power'*. This is a sign of great hope that gives us irreprehensible joy! In so much as we journey to Jerusalem—each on his own road, it must often seem long and tiring. However, now with our eyes fully opened it appears that we have the privilege to say to all the world, *'the Lord has indeed risen'*.



# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sat. April 18 - 4:00 pm

- Cindy Bollinger and All Souls in Purgatory (ROS)
- Sam & Ann Bashaw and Family - Blessings
- Ramona Martinez, Trinidad Martinez-Lamas - INT
- Barbara Deditt, Theresa Jauregui, Soledad Horta, John Kunka - Health

## Sun. April 19 - 8:00 am

- Charles Hoover Sr. (ROS)
- Gonzalez, Aguilera, Marquez, Pereda, Langley Family - INT
- José, Anisa Gonzalez, Lupe Pereda - Health

- 9:30 am

- Gideon McCorkle, Malcolm McCorkle - BDay

## Wed. April 22 - 8:00 am

## Thurs. April 23 - 8:00 am

## Fri. April 24 - 8:00 am

## Religious Education - St. Ann Catholic Church



Program that provides faith development.

Classes are - Sunday @ 8:15 am

followed by Mass @ 9:30 am.

## Celebrations of the Sacraments:

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.....

Sunday - May 10 @ 11 am



### CONFIRMATION.....

Sunday - May 17 @ 11 am

Main Celebrant - **Rev. Bp. Alberto Rojas**

Let us pray for those who will be receiving SACRAMENTS.

## Ministries in Our Church



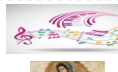
**Lectors** Those who proclaim God's word during our liturgical celebration.



**Eucharistic Ministers** Those who distribute Holy Communion during liturgical celebration.



**Altar Servers** Those who assist Priest during our liturgical celebration.



**Choir** Those who lead us in singing during our liturgical celebration.



**Guadalupeans** Those who in a special way turn to Mary for her intercession.



**Men's Ministry** Gather as a group to improve our spirituality.

## Sacraments Please call office to arrange.....



**Baptism** Through this sacrament we become children of God.



**Marriage** Through this sacrament those who marry invite God into their life.



**Anointing of the Sick** Through this sacrament God forgives our sins and comforts us in our sickness.

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**Quinceañera (not a sacrament)** Important celebration when one thanks God for blessings.

## Helping those in need:



**Martha's Pantry** St. Ann provides lunches for those in need: Wednesday & Thursday morning @ 9:00 am. At **Hanley Hall**.



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