

*Church of the Holy Family*

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Scripture

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6-7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30-35  
 ~St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Monfort  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-7a; John 6:35-40  
 ~ St. Catherine of Siena  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51 ~ St. Pius V  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52-59  
 ~ St. Joseph the Worker  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-17; John 6:60-69 ~ Saint Athanasius  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6;  
 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Pray for the following on their anniversary of passing:

- 28 Adeline Colociello
- 30 Mary Dreizler, Stephanie Sessions
- 1 Mary Ann (May) Jacksto, Eugenia Opramolla, Joseph McNally, Mary Ellen Vogel
- 2 Patrick Cicale, Clifton Clifford
- 3 Henry Dondero, Thomas I. Petronio, Jr., Rosario Latronica, Florence Minor

Remember those in special need of prayer:

Father Michael Flannery, Mary Hunter, Brian Lacey, Bill, Stewart, Mary Hunter, Ann, Dominic Pedrotty, Lucille Courtney, Richard, and the Tassitanos.

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The Graces of Emmaus

There were two of Jesus' disciples, who after His death and the Sabbath was past, leave Jerusalem and return home to Emmaus. Along the way the Risen Jesus draws near to them, but they do not recognize Him. Seeing them so sad, He first help them to understand that the Passion and Death of the Messiah were foreseen in the plan of God and announced in the Sacred Scriptures, and thus He rekindled a fire of hope in their hearts.

At that point the two disciples experienced an extraordinary attraction to the mysterious man, and they invited Him to stay with them that evening. When, at table, He blessed the bread and broke it, they recognized Him, but He vanished out of their sight leaving them full of wonder. After being enlightened by the Word, they had recognized the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, a new sign of His presence.

The road to Emmaus thus becomes a symbol of our journey of faith: the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the indispensable elements for encountering the Lord. We too often go to Mass with our worries, difficulties, and disappointments. Life sometimes wounds us, and we go away feeling sad towards our "Emmaus," turning our backs on God's plan. We distance ourselves from God. But the Liturgy of the Word welcomes us: Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope, and in Communion He gives us strength.

Read a passage of the Gospel every day. Remember it well. Dear brothers and sisters, The Word of God and the Eucharist fill us with joy always. Remember it well! When you are sad, take up the Word of God. When you are down, take up the Word of God. There is always a Word of God that gives us guidance after we slip; and through our weariness and disappointments there is always a Bread that is broken that keeps us going on the journey. Pope Francis