

APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

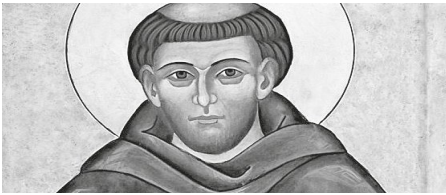
MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31



From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

04-12-2026.....\$3,982
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$982
 YTD Offertory.....\$151,398
 Budget.....\$120,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$31,398
 Food Pantry\$25



ACTS 2:14, 22-33
1 PETER 1:17-21
LUKE 24:13-35

Through the blood of Jesus we have been delivered from the power of sin. We recognize him in the breaking of the bread, the one whom God raised from the dead and who now sits at his right hand forever.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 955

Hi everyone,

This week we celebrate the Third Sunday in Easter. The Gospel for this Sunday is the road to Emmaus. One thing that really sticks out to me about this Gospel is how the disciples do not recognize the risen Jesus, and that they seem unable to understand the Scripture that said that the Messiah had to be killed and raised from the dead. In fact, the Gospel tells us that Jesus had to open their minds to understand the Scripture.

I think we find ourselves in a similar position to these disciples on their way to Emmaus. The risen Lord walks beside us through prayer and the sacraments, but we don't recognize Him. We also have many things that we don't understand about God's word. I think we also need the Lord to open our eyes and our ears!

Fr. Rob

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 18	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Gerald Hastings
Sunday, April 19	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Lucille Ewerr
Monday, April 20	No Mass	
Tuesday, April 21	Noon Mass	+Mary Anne McNamee
Wednesday, April 22	Noon Mass	+Chad Walls
Thursday, April 23	Noon Mass	+Covie Joseph Schmidt
Friday, April 24	Noon Mass	+Randy Clark
Saturday, April 25	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Chris and Zosima Operario
Sunday, April 26	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY - 04/19/2026

Lector - Jerry Kanney

Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff

Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott

Coffee & Donuts – Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Joseph Mata

LAY MINISTRY - 04/26/2026

Lector - Joe Collins

Lector Fill in Only - MaShawna Jacobs

Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata

Coffee & Donuts – Joseph & Pia Mata

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - MaShawna Jacobs

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

When I first read Homer's Odyssey as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are. — Father John Muir ©LPi

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL RESULTS

Congratulations and Thank You for Your Generosity!

Goal

The target for 2025 Annual Appeal was set at \$7,175.00.

Total Contributions

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of everyone involved, a total of \$16,583.47 was collected. This amount exceeded the goal by \$9,408.47.

Share Back Amount

Our share back from the appeal will be \$4,704.24.

VOLUNTEER LAWN CARE OPPORTUNITY

Lawn Care Volunteers Needed

We are needing additional volunteers to help maintain our grounds. By volunteering, you will play a vital role in keeping our outdoor spaces attractive and welcoming for everyone.

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please reach out to Dale Hamilton at (606) 213-3943 for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

ROSARY - The first Saturday of each month at **noon**

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for the Way

Dear Lord,

As we journey through life, journey with us.
As we wrestle with uncertainty, comfort us
with your presence.

Through distances, walk alongside us.
Bless us with your companionship,
your prayer, your sacred presence in the
Eucharist.

Amen. ©LPi



Susie Johnson

Skylar Coleman and her unborn baby,
Kallum

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon
cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives
\$3.00 and small votives \$0.50