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**4.19.2026**

## Third Sunday of Easter

### Parish Information

#### Mass Times

**Saturday: 5:00 PM Holy Family**  
**Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12 PM HF Spanish**  
**Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions**  
**Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sacred Heart**  
**First Saturday of each Month: 8:30 AM Holy Family**

#### Confessions

**30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses**  
**Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart**  
**Or by appointment**

**Baptism:** Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

**Marriage:** Call six months prior to wedding date.

#### Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (Apr. 12)	\$2,403.84	\$192.30	\$1,442.30	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$998.00	\$167.00	\$1,571.00	\$35.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$1,405.84)	(\$25.30)	\$128.70	(\$32.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$98,557.62	Capitol	\$59,134.50	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$92,543.40	Funds	\$63,918.75	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$6,014.22)		\$4,784.25	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$118,003.26		\$85,616.61	
Expenses for the year to date	\$104,592.83		\$83,002.13	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$13,410.43)		(\$2,614.48)	

#### Road to Emmaus

**For our sake God made Him to be sin!**

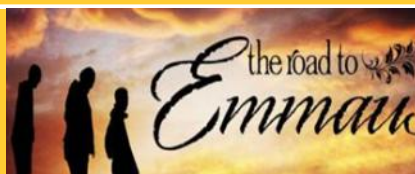
Sin is ugly and it demands justice. Sin inverts and perverts what is true, good, just, and beautiful ravaging not only the persons who suffers from the sin committed, but more importantly, it plunders and pillages the very person who commits sin. Sin is selfish self destruction.!

All sin is punishable by death, for sin demands justice, which is to suffer the consequences of our actions. Yet, God did not make us to endure his justice, but created us to enjoy his love. Hence He offers mercy to heal the injustice.

Walking away from Jerusalem the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus do not understand God's justice. Jesus comes and explains to them that God's justice demanded reparation for sin. God, however, knew that humanity could not and never could repay the ransom due, so God mercifully sends his Son to redeem us and makes us righteous.

Jesus becomes sin, that is he endures the justice demanded because of sin and makes us righteous through his suffering which is mercy. Yet, we have to listen and want God's mercy to restore our disfigurement.

**"God raised this Jesus;  
of this we are all witnesses. Exalted  
at the right hand of God,**



**He received the promise of the  
Holy Spirit from the Father  
and poured him forth, as you see  
and hear."**

To those who are distrustful, who doubt and dispute and use only the faculty of reason and are not open to God, God does not show himself. God does not enter locked souls; He does not force an entrance.

St. Porphyrius

### Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat. Apr 18 Holy Family 5:00PM: Phyllis Morman †
- Sun. Apr 19 Sacred Heart 8:00 AM: James & Dorothy Linnebur †
- Sun. Apr 19 Holy Family 10:30 AM: Susan Workman
- Sun. Apr 19 Holy Family 12:00 PM: Parish Family
- Mon. Apr 20: *No Mass Here*
- Tue. Apr 21: *No Mass Here* Msgr. George Schroeder
- Wed. Apr 22: *No Mass Here* Ed & Teresa Green & Family
- Thu. Apr 23: *No Mass Here* Rene Buchholz †
- Fri. Apr 24 Sacred Heart 8:30 AM: Fr. Tom's Intentions
- Sat. Apr 25 Holy Family 5:00 PM: Russell Gurtler Jr. †

† indicates Memorial Mass



- Apr 20-23 Fr. Tom gone (No Daily Mass)**
- Apr 25 Holy Family Spring Maintenance Day**
- Apr 26 Last Day of CCD Classes at Holy Family**
- Apr 27-May 1 Fr. Tom gone (No Daily Mass)**
- May 2 First Saturday Devotions 8:30 AM Holy Family**
- May 2 Confirmation Retreat 9 AM Sacred Heart**
- May 3 May Crowning**
- May 3 Last Day of CCD Classes at Sacred Heart**
- May 7 CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION**  
**7 PM Sacred Heart with Bishop Jorge**
- May 16/17 Cross Catholic Outreach priest visit**
- May 25 Memorial Day Celebration at Heart of the Plains Cemetery 9 AM** 🇺🇸
- May 31-Jun 5 TOTUS TUUS - Registration is open!**

### Pray for Them

Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhalfen, Mary Ockenfels, Bowman Family, Bill Epple, Theresa Schindedecker, Adriana Elias Trinidad, Nayely Vasquez, Cristopher Flores



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.)

Love is elusive. We may feel the penetrating power of love one minute and the very next moment, we experience the sting and pain of that same love. The more we love, the greater will be that agony and anguish of love as St. John states: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

God's love is infinite. He endured the torture and torment of human disfiguration to show us the depth of his divine love for us.

"To such a great love let there not be lacking the generous response of our gratitude, expressed in the consistent witness of our lives" (John Paul II. A Catechism on the Creed Jesus, Son and Savior vol. II p. 281).

God's love reaches to the depths of the ocean and the expanse of the universe. The only limit to God's love is our own. We are finite and can only experience God's love in a finite way. Nevertheless, the more we witness to God's love the more we encounter the depth and breadth of his love.

Receiving the Eucharist, we experience a certain infinity when we love God for we know there are no limits to his love. Each communion deepens our awareness of the vastness of his love for us.

Human love is only an expression of Eucharistic love; and each new experience of this love, we step further into the mysteries of divine love. Eucharistic love truly satisfies our demand for love. Human love, only when it is grounded in that sacrificial love, will it reach those depths and heights of the perfect love we seek.

Humans who seek this eucharistic love with another human person entail sacrifice because perfect love does not exist without sacrifice. Our personal flaws and faults blemish our ability to love as we ought, even causing some of the deepest wounds in our heart and soul.

The pains and struggles of human love cut our hearts. We feel severed from our desire for perfect love and easily delve deeper into selfish love when we do not sacrifice. We hurt ourselves when we want human love without the Eucharistic love of Christ.

Eucharistic love hurts too, but it purifies our hearts. To purify our love, we embrace the cross of love as Christ did. The cross teaches us to receive Christ's love which heals our selfishness. Freed from selfishness, we partake in his love having the ability to love others despite any struggle.

Eucharistic Love, unlike human love, simplifies our lives because He seeks our good alone. His love is pure. It seeks our goodness alone. Divine Goodness is not merely moral goodness, but affirms Christ's presence in our souls despite any sins we may have as St. John Paul states:

**"Jesus displays his love for us, through his merciful love which overcomes our evil with his good" (John Paul II. A catechism on the Creed Jesus, Son and Savior vol. II p. 281).**

LOVE, TO BE REAL,  
MUST EMPTY  
US OF SELF.  
MOTHER TERESA

Jesus does not condemn us for imperfect love, but uses our imperfections to encourage us to seek his love: to be healed of our selfishness, the cause of sin.

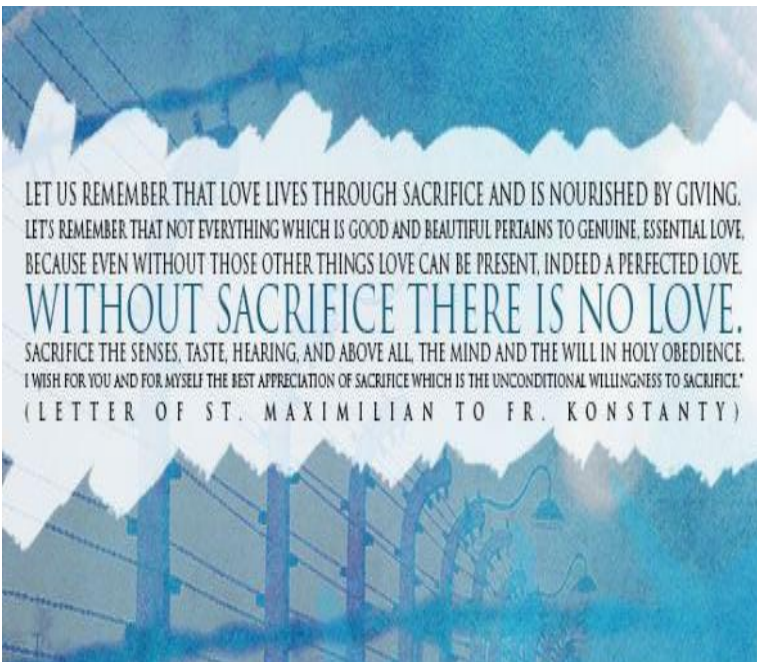
Human love sees the imperfections that taint us. Eucharistic love, however, looks beyond the faults to

see the goodness and beauty within and draws that goodness and beauty out by focusing on our image and likeness to God's presence dwelling within.

God's tool to develop the depth and breadth of his love are the crosses we endure loving others. The crosses we bear trying to find true love opens our hearts to God's love. The crosses of love teach us forgiveness, rebuilding divine love within us.

Our lives on earth are not judged to be good because of our moral behaviors, but by our ability to love and forgive. Out of love, we freely and willingly admit our moral imperfections, because we fear the loss of Jesus' love most. Not only do we admit our own sinfulness, but we understand the sinfulness of others. Instead of condemning them, we forgive them as we have been forgiven.

Through the Eucharist, we find forgiveness. His love is greater than our sins. He understands our struggles especially when we walk away from Him. Instead of abandoning us, He walks with us whatever direction we are walking. He does not abandon us but accompanies us, trying to explain his providential plan to save us. He knows our selfishness leads to hell. He knows selflessness leads to heaven. Instead of allowing us to flounder, He intercedes in our lives and offers Himself to us, opening our eyes to the mystery of Eucharistic Love.



In our own time, priests kept alive the joy and hope of the Gospel:

- ◆ in the frozen wastes of the Gulag Archipelago.
- ◆ in the living hells of the Nazi concentration and extermination camps.
- ◆ in the forests of Ukraine during forty-five years in which the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was the world's largest underground religious community.
- ◆ Priests were window washers and boiler stokers and elevator mechanics in communist Czechoslovakia.
- ◆ Priests were hard, ill-paid manual laborers by day, pastoral ministers by night.
- ◆ Priests in China today keep alive the flame of authentic Catholic faith.

**These men overcame.  
We can too.**

Every Sunday, which is Easter Sunday remembers **If a cross and a tomb could not destroy the love of God incarnate in his Son, then neither can wars and violence.**

The explosive, transformative, Trinitarian love poured into history on Easter Sunday cannot be contained because Christ is constantly present in the Breaking of the Bread. This is the Good News. The Eucharist is Christ's presence, opening our eyes to see his goodness, infusing Himself into our souls through the work of the priest.

At Mass, Christ appears to us just as He did to the two confused souls, Cleopas and his companion, walking away to Emmaus. Jesus the priest calls them back. He calls us into relationship through the Eucharist explaining his death is our redemption.

Jesus is alive. He is transfigured and manifests the destiny God intended for humanity from the beginning. We too are to be resurrected. Our resurrection finds fulfillment when we eat his body and drink his blood, for whoever eats and drinks has eternal life.

The Resurrection and the Risen One is Christ's eucharistic presence. He summons us to live and preach the gospel by the way we live our lives. We live for our resurrection, the union of our being with that of Jesus. In this union, He completes us, opening our eyes so we too many see the mysteries contained within the Scriptures.

### **HONORING UNBORN BABIES**

The Heart of the Plains Cemetery invites you to honor any baby lost, due to stillbirth, miscarriage, or abortion.

If interested, please consider purchasing a small, personalized plaque that will be placed on the Monument for the Unborn at Heart of the Plains Cemetery on Memorial Day Weekend.

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