

Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

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You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. — Acts 2:28

RECOGNIZING JESUS

St. Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first Letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: all this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Sometimes new worlds unexpectedly slip up over our horizon and catch us off guard. One morning we get up, stand at the foot of our bed, look out the window, and oh so briefly think how good it is to be alive; and for a moment we smile to ourselves before resuming the arranging of our day. Or we sit with a friend at a noonday lunch, telling stories and laughing over what our lives have been; and somewhere in the midst of it all we think to ourselves that what is happening right at this moment is worth all the struggles and tears of life. Or we sit by ourselves in the rare quiet of a house that is hardly ever so, and daydream, and think about what has gone on in this house over all the days and years, and realize that more than living has happened here, that love has, and maturing; and then the back door slams and our day returns to its tumultuous chaos.

These are all moments of grace, moments when the shadows part if only briefly, and we see more clearly than we ever have before that it's the very presence of God in which we live and move. Then of course the moment disappears, and we'd like to tell someone about it and maybe we try, but in the end our words fall short. After all, how does one find words to explain how for a

brief while we walked life with God more consciously than ever before?

I find myself wondering if that was part of what took place as Cleopas and his friend found themselves joined by a stranger on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. How could they not know this stranger was Jesus? Maybe the grace of it was that through faith they came to recognize the Lord Jesus among them, and it didn't much matter whether that dawning of light came quickly or slowly. What did matter was that it happened.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Mystagogy," reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a "pentecost," in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord "has gone before you into Galilee." Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide remind us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

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A Wife

Father Josh, Deacon Bill, and Deacon David—thank you for your guidance, prayers, and support during this time. To the beautiful voices, Ms. Gloria and Ms. Sandy, thank you for the comfort your music brought—it truly touched our hearts. And thank you, Ms. Maria, for making the service available through livestream for those who were unable to attend in person. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to our family. A special thank you for the ladies who prepared meals that were shared with us. During a time when it's hard to focus on even the simplest things, your generosity made such a difference and reminded us of God's love through each of you. The Hernandez family expresses their deepest gratitude for the love, kindness, and support you all have shown during this difficult time. Losing a loved one is never easy, but your prayers, presence, and compassion have brought comfort to my heart and my family. Thank you for standing with us, lifting us up, and reminding us that we are not alone. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

With heartfelt appreciation from the Hernandez Family



**You were
ransomed with
the precious
blood of Christ**

Saturday, April 18th -

5:00-IHM – +Belinda Gomez,
Tomas y Guadalupe Morales;
+Daniel Grimaldo;
+Ysidro y Susie Ramirez

Sunday, April 19th –

8:00AM – IHM Por Grupo
Misionero que Dios los bendiga y

augmente su fe; En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños
de José Aguayo, Luz Cano, Aurora Ruiz, Erick y Omar
Rico; Victor Rubio, Jr.; +Rodrigo DeLoera

9:30AM – HF – For the People of Nolan County

11:00AM – IHM +Martina Herrera; +Joe & Ynes
Gonzales; Alejandra & Anselmo Gamez; In thanksgiving
for the birthdays of Jocelyn Madrigal, Sandra, Carmen,
Raquel y Roberto Acevedo; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y
Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

Tuesday, April 21 st 9:00AM-HF

+Paulina Alaniz

Wednesday, April 22nd 6:00PM - IHM

+Claudia Solis Salamanca

Thursday, April 23rd 9:00AM-HF

+Cuco y Luis Franco and the well-being of their families

Friday, April 24th 9:00AM HF

In thanksgiving for Shelly Montealvo's birthday

Saturday, April 25th -

5:00-IHM – Maria Morales Guerrero, Rodolfo
Morales, Carlos C, Maria and Carlos Guerrero, Sr.;
+Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie
Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana,
Tony y Patricia Gomez

Sunday, April 26th –

8:00AM – IHM Por la Gente de Nolan County
11:00AM – IHM +Doug Conway; +Vicky Soto;
Robert Soto's well-being;
In thanksgiving for Nellie Fontain's birthday

April 11/12, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$4,481.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,349.76
RICE BOWLS.....	321.24
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$6,152.00

Thank you for your generosity!

• **SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE** – The Guadalupanas
are selling Raffle tickets after the weekend Masses.
Proceeds will go to the Guadalupana Scholarship Fund.
Applications are available in the parish office. Deadline is
April 30, 2026, @3:00p.m.

• **MANUEL & REFUJIA HEREDIA MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP** –You must be a 2026 Graduating High
School Senior and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic
Church in Sweetwater, Texas to apply. Applications are
available in the parish office. Deadline is May 8, 2026.

RELIGION CLASSES –

Sunday Classes 9:30 - 10:40AM

Wednesday Classes 7:00 - 8:30PM

OCIA –Thursdays, 6:00pm at HF Hall, 507 Crane St.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed
by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm @IHM.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC?- Deacon Bill's sharing
session every Tuesday at his home, @6:00pm.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, April 19th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, April 20th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

Both at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to
be a cursillista to attend. For information on the
Cursillo movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at
7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

PARISH MOVIE GROUP meets Sunday, April 19th,
4:00pm at Holy Family Hall.

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month
of April to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

- Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
- New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably
12 months and up,
- Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés
durante el mes de abril para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de
Embarazo de Mujeres.

► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

- Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
- Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
- preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
- Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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, 7b, 8a, 17,
21ab;
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; 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: 1Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

April 25 – Grupo Misionero May 2 - Guadalupanas

Saint Francis: Visionary of Life

Read the full version at
respectlife.org/francis-visionary-of-life.

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.



“Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command.”

- Saint Francis’ “Prayer before the Crucifix”

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