

St. George Maronite Catholic Church

Weekly Newsletter

Week of April 26, 2020

3rd Week of the Resurrection

Divine Liturgy & Services

Monday - Saturday at 12:00 Noon

Sunday: Rosary at 9:40AM

Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM

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Feast Days

Monday, April 27

St. Simon Brother of the Lord

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Thursday, April 30

St. James son of Zebedee

Office Hours

The church office is closed

Stewardship

Many have reached out asking what everyone can do to help with the church financials. While every donation is greatly appreciated, the church does not want to put a financial burden on the faithful. If you are able and want to contribute, please follow link:

<https://www.stgeorgesa.org/donate-online/>

The Why and How of Making a Spiritual Communion

From an article by Michael R. Heinlein

To read the entire article click here: <https://osvnews.com/2020/03/14/the-why-and-how-of-making-a-spiritual-communion/>

Catholics in recent weeks have seen the church suspending the public celebration of holy Mass or granting dispensations from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, all in the hope of helping prevent spread of the virus by practicing “social distancing.” In many ways, the inability of many to receive Holy Communion has become an unimaginable penance. How to make sense of this absence of public worship or reception of the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord?

Mass and Communion Obligations

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and reception of Holy Communion are two different things.
- The frequent reception of holy Communion, in reality, is a more recent phenomenon, commonly tied to encouragement of the practice by Pope St. Pius X (1903-1914).

An Act of the Whole Church

- Because all the baptized are incorporated into Christ’s body, every time Christ is offered to the Father in the Eucharist, the entire Church mystically is present and offered to the Father, “whole and entire” as the Catechism characterizes it (1368).
- All members of the Church — the members of Christ’s own body — are united with him in each and every Mass.

Practicing Spiritual Communion

- Sunday remains to be set apart as another opportunity to grow in communion with the Lord. When we are unable physically to attend Mass, we may consider the practice of “spiritual communion” — an act to which the saints have given a consistent witness.
- Spiritual Communion is a traditional practice of expressing to the Lord our longing for him and our desire for him to enter our hearts.
- The Church is truly one body united in Christ. Christ feeds us with his word.
- When unable to attend Mass or receive Communion, we can unite ourselves more closely through reading, studying, discussing the Scriptures and praying together or alone.

Fr. Joseph and I will be available to assist you; confessions are available by appointment.

I urge you today to pray and extend a helping hand to others within your ability to do so. Each one of you are in my daily prayers and liturgy. Let us continue praying and supporting each other.

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The Why and How of Making a Spiritual Communion (continued from page 1)

Living Communion

- By our baptism, and intensified in the reception of Holy Communion, we are conformed more and more to Christ.
- By our lives we can worship and live in communion with Jesus.
- Pope Benedict XVI said, St. Paul “speaks of the liturgy as life. We ourselves, our body; we in our body and as a body must be liturgy. This is the newness of the New Testament, and we shall see it again later: Christ offers himself and thereby replaces all the other sacrifices. And he wants ‘to draw’ us into the communion of his Body. Our body, with his, becomes God’s glory, becomes liturgy ... the true liturgy is that of our body, of our being in the Body of Christ, just as Christ himself made the liturgy of the world, the cosmic liturgy, which strives to draw all people to itself.”

Daily Liturgy intentions and Scripture Reflection (based on the daily liturgy readings)

Sunday, April 26: (2Tim 2:8-13; Lk 24:13-35) Liturgy for Donald Ryznar, req. by John Ryznar and family

How often do I fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to my heart and opens his mind to me? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to me and to give us understanding of his ways. Do I listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform me?

Monday, April 27: (1Pet 2:18-25; Lk 24:44-49) Liturgy for Health and Safety from COVID-19 req. by Allison Lindley

Jesus shows us the way and gives us the power to overcome sin, despair, and death. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do I witness to the joy of the gospel to those around you?

Tuesday, April 28: (1Pet 3:1-12; Jn 6:28-34) Liturgy for Jeanette Van Delden req. by The Ashmore family

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. Do I hunger for God and for the food which produces everlasting life?

Wednesday, April 29: (1Pet 3:13-22; Jn 6:34-40) Liturgy for Catalina A. Lopez req. by Frank & Susan Rizzo

Jesus makes possible for us a loving relationship with God. Am I satisfied with mere physical existence or do I hunger for real life? Do I know the joy and hope of the resurrection?

Thursday, April 30: (1Pet 4:1-11; Jn 6:41-47) Liturgy for Suzann Westermann req. by Frank Westermann & Ray Paez

To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. Do you accept Jesus as the bread of life?

Friday, May 1: (1Pet 4:12-19; Jn 6:48-59) Liturgy for Saydeh Damien

When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself. Do I hunger for the bread of life?

Saturday, May 2: (1Pet 5:1-14; Jn 6:60-71) Liturgy for Hannah Palasota (1 year) req. by her family

Do I believe, as Peter did, that Jesus can change my life because he has the words of everlasting life? Do I ask the Lord to increase my faith that I may grow in a relationship with him and in the knowledge of His love for me?

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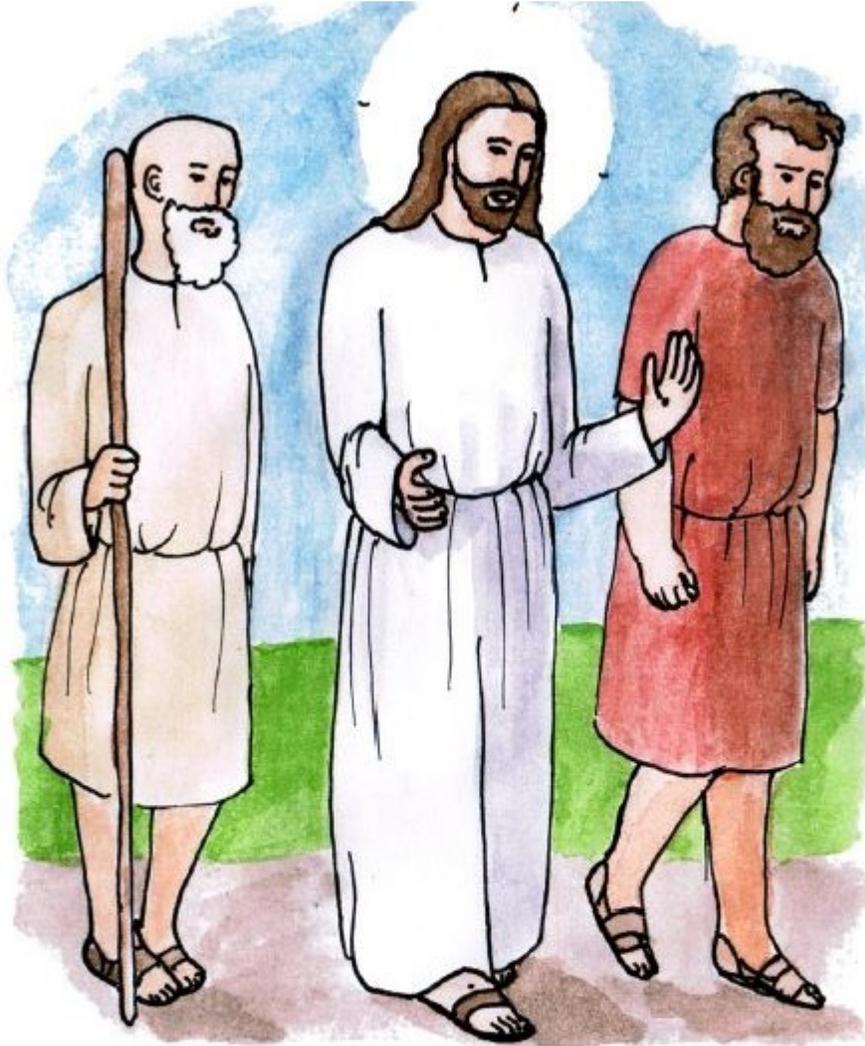
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*The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually?
Use the code to find out!*

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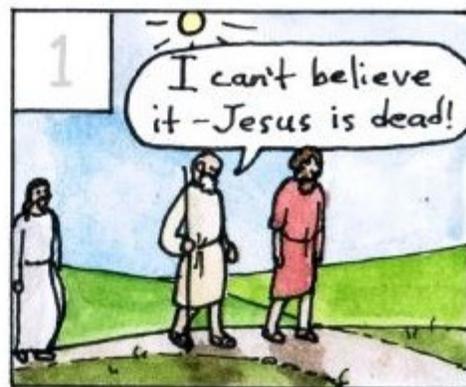
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How well do you know the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus?
Figure out the order of the pictures and put the appropriate numbers in the corners.



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Here is a list of local restaurants and other businesses owned and operated by members of our parish. I am asking you today to support our fellow parishioners and consider take out or delivery from these eateries. Please note that this is only a partial list, so please email information on other food services that I may have forgotten or not aware of and we will publish this in our next newsletter; simply reply to this email with your information.

Babe's Old-Fashioned Food: 5 locations
9207 Huebner Rd, 210-561-2222
4535 Fredericksburg Rd, 210-732-6666
12415 Bandera Rd, 210-695-5666
10038 Potranco Rd, 210-684-6666
434 SW Military Dr, 210-595-6666

Bayeh SC Convenience Store & Auto Service: 4302 Callaghan

Four Sisters Catering: 7421 Callaghan Rd, 78229,
210-349-4040

Maria's Pizza: 3529 Oakgate Dr, 78230, 210-558-6600

Mexican Manhattan: 110 Soledad St, 78205, 210-223-3913

Milano on Wurzbach: 11802 Wurzbach Rd, 78230,
210-493-3611

Ray's Pizzeria: 5252 Fredericksburg Rd, 78229, 210-257-8520

Ray's Pizzeria/Mr. Chickpea: 7214 Blanco Rd, 78216,
210-348-9090

Rome's Pizza: 3 locations
5999 De Zavala Rd, 210-691-2070
12411 Bandera Rd, 210-695-9933
10038 Potranco Rd, 210-680-5000

Tezel Market: 7126 Tezel Rd, 78250

Tilo Mexican Restaurant: 12403 West Ave, 78216,
210-342-4040

Wok this Way: 2411 NE Loop 410, #102, 78217, 210-657-6666

4 Seasons Yogurt: 1207 Tx 1604 Access Rd, 78258,
210-290-8867

Sweet Secrets Cake Shop: 7423 Callaghan Rd, 78229,
210-341-4268

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; permit not that I should ever be separated from you.

(St. Alphonsus Maria De'Liguori)
Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...