Kids Column

Luke 24:13-35

# Reading the Scriptures

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.



Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read

the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!

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## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

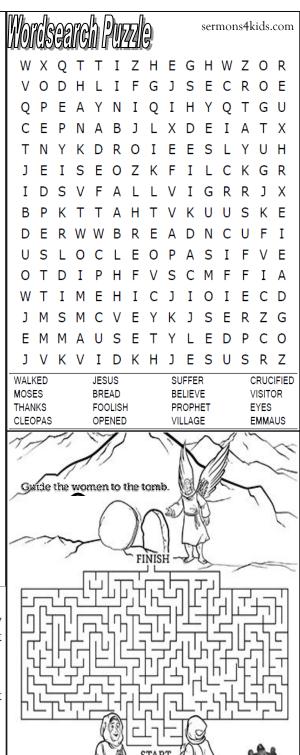
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.



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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23RD APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

## The Path of Life

down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred. They know what they've seen - a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for - that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty "but of Him they saw nothing." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In the First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan", foreknown before the foundation of the world. Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in the Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life.

After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, exactly what He did at the Last Supper. In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist, as at Emmaus, we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

#### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. & by appointment Parish Priest: Msgr. Michel Francis, Fr. Festus Iwuagwu
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First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33 **Second Reading** 

1Pet.1:17-21

Gospel

Lk.24:13-35

## **MASS TIMES**

#### GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers: 5:45a.m.

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**MONDAY** 6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 6:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./ 12:30 p.m. G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m. Monchy: 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** 6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

SUNDAY
G/Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.

7.30 a.m

**Gros Islet/Monchy** 

10:00 а.m.

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## **Living the Spirit of Easter**

## Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed.

The Easter season - beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for fifty days, is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms?

## Live with Joy:

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

#### **Live without Fear:**

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to His disciples, His first words are "Do not be afraid!". These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

## **Live with New Eyes:**

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. The Resurrection of Jesus makes "all things new." The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes - God's eyes.

We can use these fifty days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again, as if for the first time.

(excerpt: loyolapress.com)

This is the day that the **Loval** has made; let us *rejoice* and be *glad* in it.

Psalm 118:24

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

## THE SICK

Patsy Crafton Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Teresa Huntley

#### **DECEASED**

Prisca Delice John Francois Felix Mathurin Brian Ambrose Dedra Mathurin Philomene David

#### WEEKDAY READINGS

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## **MONDAY**

Acts 6:8-15 Jn.6:22-29

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## **TUESDAY**

1Pet.5:5-14 Mk.16:15-20

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## WEDNESDAY

Acts 8:1-8 Jn.6:35-40

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## THURSDAY

Acts 8:26-40 Jn.6:44-51

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## FRIDAY

Acts 9:1-20

Jn.6:52-59

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## **SATURDAY**

Acts 9:31-42 Jn.6:60-69

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 2023

Sat April 22 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun April 23 - 7.30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

PATH OF LIFE.
IN YOUR PRESENCE IS
FULLNESS OF JOY.
IN YOUR RIGHT HAND THERE ARE
PLEASURES FOREVER MORE.

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**B'day:** Tarbula Amedee
Andre John Edward, Calvin Parker

#### MISSA PRO POPULO

**Int:** Catherine Alexis & family

**B'day:** Kathleen Ferdinand

**B'day:** Earl Huntley

**Sp. Int:** William Delice & family

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon April 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace	Guid: The Hodges family
12:30 p.m.	Sr. Mary Muskosa	Dc'd: Theonie Gaillard Remy & Chong families
Tue April 25 - 6:00 a.m. St. Mark, Evangelist	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Int: Bernadette Pamphile Thks: Althea & Ellen Regis
Wed April 26 - 6:00 a.m.		Int: Anthony Robinson
12:30 p.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands	Int: Donors & Benefactors
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.	Sr. Stephania Banda	B'day: Neal George
Thu April 27 - 6:00 a.m.		B'day: Damian Jules
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Dc'd: Antoinese Edward Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Fri April 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. John Milton Rev. Gerard Calderon	B'day: Lyndon Samuel Dustin Deligny Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
Sat April 29 - 6:30 a.m. St. Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor	Rev. David Popo Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Herald Wilson	Dc'd: Albert, Letitia & Raymond Laurent