

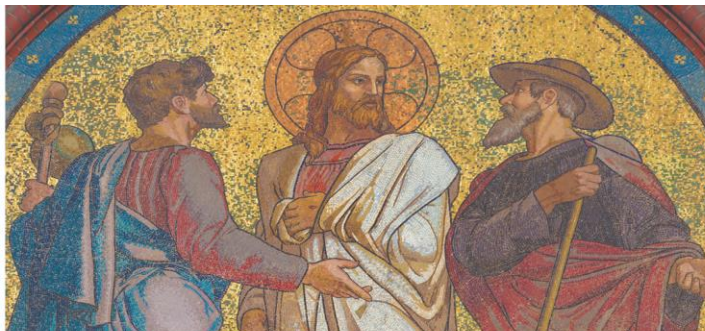
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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Easter* APRIL 26, 2020

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

Today's readings look back at both the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, remembering the promise given to David that Jesus would be raised from the dead. The Psalm and First Peter look forward to our lives as we await our resurrection and consider the sacrifice made by Jesus. Luke tells us the story of another experience of the risen Jesus. The disciples unknowingly walk with Jesus and tell him of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Jesus himself looks back with them to the promises made to Moses and all the prophets about his death and resurrection. Still they do not know who he is. It is only when he blesses and breaks bread and shares it with them that they realize it is Jesus. Then they race back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

SLOW OF HEART

After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, two of the disciples hit the road and try to escape all the uncertainty, fear, remorse, and guilt they feel. They feel the same regret that the disciples feel in Acts and First Peter. They meet another man traveling the same road and are astonished when he seems to know nothing about the events that so occupy their thoughts. These events have consumed them, have broken their hearts, have left them downcast and blind to the very person who joins them on their journey. Their companion, Jesus, takes them through their own tradition, through the Old Testament promise that someone just like him would come, be killed, and would rise from the dead. Though they do not recognize him by the words alone, they do not want him to leave. Lucky for them he stays.

IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Despite all the hints, the disciples do not recognize Jesus. They remain consumed with their own confusion and fear and they cannot see who is right in front of them. It is only with the blessing, breaking, and sharing of the bread that they suddenly recognize Jesus. No words, however insightful, can penetrate the confusion and fear the disciples feel. Through the simple act of breaking and blessing bread they recognize Jesus. Even as their "hearts were burning," their minds did not know. How often do we not see what is right before us because we are so consumed with our own worries, regrets, concerns? Like the disciples it takes an action like the breaking of the bread, a reminder of the death of Jesus, his sacrifice, to get us to understand what our hearts already know.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22–23

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore, my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. “My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. 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.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11

R. (11a) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;

because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reading 2 1 Pt 1:17–21

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Lk 24:13–35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?” And he replied to them, “What sort of things?” They said to him, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How

slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

GOD'S PLAN: Saint 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 of them 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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tithing Contributions for the week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$22,957.83

***Fr. David will offer Masses privately in the coming weeks, on his own time, and with no congregation.**

MASS INTENTIONS for April 27-May 3, 2020 are as follows:

Monday: Joey Mann

Tuesday: Maurice Begley

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: Kenny & Barbara Corbett

Friday: Paul K. Mudd

Saturday: Peggy Noel, Freddie Carrico

Sunday: Florine Kelty, Jim & Fanny Rudd, For the Parish

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, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

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

St. D Prayer List: Coronavirus Pandemic, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Joseph E. Kurtz, Jane Rudd Volz, Brenda Mackin, Roberta Williams, Jared Mudd, Jerry Craig, Ann Cieslik, Larry Smith, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Frank Peters, Lisa Hill (of Loretto), John Arnold, Corbin Noel, Geraldine Spalding, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic.

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 reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, united with Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin. -Pope Francis, March 11, 2020 © Libreria Editrice Vaticana

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Our condolences in Christ to:

~Regin Young & family, for the passing of her husband, Dudley Young, father-in-law to Angela Young

~Steve & Dana Carrico & Family, for the passing of her father, David Borders

May the grace of God, the sympathy of your those around you, and the prayers of your church family bring you comfort & peace at this most difficult time.

Live-Streaming/Recording of Masses: Mass will be live streamed on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. on our St. Dominic Church Facebook page. This will continue each Saturday until we are able to gather again in person. It will then be uploaded to our parish app (myParish App) and YouTube channel and can be viewed any time after 8:00 a.m. Sunday. On the parish app click on the “video mass” button. On YouTube.com search for St. Dominic Springfield, KY.

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A message from SVDP: If your income, or someone you may know, has been impacted by layoff due to the coronavirus, and you are not eligible for unemployment, St. Vincent de Paul may be able to help by calling 859-805-0964.

Rescheduled Dates: [First Communion](#), Sun., June 14, 2020, 10:30 a.m. & [Confirmation](#), Sat., August 8, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Business Ads: St. Dominic Church is looking at the possibility of publishing a bulletin through Diocesan, which would be free to the parish if we can secure enough sponsorship ads from businesses. So, our local business community would play an important role in the bulletin process. Sponsorship (ads, cost, etc.) would be handled by Diocesan, not by the parish office. Should we look further into the process & you find yourself possibly interested in running a BUSINESS ad on the backside of the bulletin, please email me the name of your business, contact person & phone number. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sonya at the Parish Office at stdom@bellsouth.net / 859-336-3569.

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Ringing of the Bells: Governor Andy Beshear has been asking churches to come together across the commonwealth by ringing our bells on a daily basis at 10:00 a.m. Thus far, we’ve had enough volunteers to get us through March, April & May. If you can, step outside at 10 a.m. every day, listen for the church bells, ring a bell, wave at a neighbor, offer a prayer, and remember that we all are in God's hands.

Tithing Contributions: A big thank you to everyone who continues to financially support our parish during this changing time! Your support gives stability to our parish, school, staff, students and community. There are several ways to continue giving: during business hours (8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) place donation envelopes in the mailbox by the front door of the parish office, mail envelopes to 303 West Main Street, contact the parish office about automatic bank draft, or visit archlou.org and click "Give to Your Parish Today."

IGA Receipts, BOXTOPS for Educations & Campbell's labels are all fundraisers for our school. We ask that you continually save them and drop them in the wooden boxes in the back of church.

SVDP Donations: When making donations to the St. Vincent de Paul checks should be made payable to SVDP, not St. Dominic Church. SVDP now handles its own contributions. Thank you for sharing in the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.