

Christ Child Catholic Church
***Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service***

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 26, 2020

1st Reading, Acts 2:14, 22-28

Peter's Sermon

The transformation in the apostle Peter is striking testimony of the power of the Spirit. Peter, who just days before had been too cowardly to admit that he even knew Jesus, began preaching the gospel of Christ to the very people who had been responsible for the Lord's crucifixion.

When Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, God transformed his whole life.

Jesus the Nazorean. Peter first reviews for his audience the earthly ministry of Jesus. The **man from Nazareth** had given plenty of evidence of his divinity through "the miracles, wonders, and signs" that he worked. Luke's first account dealt with all these "credentials." Anyone with the eyes to see could have witnessed them. Of course, Peter himself recognized this only from the vantage point of his late faith.

Death is the consequence of sin. Because Christ was sinless, however, death had no power over Him once the penalty for sin was paid.

Risen Lord! Fulfillment is Peter's theme. Now the apostle understands that everything

took place according to the saving plan of God. Even the use of pagans to crucify and kill Jesus was part of God's design.

Lord, you will show us the path of life!

Alleluia!

Psalm 16

2nd Reading, 1 Peter 1:17-21

Living Before God Our Father

The kind of **fear** Peter encourages is a healthy reverence for God's holiness and judgment as believers make their earthly pilgrimage day by day.

Slaves were bought (**redeemed**) in the marketplace with silver and gold and other corruptible currency. But a person's faith is infinitely more valuable than any earthly treasure. For Christians, the price of redemption – the **precious blood of Christ** – calls them to a new and transforming standard.

Gospel, Luke 24: 13-35

The Road to Emmaus

These men were disciples of Jesus, perhaps among the Seventy that Jesus had sent out. They had heard the message of Christ's resurrection, but their hearts were broken, believing it was all a fraud. The expectation of a Messiah!

The original Greek suggests Jesus was walking behind them but quickened His pace (**drew near**) to walk with them.

This is the longest exchange between Jesus and anyone else regarding His resurrection.

The two men revealed they still did not understand who Jesus was. They saw Him as a mighty **prophet**, not as the Messiah and Son of God. Luke carefully notes the difference in attitude toward Jesus between **the people and the chief priests and our rules**, a consistent theme in his Gospel.

For these two men, when Jesus died on the cross, all their hopes of rescue from Roman

opposition had died with Him. Because their hope was gone; they discounted the testimony of the **women** at the empty tomb.

Jesus' rebuke to correct His followers' misunderstanding in this instance is a good word to believers in every era to pay attention to **all** the Scriptures. While the Bible certainly portrays the Messiah as a ruling king, it also presents Him as a suffering servant. Both parts of Scripture must be honored and believed...

As the men drew near their destination, Christ did not force Himself into their home. He waited until they invited Him in, and then He became a crucial part of their lives.

Jesus the guest quickly became Jesus the host. In an Easter setting, **bread** was not sliced but came as an entire loaf. To serve the bread, a person broke off a piece and gave it to another. Apparently, Jesus' distinct way of doing this revealed His identity. Instantly, Jesus vanished from their sight, having previously promised He would not eat with His disciples again until He was in the kingdom. Now the Kingdom had come!

Our lives with Christ in the Church begin with a sense of loss, of emptiness, of knowing that we are not complete in and of ourselves.

Then when we start to share that emptiness, we find that somehow God does fill the void. In giving, even in sharing our pains and losses, we start to receive.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment.

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

MASS INTENTIONS April 25 – May 1, 2020

Saturday	+ Lon Regehr
Sunday	+ Martina Durham
Monday	Doctors and people of hospitals
Tuesday	Angela Rendon
Wednesday	+ Alejandro Luna Aramburo
Thursday	All the Sick
Friday	For the families the Parish

Prayer requests: can be emailed to
christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com

Pray the ROSARY in home with your family!

**Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous
Mysteries.**

POPE FRANCIS

"REGINA CAELI"

Jesus' Resurrection tells us that death does not have the last word, but rather life does. In raising his Only-begotten Son, God the Father has fully manifested his love and his mercy for humanity for all time.

If Christ has risen, it is possible to look with hope at every event of our existence, even the most difficult ones, those charged with anguish and uncertainty.

This is the Easter message that we are called to proclaim with words, and above all through the witness of life. May this news resound in our homes and in our hearts: "**Christ, my hope, has arisen!**"

May this certainty strengthen the faith of every baptized person and above all, encourage those who are facing greater suffering and difficulty. May Mary, the silent witness of the death and resurrection of her son, Jesus, help us to believe strongly in this mystery of salvation: when it is welcomed with faith, it can change our lives. This is the Easter wish that I renew to each of you. I entrust it to her, our Mother, whom we now invoke with the prayer, the Regina Caeli.