

# Saint Boniface Parish

## Faith Formation Handout – Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



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## How do I witness the resurrection of others?

### First Grade

Who did you see on Easter Sunday? Did you wish them a Happy Easter? Why did you do that?? The Easter Season is not just one day, but 50 days! We can keep saying Happy Easter for the whole 50 days! How do you think someone will react when you say happy Easter to them today? Who are five people that you can say it to today?

### Second Grade

In today's Gospel, when Jesus appeared to the disciples, they were afraid. Why do you think they were afraid? How did they feel when Jesus explained who He was? How would you have felt after seeing Jesus after the Resurrection? What would you have said to Him? Who would you have wanted to tell after you spoke with Jesus?

### Third and Fourth Grades

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus remind His disciples about the things He said and did when He was with them. What things do you know about Jesus? If someone asked you to tell them about Jesus what are some of the things that you would say? What are at least ten things? Who is someone that you can share those things with today?

### Fifth and Sixth Grades

Today's Gospel ends with Jesus telling us to preach His name to all of the nations. You can start right in your own community. Who are the people in your life that you can tell about Jesus and what He has done for all of us? What are some of the things that you can tell them about Jesus? When will you tell them? Can you do it by the end of the week?

### Seventh and Eighth Grades

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus asks his disciples for something to eat. Why do you think He did that? Was He just hungry or was there something more that He was trying to show them? What did the disciples do when he asked them for food? What can we learn from what Jesus did and how the disciples reacted?

### High School and Adults

Today's Gospel tells us that we are witnesses of the Resurrection. We are called to preach Jesus' name to all nations. Who are the specific people that you are called to share the Gospel with? How are you doing with sharing the joy of the Resurrection with others? What do you need to share Jesus' name with more people in your life?

# For this Week...

We are Catholic always and in everything we do. Throughout the week bring your faith into your school, your work, your play and your family. Here are some ideas for you.

## Monday

The Resurrection brings joy to our lives! How do you share this joy with others? It is important for us to work to remain positive and joyful, not just when things are going well, but also when we are having a difficulty. Today, outwardly share your joy and help others to be joyful and positive. This may take extra effort if you or they are having a bad day.

## Tuesday

Jesus' Resurrection shows us how valuable we are and how much we are loved – He did that for you and for me! How do you look at other people? Do you value them as much as Jesus does? Today, show the people around you – not just your friends and family – but everyone, that you love them. What acts of love can you do today?

## Wednesday

There is a saying, 'Preach the Gospel always, and when necessary use words.' Well, it is necessary to use words! As we continue to be loving in our actions, it is also necessary to share Jesus' name with others. Who have you told about Jesus? Today, talk with others about Jesus, and begin to use His name in conversations more?

## Thursday

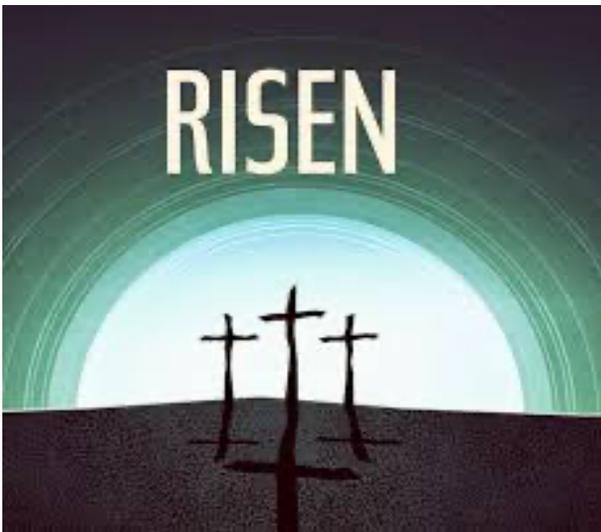
The Resurrection shows Jesus' conquering of death. There is nothing that God cannot do! We can share in this confidence because He is our God and He is working for our good. Today, take time in prayer, asking God to help you to be confident to share the joy of the Resurrection with others. Be bold in saying Jesus' name and the truth of His love.

## Friday

We witness the power of Jesus' Death and Resurrection every time we go to Mass and see the bread and wine changed into Jesus' Body and Blood – the Eucharist! Today, begin by asking God to help you grow in faith and to more fully believe and understand His true presence in the Eucharist. Then, invite someone to join you for Mass!

## Saturday

We did not see the Resurrection, but we are called to have faith. Sometimes we use the word faith to mean something we can't explain and need to accept, like it is a weak thing. But, faith is actually very powerful and should effect how we live! Today, put your beliefs into action! Tell someone about Jesus' Resurrection!



## FROM THE CATECHISM...

“We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.’ The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived, as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on a fundamental by Tradition, established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross: Christ is risen from the dead! Dying he conquered death; To the dead he has given life.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 638

## Next Week's Readings

Here are the readings for next Sunday so that on Saturday you can read through them. If you take a few minutes to read them and prepare, you will get a lot more from Mass. They are available online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Use the calendar on the right.

Acts 4:8-12    Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29    1 John 3:1-2    John 10:11-18