



ST IGNATIUS
& ST LUKE'S
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THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

An excerpt from "The Spiritual Presence of Christ in the Church" by St. John Henry Newman

...This, indeed, is our state at present; we have lost Christ and we have found Him; we see Him not, yet we discern Him. We embrace His feet, yet He says, "Touch Me not." How is this? it is thus: we have lost the sensible and conscious perception of Him; we cannot look on Him, hear Him, converse with Him, follow Him from place to place; but we enjoy the spiritual, immaterial, inward, mental, real sight and possession of Him; a possession more real and more present than that which the Apostles had in the days of His flesh, because it is spiritual, because it is invisible.

..Now observe what was the nature of His presence in the Church after His Resurrection. It was this, that He came and went as He pleased; that material substances, such as the fastened doors, were no impediments to His coming; and that when He was present His disciples did not, as a matter of course, know Him. St. Mark says He appeared to the two disciples who were going into the country, to Emmaus, "in another form." St. Luke, who gives the account more at length, says, that while He talked with them their heart burned within them. And it is worth remarking, that the two disciples do not seem



to have been conscious of this at the time, but on looking back, they recollected that as having been, which did not strike them while it was.

... their hearts seem to have been holden (if we may use the expression) as well as their eyes. They were receiving impressions, but could not realize to themselves that they were receiving them; afterwards, however, they became aware of what had been. Let us observe, too, when it was that their eyes were opened; here we are suddenly introduced to the highest and most solemn Ordinance of the Gospel, for it was when He consecrated and brake the Bread that their eyes were opened. There is evidently a stress laid on this, for presently St. Luke sums up his account of the gracious occurrence with an allusion to it in particular; "They told what things were done in the way, and how He was known of them in breaking of bread."

For so it was ordained, that Christ should not be both seen and known at once; first He was seen, then He was known. Only by faith is He known to be present; He is not recognized by sight. When He opened His disciples' eyes, He at once vanished. He removed His visible presence, and left but a memorial of Himself. He vanished from sight that He might be present in a sacrament; and in order to connect His visible presence with His presence invisible, He for one instant manifested Himself to their open eyes; manifested Himself, if I may so speak, while He passed from His hiding-place of sight without knowledge, to that of knowledge without sight.

Or again: consider the account of His appearing to St. Mary Magdalene. While she stood at the sepulcher weeping He appeared, but she knew Him not. When He revealed Himself, He did not, indeed, at once vanish away, but He would not let her touch Him; as if, in another way, to show that His presence in His new kingdom was not to be one of sense. The two disciples were not allowed to see Him after recognizing Him, St. Mary Magdalene was not allowed to touch Him. But afterward, St. Thomas was allowed both to see and touch; he had the full evidence of sense: but observe what our Lord says to him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Faith is better than sight or touch.

... We see Him not; but we are to believe that we possess Him,—that we have been brought under the virtue of His healing hand, of His life-giving breath, of the manna flowing from His lips, and of the blood issuing from His side....

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Jacqueline Chancio, Beverly A. Woods, Kerrianna Prather, Victoria P.; M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list. **Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.**

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

26 April Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Psalm 16: 1-2, 5, 7-11;

1 Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35

27 April Eastertide Feria

Acts 6: 8-15; Psalm 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6: 22-29

28 April Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 7: 52—8: 1a; Psalm 31: 3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab;

John 6: 30-35

29 April Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 8: 1b-8; Psalm 66: 1-3a, 4-7a; John 6: 35-40

30 April Pius V, Pope

Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6: 44-51

1 May St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 9: 1-20; Psalm 117: 1bc, 2; John 6: 52-59

2 May Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 9: 31-42; Psalm 116: 12-17; John 6: 60-69

3 May Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 23: 1-6;

1 Peter 2: 20b-25; John 10: 1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 25 April

Mark, Evangelist

Jose and Guadalupe Manlapaz + [Susie Martinez]

Sunday, 26 April

Third Sunday of Easter

Pro populo

Monday, 27 April

Eastertide Feria

Msgr. William J. O'Donnell +

Tuesday, 28 April

Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Deirdre McQuade

Wednesday, 29 April

Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Steven Frantz + [James Guinivan]

Thursday, 30 April

Pius V, Pope

the forgotten souls in our graveyard +

Friday, 1 May

St. Joseph the Worker

Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey, Jr.]

Saturday, 2 May

Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

special intention [S. White]

Sunday, 3 May

Fourth Sunday of Easter, called Good Shepherd Sunday

Pro populo

Fr. Vidal will be saying private masses daily until the coronavirus protocols permit public celebration once more.

Mass intentions will therefore be covered.

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