

The Bible's Easter Mass

This sounds like a claim too fantastic to be true but check it out! I can prove it! I am referring to the story of the two disciples walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem (Luke 24:13-35).

The Day

1. Luke 24:1 “but on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb...” Sunday was, and still is, the first day of the week.

2. Luke 24:13 “That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus...”. This day, this particular Sunday then was the first Easter Sunday!

Christ's Resurrection was the foundational event that is the real reason we celebrate the day we call Easter. This first Easter day had everything we need—(JESUS!) even though it had none of the “trappings” that some secular-thinkers teach that such non-essential trappings are all there is to celebrate. Trappings are additional non-essentials accumulated over time that are associated with Easter, for instance: big family meal, Easter eggs, Easter cards, etc.)

The Mass

The two main parts or principal divisions in our Mass are the “Liturgy of the Word” and the “Liturgy of the Eucharist.” That these are clearly the two major parts of the Mass is clearly demonstrated in the prominence of the Ambo and the Altar on raised platform within the Church sanctuary space.

“Liturgy of the Word”

3. Luke 24:25 “And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.” This action by Jesus corresponds with our reading from and sacred texts (the Bible) followed by the deacon or priest explaining them in the light of Christ! This is called the “Liturgy of the Word” . It includes a Bible reading from the Old Testament (which Jesus used to teach that glorious Easter day!)

“Liturgy of the Eucharist.”

4. Luke 24:30,31 “When he was at table with them, he *took* the bread and *blessed*, and *broke* it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.”

Note, too, that the italicized verbs above are also found, the same verbs and the same order, in the Gospel accounts of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. It is also no coincidence that this miracle is the only miracle that Jesus performed that is recorded in all four Gospels! (Matthew 14:14-22; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; and John 6:1-14.)

From the Roman Missal (the prayer book the priest uses on the altar while celebrating Mass) “he himself *took* bread, and, giving *thanks*, he said the *blessing*, broke the bread and *gave* it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat of It, for this is My Body, which will be given up for you.”



Our Nicaragua Missinaries

Chaperone: Betsy
Jourdan

Ami Willis

AnnaBelle
Graham

Duncan Jourdan

Hunter McElveen



Our RICA/RCIC Candidates

Adults:

Delilah Barron

Bavid Bovee

Sergio Carlisle

Joshua Erwin

Shannon Fagen

James Hester

Ken Hughes

Brianna Young

Children:

Isabel Barragan

Ramon Barragan

Temera Fontaine

Lizabeth Hernandez

Arurora Mata

EASTER MASS INTENTIONS:

Vigil, Sunrise, 9:00am and 12:00pm all Masses offered for present and past members of our parish.

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

5th Sunday of Lent Offertory: \$ 9, 335.00

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There is no class today for the students in the School of Religion. Class resumes next Sunday, April 23rd.

OPERATION RICE BOWL. Please return Rice Bowls to the School of Religion catechists or the church office by April 23rd. Thank you.

1st Holy Communion Retreat is this Saturday, April 22nd from 9 am–12pm in the Parish Hall.



There is NO “GOD & COFFEE” today. GOD & COFFEE resumes next Sunday, April 23rd in the Parish Hall with the study of the book “WHERE HAVE ALL THE CATHOLICS GONE” by Fr. Michael Dolan

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is Wed., April 26th beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel and followed by food, fellowship and fun until 8:00 p.m.

SPRING RENT-A-YOUTH is only two weeks away, **SAT., APRIL 29TH!** Call Delilah Barron 770-773-6259 or delilah.tbarron@gmail.com or David Quintanilla 347-840-4794 or david3251@yahoo.com to schedule the youth of St. Anna's to come and do all your Spring work!

8th Annual Ed Reinagel Memorial Fish 4 Kids Golf Tournament

Friday May 19th at Bear Creek Golf Club in Monroe.

Please Contact Chasity Stewart for information 770-722-0465 or chasity0702@windstream.net



ACES– Country Western Themed get-together in the Parish Hall at 1pm on Friday, April 21st. Contact Beverly 770-207-0261 or Aida 770-267-2341 for more information.

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass

April 16 - No Nursery

April 23– Joyce Stodghill

Nursery

12:00 Mass

April 16 - No Nursery

April 23-MaryAnna Tanner



Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Today after the Noon Mass.
Hunt Eggtravagaza !

Sunday, April 23 is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us for Divine Mercy devotion in song at 11:30 AM. Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699). Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699) He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109).

Sacramental confession 20 days before or after to receive the indulgence.



Did you know.... The small trash can receptacles placed outside near each entrance door were originally placed there for gum disposal. There also cigarette disposals located near some exits. Please use these instead of tossing gum or cigarette on the ground/ parking lot ..**now you know!**

Meeting times for the week:

OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)
Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15pm (107/8)
Parish Bible Study - Wed @10am (105)
Parish Council—Wed @ 7pm (105)
ACES—Fri @ 1pm (PH)
1st Comm Retreat—Sat @ 9am (PH)
Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

WEEKLY VERSES

A week's worth of God's Word

April 16 thru April 22
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

Sunday: Acts 10:34a.37-43/Ps 118:1-2.16ab-17.22-23/Coloss3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9.

Monday: Acts 2:14.22-33. / Ps 16(15):1-2a.5.7-8.9-10.11. / Mt 28:8-15.

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41. / Ps 33(32):4-5.18-19.20.22. / Jn 20:11-18.

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10. / Ps 105(104):1-2.3-4.6-7.8-9. / Lk 24:13-35.

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26. / Ps 8:2a.5.6-7.8-9. / Lk 24:35-48.

Friday: Acts 4:1-12. / Ps 118(117):1-2.4.22-24.25-27a. / Jn 21:1-14.

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21. / Ps 118(117):1.14-15.16ab-18.19-21. / Mk 16:9-15.