

April 30, 2017

Walking with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus!

We have heard many times, maybe as many as one hundred times, that beautiful Gospel from Luke's Chapter 24, verses 13-35: Two of Jesus' disciples walking from Jerusalem to a small village called **Emmaus!** These **two disciples** were saddened by the death on a cross of their Beloved Master, **Jesus**. They were confused. On that very morning, the first day of the week (which for us is Sunday), women had gone to the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, but they did not find the body, and they had seen a vision of angels who announced that **Jesus was alive!** However, since then no one had seen Jesus!

Along the **way**, a mysterious young man begins to **walk with them**. Though He is the Risen Lord, they do not recognize Him. They enjoy listening to Him as He **opens** to them all the **Scriptures!** They like Him so much that they invite Him to **stay** with them for supper, and He accepted their invitation. When at table, **He took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them.** With those words and actions, **their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus**, but then He vanished from their sight.

Pope Francis, commenting on this very Gospel, said: "**The road to Emmaus becomes a symbol of our faith: the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the indispensable elements for encountering the Lord. The disciples of Emmaus received the Word of God, they shared breaking the bread, and from feeling sad and defeated, they became joyful!**" We, too, in Waldorf today can associate with the two disciples of Emmaus. When we gather to celebrate the **Eucharist on Sunday**, we first **hear the Word of God**, the first part of the Mass- **the Liturgy of the Word!** Like the two disciples of **Emmaus**, we are invited to listen with utmost attention to the readings of the Old Testament and the New Testament, especially **the Gospel**. If we are focused on **hearing** and are putting aside our daily worries, we too can be transformed by the Scriptures and their interpretation given by the priest or deacon in their homilies. We are given a new **hope!** Jesus Christ is truly walking with us as He did on the road to **Emmaus**.

If we have gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are opening our eyes and our ears like the two disciples of **Emmaus**, we are prepared to share with Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread: we are well disposed to enter into the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. We are prepared to be fed by **Jesus' Body and Blood!**

Finally, like the two disciples of **Emmaus**, we are invited to return to **Jerusalem** to proclaim the **Good News** to all: **We have seen the Risen Lord! Jesus is alive!** We have recognized Him in the breaking of the bread! Jesus has died for all of us! He has risen for all of us! He is inviting

Mass Intention

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 AM: Sabina & Pionio Amper +

Saturday, April 29, 5:00 PM: Henry Ballesteras

Sunday, April 30, 8:30 AM: Mary Therese Novak +

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, April 30, 11:30 AM: Joseph & Anthony Fogal
Cordero

Monday, May 2, 9:00 AM: Gerald Price +

Thursday, May 4, 9:00 AM: Teresa Facini

Prayer Requests

We are asked to pray for: Dolores Proctor, April Sheffield, Don Kopanyi, Dr. Suresh Verghese, Marisa Costas Pena, Marino Gadea, Monica Myers, Theresa Beinert, Mike Connolly, Jessica Curry Miller, LaShay Barnes, Samuel Lopez, Robin Dwars, Julieta Bool, Wilbur Etbauer, Zach White, Lisa Rullo, Susan Walker, Doris Conover, Elijah Larson, Sunni Park, Mireille Obas, Joan Etbauer, Joseph Cheseldine, Sr., Consuela Velasquez, John Lohman, Wilhelmina Franck, Tabitha Barton, Isabel Smith, Elinore Fortney, Errol Randall, Dorothea Johnson, Vanessa Barrett, Jean Erick Joassaint, Graham Baldwin, Jane Watson, Ollie Johnson, Kathy Baumgaertner, Baby Kaden, Dennis Archible Jr., Phillip Green, Doris Chesley, Patricia & James Robey, Dick White, Ada Johnson, James Thompson, Sean Guido, Marcus Williams, and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

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Mass Readings for May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 2: vs. 14a, 36-41

Second Reading- 1 Peter 2: vs 20b -25

Gospel- John 10: vs. 1-10

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(cont.) all of us to **walk with Him!** This is what evangelization is all about: having a personal encounter with Jesus and then sharing our **joy** of that encounter with others around us!

May the Risen Lord fill our hearts with His Joy, Love and Mercy! May the Risen Lord help us to share our Joy and Love with all those around us, especially within our families!

*One in Christ,
Fr. Alain*

Third Sunday of Easter

CCD Class Schedule

Our Lady Help of Christians 2016-2017 CCD Registration is open online: www.olhoc.org.

April 30/May 1- CCD Classes

May 6- 1st Holy Communion (10 am)

May 7- Conf. Yr. 2- General Session #5 (4:30 pm)

May 7/8- CCD Class

May 11- Conf. Yr. 1- Parent/Student Mtg. (7:00 PM)

May 14/15- CCD Class

Contact **Therese Thiedeman** at 301-645-7112 or dre@olhoc.org

Parish Youth Night !

Life Teen: high school youth ministry (Sun., 5-6:30 pm ; April 30; May 7)

Edge: middle school youth ministry (meets monthly)

FIAT: elementary school Faith in Action Team (meets monthly)

Attention Families!!

The next **All-Youth Night (FIAT, Edge and Life Teen)** will be **April 30** and will begin with 4:00 PM Mass followed by pizza, fellowship and FIAT, Edge, and Life Teen meetings. Bring your friends ! See the website at: olhoc.org/ym.

FIAT, Edge and Life Teen ! All Young Adults!

Everyone is invited to join us on our next **All Youth Night** on **Sunday, April 30**, starting with **Mass at 4 pm**. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently called a Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. We are inviting all young adults (18-35 years old) to join us for the All Youth Night. There will be Mass at 4 pm, followed by a pizza dinner and then a gathering with Fr. Lopez and other young adults from the area for a special discussion/listening session on the Synod. Bring some friends!

Upcoming Child Protection Classes

Upcoming sessions of "Protecting God's Children for Adults" for those who need to become Virtus Compliant (Adults wishing to volunteer in any capacity while children are present.

• **May 18 @7 pm- St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick**

• **June 15 @7pm- St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick**

Go to VIRTUS.org to register. Call Nieda or Therese with questions at 301-645-7112 with questions or if you need assistance with this process.

Mary's Helping Hands Bake Sale

Thanks to everyone who supported our bake sale and raffle. Our proceeds will be used for our many charitable programs, including the seminarians of the ADW. Cathy Cassity was the raffle winner.

OUR LADY'S LITTLE CHRISTIANS

<http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.html>

- Fall registration continues for all new students.
- Please call 301-645-7112 or email : preschool@olhoc.org for information.

Community Outreach

All are welcome! The next **Shepherds' Table Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, May 18, 2017**. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **May 3** at 7 pm.

Volunteers go to: www.olhoc.org and click on the Community Outreach link. or sign-up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044FABAD2DAA8-olhc

Confirmation Community Projects

Our **OLHOC Yr. 2 Confirmation** students participated in two outreach projects. One group of students provided one-on-one visits to residents of the **Charleston Senior Living Center**. The second group cooked and served a meal to those in need at the **April Shepherds' Table**. All of you represented OLHOC well!

Angels Watch Shelter

Volunteers brought a delicious Easter dinner of baked ham, lasagna, and spaghetti and meatballs to the women and children at the Angels Watch Shelter. Side dishes included macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables and garlic bread, with decorated cupcakes for dessert. Many thanks to Doreen McCallister, Anna Magallanez, Sarah and Ralph Dixon, Chrystal Beauregard, Theresa Lloyd, Ali Nikolia, and the Cacciaglia family. The women and children were very appreciative of the Easter dinner.



2017 -100th Anniversary of Fatima

Celebrate this wonderful jubilee by making a pilgrimage to one or more of the six Catholic parishes in Charles County on the 13th of each month from May through October. The **first date will be Saturday, May 13th**, at **Our Lady Help of Christians**. We will begin with **8 am Eucharistic Exposition, 8:30 am Rosary, 9 am Mass, 10 am Procession, 10:15 am International Rosary, and 10:30 am Breakfast and Mission.**

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