

HOLY MASSES

at Our Lady of the Skies Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 1:00 PM for *Michael Zollo*

Tuesday, April 6, at 12:15 PM

Wednesday, April 7 at 12:15 PM

Thursday, April 8 at 12:15 PM

Friday, April 9 at 12:15 PM

Saturday, April 10, Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following sick:

Sue McCormick

Louise Cirillo

Lindsey Jefferies

Linda Cavello

Mike O'Sullivan

Doreen Hrubes

Maureen Ramazzotti

Anthony DiBenedetto

Yolan DePhillips

Maureen Devine

Walter McNally

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following deceased:

Frank Davino

Severina Camora

Linda Brown

Beapriz Peralta Ramos de Walker

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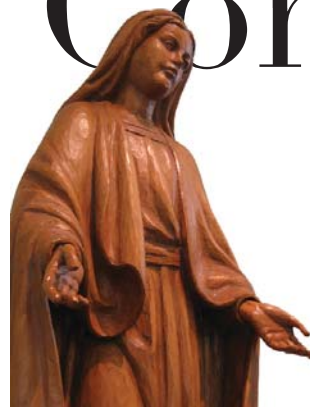
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Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

Clear out the old yeast,

so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,

inasmuch as you are unleavened.

For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I Corinthians 5:6b-8



Chapel Hours
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THE WORD

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24:13-35

Among many readings that the Bible offers to those who are celebrating the resurrection of the Lord, I have chosen the one from Luke about the two disciples on their journey to Emmaus.

The story hits us on so many levels: they are travelling, just like many of you. As a matter of fact you really don't have to travel in order to find yourself in a very similar position: you can say the same about any transitional moment in your life: new job, maybe even unemployment, new status (such as marriage), maybe you recently lost somebody close to you, or maybe your welcomed your child into the world. The list of possibilities is virtually endless.

They (the disciples) are very much confused about the recent events that have taken place in Jerusalem. Who knows what kind of hopes they lived by? Maybe they truly recognized the Messiah in Jesus, maybe they recognized Him as a prophet, a wise man, a strange healer, some new kind of a rabbi, or maybe they were just intrigued by Jesus' persona trying to make some sense out of everything they have seen and heard. Their confusion is not alone. Especially now, when the Church's credibility is at the lowest in many years due to recent events, some of our brothers and sisters are wondering what does it mean. For some it is really hard to keep their faith alive, or at least unshaken. Some may be even thinking where is God in the midst of it. How much would they love the whole story simply not happening at all.

The two disciples were travelling to Emmaus, a village supposedly only

seven miles away from Jerusalem. Some biblical scholars are suggesting, that such village never existed, or if it did they can't point out any even rough whereabouts. So, maybe indeed, Emmaus never existed, which might mean that their destination is not important, unclear, or simply fictitious, meaning far from reality, as if it was not to happen at all. I suspect quite a few of us were in their shoes. Have you ever had this feeling that you were somewhat lost, or uncertain about your goal? That is what they must have felt as well.

So, they travel discussing the events and while engaged into the conversation, some stranger joins them, first listening to their opinions, and later explaining all the events within a much larger context. How foolish on their part, that they haven't recognized Jesus, the very same one they were talking about. How could not they recognized the very same one that has been their teacher?

Apparently, they have been boxed up within their own expectations about Jesus and themselves to the point they were very much disappointed. They have been walking with him all the time not knowing it was Jesus! Interestingly enough He does not make any pushes, quite the opposite, it is them who are begging Him to stay. He stays.

They finally see and understand; they do, although no miracles were provided or proves given. From now on their lives were no longer the same. Now, imagine that Jesus might have been walking with you all the time as well. It's hard to believe, isn't it? These two disciples would definitely agree...