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3rd Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

The Homily on the Way to Emmaus

Funny word, “Homily” – it is a Catholic term used these last 50 years.

The words used to be “Sermon” or “Preaching”.
Those are one-way terms – “I sermonize/preach
and you listen.”

Homily is from the Greek, ὁμιλεῖν, which means “to be
conversing”.

A Homily is a two-way term, a conversation.

And this is the word that St. Luke uses to describe
what Cleopas and the other disciple (his wife?) are
doing as they walk to Emmaus away from the disaster
of Jesus’ crucifixion in Jerusalem.

They are “homilizing” as they walk westward to Emmaus
(interestingly now located in ‘Canada Park’ in Israel)

– and in the midst of their conversation, Jesus draws
near and walks with them.

It is a really sad-mad, heartbroken, homily ... one of those
conversations that just drags one down down down.

It contains what I think is one of the most heart-
wrenching lines in the gospels:

“We had trusted that he was the one to redeem Israel” (Lk. 24:21)

Trust betrayed, hope dashed, faith deceived ... you can hear the anguish crush them.

So deep this defeat that even the amazing story of “some women of our group” of angels proclaiming that Jesus was alive could not lift their downcast spirits.

That was the depressing Homily of the two when they are alone.

But they were not alone

– it was Jesus who walked with them, and spoke with them, and interpreted all these events not
with the catastrophizing negativity of the defeated but with the joy of the victor, turning their
dampened hearts in hearts burning with glory.

The homily led – as our homilies always lead –

to the meal where eyes are opened to the truth: this is Jesus risen from the dead with us.

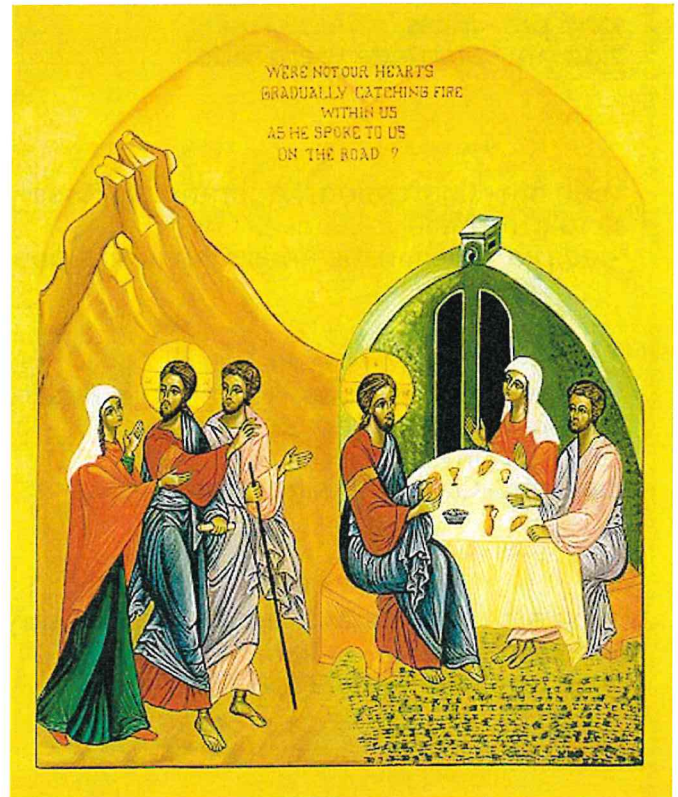
WITH US. THE RISEN JESUS IS WITH US!

No more slinking westward in defeat,

time to ‘re-orient’ the journey eastward to Jerusalem: to God.

So too for us. We are not alone.

When we allow Jesus and His Gospel to enter our conversations ... Joy, Victory ... God!



MONDAY, April 24, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († **Andrew Domoslai**)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, April 25, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († **Diane Young**)
7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († **Leonard Locke**)
3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, April 27, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († **Denise Gendron**)
7:00 pm - Mystagogy
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, April 28, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († **Viola Hahn**)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, April 29, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († **Betty Nepjuk**)

SUNDAY, April 30, 2023 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Renovation Video Update

A new video on the **Baptismal font** is available this Sunday from the **renovation committee**. It is the latest in our series outlining the various elements that will be addressed in our upcoming renovation. The video series and other resources can be found on our website, Youtube channel, or Facebook.

Priests' Pension and Retirement Appeal

Ways to give:

- * Online at <https://dscf.ca/priest-pension-fund>
- * Mail to Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1
- * Call 306-659-5851 or 306-659-5837

For more information, check out the Diocesan Catholic Foundation website at www.dscf.ca

Thanks for your generous support of our retired priests.

Teen Aid Saskatoon fund-raising supper "Created for Greatness" will be held at 5 p.m. this Sunday, **April 30** at Saint Anne Parish, with a live and silent auction and a special feature. To register for a free ticket, please call (306) 373-3645 or search for "Teen Aid" on [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca)

The Holy Spirit: A Retreat with Fr. Colin Roy will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, May 13** here at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. This one-day retreat is an opportunity to deepen your understanding and relationship with the Third Person of the Trinity. Registration is online through the diocesan website at rcdos.ca Cost: \$30/person.



First Communion classes for children who have received the sacrament of reconciliation begin **May 3**. The First communion sacrament date will be on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, June 3**. For more info and to register, contact Shelley through the Parish Office or e-mail: goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com

OFFERING for April 16, 2023

Cash Donations	\$ 758.38
Envelope Donations	\$ 3454.00
Renovations	\$ 640.00
PAG	\$ 1823.75