



# St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church

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## The Third Sunday of Easter — April 23, 2023

### FROM FATHER HOISINGTON

The purpose of the Mass is to help us hear Jesus, see Jesus, receive Jesus, and serve Jesus. This description isn't exhaustive, but we can use it to reflect on today's Gospel Reading.

Following the Introductory Rites, the first chief part of Mass is the Liturgy of the Word. As the Word of God speaks through His Scriptures, He teaches us about God, about us as sinners, and about how to be reconciled and united with God.

On a given Sunday, through the course of the Scripture readings, we make an ascent. This ascent reaches its climax when the Gospel Reading is proclaimed. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel because in it we hear about the words and works of the Word of God in the Flesh. We profess exactly who this divine Person is when we stand after the homily and proclaim in the Creed that "[f]or us men and for our salvation [this Word of God] came down from Heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

But then, in the second chief part of Holy Mass, something miraculous takes place. If the first part is the Liturgy of the Word, the second is the Liturgy of the Word Made Flesh. That is, God does the proclamation of the Gospel one better: the One whose words and works were proclaimed to our ears becomes incarnate. The Word of God who speaks in Scripture becomes the Word made Flesh in the Eucharist.

As the Word becomes Flesh at the altar and dwells among us, we certainly adore Him as He's raised up at the Consecration. But that's not enough for God. In addition to allowing us to adore Him from afar, He invites us to His Supper. We are not worthy to receive His Body and Blood, soul and divinity, but He wills it more than we deserve it. He makes it possible to approach Him in a state of grace.

This two-fold Mystery—of God's Word, and God's Word made Flesh—is what St. Luke proclaims to us in today's Gospel Reading. The two disciples are caught unawares by this man with whom they converse. At first they don't recognize him. After a long journey, they recognize Jesus in what St. Luke the Evangelist calls "the breaking of bread": a phrase Luke uses throughout his other book of the Bible—Acts of the Apostles—to refer to the Holy Eucharist.

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If there is a need for Last Rites or funeral services, call Father Maybrier in Wellington at 620-326-2522 or Father Dugan in Conway Springs at 620-456-2276.

### FATHER KAPAUN PILGRIMAGE

The 2023 Father Kapaun Pilgrimage registration just opened for those of you who wish to go on this journey. The Pilgrimage will take place **June 1-4, 2023** beginning in Wichita and ending with Mass and a luncheon in Pilsen. This Pilgrimage is family friendly and open to everyone. If you have any questions please contact Leesa Sandell 562-458-3776. Also, you may visit the following link for more information:

<https://frkapaun.org/pilgrimage/>

### MOTHER'S DAY/GRADUATION BRUNCH

After Mass on May 14, enjoy scrumptious breakfast casseroles, homemade cinnamon rolls, filling biscuits & sausage gravy, fresh fruit and more. All are invited. If you know of someone who would like a meal just let us know and we will prepare it "to go". Contact Kathy Blubaugh for any questions.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The Knights of Columbus will meet May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm.
- May 3, 2023 is the next Altar Society Meeting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Kelsi Regier, Zena Kennedy Schmelzle, Verna Schmidt, Connie Selenke, Mark Schmidt, Jo Ellen Schmidt, Kathy Schmidt, Pat Schmidt, Don Schmitz, Rose Troyer

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sat	Apr 29	Rain-day for the Parish Clean-up
Mon	May 1	Knights of Columbus meeting at 8:00 pm
Wed	May 3	Altar Society Meeting at 6:30 pm
Sat	May 6	Anointing of the Sick after 5:00 pm Mass
Sun	May 7	Anointing of the Sick after 9:00 am Mass
Sun	May 14	Mother's Day & Graduation Brunch

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Apr 29	5:00 pm <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun	Apr 30	9:00 am Dorothy Schmitz +

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AFTERNOONS FROM 4:00-4:30 PM**

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**Finance Council:** Father Hoisington, Chris & Kathy Blubaugh, Martin Schmidt, Steve Schmidt, Leo Schmitz

**Altar Society:** Shawna Schneider, President; Pam Schneider, Treasurer; Lori Barnes, Secretary.

**To reserve the hall for groups or individuals:** Chris (620-845-0072) or Kathy (620-845-3962) Blubaugh

See the parish website's "Parish Hall" page to see what dates are already reserved.

**Bulletin News:** The bulletin deadline is Wednesday. Information needs to include specific dates and needs to be worded as it's to appear in the bulletin. Email bulletin items to the parish email address in the bulletin header.

**ROSARY LEADERS (Rosary Starts 20 Minutes Before Mass)**

Apr 22 Betsy Klingman

Apr 23 Don Schmitz

Apr 29 Steve Schmidt

Apr 30 Leo Schmitz

**OFFERTORY**

Apr 23 Linc & Raline Crampton family

Apr 30 Larry & Louise Lee family

**LECTORS**

Apr 22 Marion Metzinger

Apr 23 Linc Crampton

Apr 29 Shawna Schneider

Apr 30 Brandi Bandy

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Apr 23 Laila & Harper

Apr 30 Cord & Jhett

**SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION**

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers.

They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed himself we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the One of whom David sang in today's Psalm—whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life.

After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14–20).

In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.