



## Third Sunday of Easter Gospel Guide: Sunday, April 26, 2020

### Welcome & Prayer (5 mins)

#### Prayer

May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of  
Your Gospel.                      Our Father

### Icebreaker-Take the Treasure

Everyone sit in a large circle. Place a chair or small table in the middle. On the chair, place a treasure, keys works really well. Pick someone to “guard” the treasure from thieves and give them a rolled up newspaper. But they are also blindfolded. Once the guard is in place beside the chair, a thief is quietly chosen from the rest of the group. They must attempt to sneak up to grab the treasure without alerting the guard. Meanwhile the guard listens for the thief and tries to swat them away with the newspaper. If the thief is swatted, he must return to the circle. If he succeeds in stealing the treasure and returning to the circle, they become the new guard.

### Check In

How did we do on last week’s commitment? Did we accomplish it?

### Proclaim Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 (10 mins)

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



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### Gospel continued

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.

Silence, let people reflect, Wait some time here & watch the Video on Formed.org  
Proclaim Gospel again followed by silence

### Questions (20-25 mins)

1. What does this passage/reading say to you? Or what struck you?
2. How would you react if a strange man asked you what was going on, and he was unaware of the coronavirus? Do you think this was the same situation for these disciples?
3. Why do you think it wasn't until the breaking of the bread that these disciples were able to recognize him? But then why was He recognized in the breaking of the bread?
4. Have your hearts ever burned for Christ or in His presence?
5. What is one thing you have accomplished, learned, or gained during this quarantine? How are you making the most of this time frame?

### Commitment (5-10 mins)

Make a commitment that your family can do together this week or individually.

Examples: Eat together as a family and break open scripture over a meal, Sidewalk chalk someone's driveway with positive messages, Bake some homemade bread, Pray a novena to St. Joseph (feast day is May 1) or learn more about St. Joseph

### Closing Prayer

#### Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

MARY, Mother of Jesus, Intercede for all our needs.

Say your Intercessions

Hail Mary... Glory Be...