

**MASS INTENTIONS****THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER – April 30, 2017**8:30 am – **TOMMY BLAKE†**

(Deacon &amp; Mrs. Vincent Blake)

**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)11:00 am – **Missa Pro Populo**

(Mass for the people)

**MONDAY – May 1, 2017**

(Easter Weekday)

No Mass

(Presbyteral Meeting in Fort Worth)

8:00 am – **KAREN POIROT†** (Thomas Poirot)**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**TUESDAY – May 2, 2017**

(Easter Weekday)

8:00 am – **Liturgy of the Hours****WEDNESDAY – May 3, 2017**

(Easter Weekday)

No Mass

(Presbyteral Meeting in Fort Worth)

10:15 am – ND School Mass

6:15 pm – **Deceased Members of CARLTON family†** (M/M Mike Carlton)**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**Intentions of FREDDIE FORSYTHE**

(Mercy Sears/Von Forsythe)

**THURSDAY – May 4, 2017**

(Easter Weekday)

8:00 am – **HOWARD and LAURA FONCK†**

(M/M Robert Fonck)

**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**FRIDAY – May 5, 2017**

(Easter Weekday)

8:00 am – **MICHAEL RICHEY†**

(M/M Wayne Richey)

**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)**SATURDAY – May 6, 2017**

(Easter Weekday)

6:15 pm – **ELLA CONNER†** (Berniece Fields)**Intentions of HAILEY KIM** (Gina Snowden)

(Mercy Sears/Von Forsythe)

**Intentions of NICHOLAS BOWDEN**

(M/M Feliciano Bucag)

**Intentions of MISTY LUCORE**

(Townsend and Lucore families)

**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER – May 7, 2017**8:30 am – **MIKE NAVARRO†**

(Mercedes Navarro)

**LAWRENCE HOLUB†** (Shirley Holub)**SOULS in Purgatory†** (Jimmy Ho)11:00 am – **Missa Pro Populo**

(Mass for the people)

**Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish****“One Family of Faith”***We are delighted that you have come to worship with us today!**We hope you and your family received a heartfelt Welcome, there is always room for you in our growing parish family. If you come to Mass and tithe at OLQP but have not yet filled out a registration form, you are not yet a member here. If you want to become a member of our parish, please complete a registration form (available in the Narthex and online or simply call the parish office) and return it to the Parish office. If you are just visiting, please know that you are always welcome here. Again, thank you for coming today.***Electronic Offertory Giving with Faith Direct!***Faith Direct enables your family to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through your Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover credit cards.**With Faith Direct, Our Lady Queen of Peace will gain predictable cash flow that will help us with planning our parish needs and programs.**Of course, enrollment is voluntary. If you find this program appropriate for your family, please enroll by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely on line. Our parish code is **TX420**.***Offertory Collection****April 22 and 23, 2017:**.....\$12,000.50**Faith Direct****April 4:**.....\$12,892.50**Holy Land/Good Friday:** .....\$606.00**April 15:** .....\$12,405.00**Holy Land/Good Friday:** .....\$273.00**WE ARE A CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

We sincerely thank our parishioners who give online, mail, bill pay or drop off their weekly donations to the parish office while they are away during the summer. Our parish expenses and obligations are met because you continue to give and support even when you cannot personally be with us at Mass here. Once again we extend our gratitude for your continued faithfulness in supporting Our Lady Queen of Peace parish.

**PRAY for OUR TROOPS and LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction and hearts filled with hate.

**THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

(Religious Article Store open after Mass)

9:30 am – Religious Education Classes

(Grades K-6 / NDES - Jr. High / YH)

9:30 am – Bible Study/SEASR

First Holy Communion Photography/SJR

11:00 am – First Holy Communion/Church

12:00 pm – First Holy Communion Reception/GH

**MONDAY** (Easter Weekday)

7:00 pm – Men's Club/SJR

**TUESDAY** (Easter Weekday)

8:00 am – Liturgy of the Hours/HFC

11:00 am – ND Music practice/church

**WEDNESDAY** (Easter Weekday)

Salad Luncheon Prep/GH

(Religious Article Store OPEN after Mass)

4:00 pm – Adoration/HFC (until 6:00pm)

5:30 pm – Pray the Rosary/HFC

7:00 pm – Christ Renews His Parish/SEASR

7:00 pm – Bible Study/SJR

**THURSDAY** (Easter Weekday)

7:00 pm – R.C.I.A./SJR

**FRIDAY** (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am - Adoration of the Most Blessed

Sacrament/chapel (until 6:00 pm)

**SATURDAY** (Easter Weekday)

9:00 am – Catholic Women's Conference/GH

9:00 am – Deacon Formation/SJR

4:00 pm – Confessions/chapel

**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER****Donut Social** after Mass/SJR

(Religious Article Store open after Mass)

9:30 am – Religious Education Classes

(Grades K-6 / NDES - Jr. High / YH)

9:30 am – Bible Study/SJR

4:00 pm – Confirmation Mass/Church

The thoughts and prayers of our parish are with the Family and Friends of **†Shirley Chancellor** (mother of Alice Harrison). Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.

**SJR**-St. Joseph Room; **HFC**-Holy Family Chapel; **GH**-Great Hall; **NDE Cafe**-ND Elementary Cafeteria; **NDHS** - NDHigh School; **CR**-Conference Room; **WR**-Workroom; **BR**-Brides Room; **SCMR**-St. Cecilia Music Room; **SEASR**-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; **SJP2R**-St. John Paul II; **SMR**-St. Matthew Room; **YH** - Youth Hall



## Firearms and Weapons Policy



The Diocese of Fort Worth is concerned with providing parishioners, volunteers, visitors and employees with a safe place to worship and a productive environment. As such, the Diocese of Fort Worth expressly prohibits any and all acts or threats of violence by you against anyone on Parish, School or other Diocesan ("Diocesan") facilities.

In addition, the Diocese of Fort Worth strictly prohibits the possession of, exhibiting or threatening to exhibit or to use, or use of any and all weapons, including firearms, on Diocesan premises, by anyone whether licensed or unlicensed and whether concealed or visible. Parishioners, volunteers, students and employees are further prohibited from the possession of, exhibiting or threatening to exhibit or to use, or the use of any and all weapons while conducting business on behalf of the Parish/School/Diocese off of Diocesan premises.

- PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN) A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN.
- CONFORME A LA SECCIÓN 30.06 DEL CÓDIGO PENAL (TRASPASAR PORTANDO ARMAS DE FUEGO) PERSONAS CON LICENCIA BAJO DEL SUBCAPÍTULO H, CAPÍTULO 411, CÓDIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE PORTAR ARMAS), NO DEBEN ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD PORTANDO UN ARMA DE FUEGO.
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- DE CONFORMIDAD CON LA SECCIÓN 30.07, DEL CÓDIGO PENAL (TRASPASO DE UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA CON UNA ARMA DE FUEGO VISIBLE), UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA BAJO EL SUBCAPÍTULO H, CAPÍTULO 411, DEL CÓDIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE LICENCIAS DE ARMAS DE FUEGO), NO PODRÁ ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD CON UNA ARMA DE FUEGO QUE SEA LLEVADA VISIBLEMENTE.

### PARISH STAFF POSITION OPEN:

Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation  
(Elementary School through High School)

Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Wichita Falls, a parish of over 1200 families, is looking for a full-time Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation to develop catechetical activities, as well as, coordinate, supervise and execute parish programs designed to engage and educate the youth of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Wichita Falls, Texas, from Elementary School through High School.

An advanced degree in Catechetics, Theology or Religious Education from an approved Catholic Institution Degree with some experience in working with youth is preferred. Candidate must exercise personal initiative, work collaboratively with other staff and youth ministry team members, and possess excellent organizational skills. Candidate must be a prayerful, practicing Catholic, who works well with parents, has a genuine love for working with elementary, middle school and high school youth, and possesses excellent relational and communication skills.

Application DEADLINE: May 1, 2017.

Send resume to Parish Administrator, Our Lady Queen of Peace, 4040 York St., Wichita Falls, Texas 76309 or email to: [jbindel@olqpwf.org](mailto:jbindel@olqpwf.org).

### PRAY FOR PRIESTS THIS WEEK

Listed below are the Priests of our Diocese for whom we are asked to pray for daily.

5/1 – Rev. Msgr. Francis Boakye Tawiah      5/4 – Rev. Ouseph Thekkaumthala      5/7 – Rev. Philip Binh Tran, CMC  
5/2 – Rev. Robert Thames      5/5 – Rev. Raymond Nguyen M. Thu, CMC  
5/3 – Rev. Joseph M. Cao Xuan Thanh, CMC      5/6 – Rev. Khoi Tran

*Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## DAILY READINGS

### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33 \* 1 Pt 1:17–21 \* Lk 24:13–35

**Monday** (Easter Weekday)

Acts 6:8–15 \* Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday** (Easter Weekday-St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

Acts 7:51—8:1a \* Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday** (Easter Weekday-Sts. Philip and James, Apostles)

1 Cor 15:1–8 \* Jn 14:6–14

**Thursday** (Easter Weekday)

Acts 8:26–40 \* Jn 6:44–51

**Friday** (Easter Weekday)

Acts 9:1–20 \* Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday** (Easter Weekday)

Acts 9:31–42 \* Jn 6:60–69

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36–41 \* 1 Pt 2:20b–25 \* Jn 10:1–10

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### ARE YOU REGISTERED AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH?

Occasionally a letter of reference or recommendation to become a godparent, sponsor, or enroll in school may be needed and the Parish Office will not be able to give you a letter if we have no record of you being a registered parishioner. If you attend Mass here regularly and support our parish, are not registered, please fill out a registration form. Registration cards are available in the Narthex, online: [olqpwf.org](http://olqpwf.org) or you may call the office at [940.696.1253](tel:940.696.1253).

### Intentions of Holy Father, Pope Francis May - Christians in Africa.

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

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## ACTIVITIES



Thank you to those who honored their loved ones  
by making a donation for this year's Easter Flowers.

At the end of the Easter Season, donors may take the plants they donated.

### In Memory of...

†Jack Alexander, †Owanah Anderson, †Kevin Ashton, †Larry Baldrige, †Edward J. Bearden, †JoAnn Biskup, †Deceased members: Brearton Family, †Leonard and †Laura Brennan, †Donna Breske, †Rodney Brom, †Arlene Cabio, †Mr. and Mrs. Cabio, †Cecil and †Vida Catlin, †Ricardo P Catalan, †Esther and Frank Chiappe, †Patricia Hall Cuba, †Giuseppe D'Ambrosio, †Francesco D'Ambrosio, †Maria D'Ambrosio, †Johnnie Deal, †Anselmo De Asis Sr., †Thomas DeHaas, Sr., †Josiah Diaz, †Maria Alicia Dorantes, †Geraldine Douglas, †Alex and †Ann Dreher, †Eugene and †Patricia DuBose, †Tomas and †Lupe Echavarria, †Cecilia and †Mike Espinoza, †Guy Fidelie, †Johnnie Fields, †Willie Garcia, †Mary Esther Geary, †Lorene Goforth, †Juan A. and Lilia Gomez, †Vincent and †Julia Gonzalez, †Deceased members of Ray and Sherry Hanold, †Leo, †Gladys and †Donald Herrian, †Ronnie Herring, †Bert and Lillie Higgs, †Daniel Holoubek, †Lawrence Holub, †Holy Souls in Purgatory, †Helen Innes, †Helene Jauch, †Marie & †Irvin Jeter, †Al and †Bonnie Kocher, †Bernard Lauer, †Jerry Lawson, †W. J. LeVeck, †La Dona Lewis, †Chuck Lindeman, †Sam Lister, †Ed and †Catherine Luig, †Medardo Luyon, †Dakota, †Hunter and †Landon Marek, †Gene and Margaret Mary, †Earline Masters, †Hilita Matus, †Jeff F. Matysek, †Dr. Lloyd Maxon, †John and Anna Michalik, †Jane Milam, †Jimmy and †Kelly Miles, †Louis Vo Ming, †Carl and †Rose Moer, †Dennis Morris, †Frieda and †James Morris, †Henrietta Motl, †John and †Lotus Murphy, †Breanna Ruth Neale, †Rita O'Hearn, †Robert O'Hearn, †Frank and †Mary Sue Navarette, †Narcisa Ortiz, †Delphy and †Mary Poirot, †Donnie Poirot, †Karen Poirot, †Mark Price, †Deceased members: Przybylski Family, †Dale Probst, †George Ratcliff, †Bob Reid, †Deceased members: Ross Family, †Cristina Saldarriaga, †Paulina Saldarriaga, †Jerry Schlabs, †August and Louise Schumacher, †Leona Schumacher, †Ralph and †Alice Schumacher, †Joe and †Alma Simek, †John and †Mary Simek, †David Sinclair, †Frances Skinner, †Joe Sokora, †Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephenson, †George Studdard, †Shaunda Toft, †Chester and †Alice Trosky, †Alex and †Eleanor Vokes, †Alan Wachsman, †Carroll Ward, †Kelly Ward, †Richard F. Weber, †Donnie White, †Kenneth, †Irma and †Marilyn Wilson, †Ronald Wilson, †Alphonse, †Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Wolf, †Wolf Brothers, and †Caroline Zotz.

### In Honor of...

Jo Bearden, Two grandsons (U.S. Military) of Leola M. Elliott, Donna Franklin, Jean Hoing, Marion Lauer, Gloria Luyon, Charles & Mary Roessler, and Ann Tetgmeyer.

(We apologize for the incomplete list  
published in last Sunday's bulletin)

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation at 4:00 pm (OLQP)

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Mother's Day Breakfast – Mom's eat FREE!

(Sponsored by the Men's Club)

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** – Father's Day Breakfast – Dad's eat FREE! (Sponsored by CDA Court Queen of Peace)

### BIBLE STUDY

#### Great Unifying Themes in Scripture

(from the Old Testament through the New)

You are invited to nine weekly meetings which will investigate nine great themes in the Bible. These meetings, led by Jack Abel, will consist of a presentation on the theme followed by a discussion. The themes studied will be:

1. God's Covenant with His People
2. God's People
3. God in Our Midst
4. To Believe in God
5. The Messiah of God
6. The Spirit of God
7. Exodus: Type and Reality
8. The Kingdom of God

We will meet in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room on Sunday mornings, 9:40-10:45, April 23-June 18.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This group meets in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room every First and Third Tuesday & every First and Third Thursday of the month (please see schedule below).

New Members always Welcomed.

May 16 (Tuesday; 9:30am – 11:30am)

May 4 and 18 (Thursday 7:00pm – 9:00pm)

Gainesville Yarn Trip - Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls and Lap robes – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (at the 6:00 pm Mass)

Please Call JoAnn Brennan if you're interested in this ministry or the Gainesville Yarn Trip (940)691-0460.

### Catholic Sisters in Christ – Summer Faith Series

*All Catholic Women, Christian Women, Women of Faith... Do Not miss our Summer Faith Series!*

**May 6 – Session 1: Love Your Body** (*Speaker: Rebecca Lane Frech, Catholic author, speaker, CrossFit Coach, and the Managing Editor of the Catholic Conspiracy website. Co-host of popular radio show/podcast: The Visitation Project, and a columnist for the National Catholic Register. She and her husband live just outside of Dallas with their eight children and an ever-multiplying family of dust-bunnies*)

**June 3 – Session 2: Love Your Self** (*Speaker: Trish Short, speaker, Award-winning Singer/Songwriter and Producer. One of the singers of "The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song" featured on EWTN, an international bestseller, this contemporary melody of "The Chaplet in Song" has been airing worldwide on EWTN since 2002.*)

**July (TBA) – Session 3: Love Your Faith, Food, & Friends** (*Incredible Speaker is planned for the grand finale of the Summer Faith Series!*)

**Location: Our Lady Queen of Peace (Great Hall)**

**\$10 per session or \$20 for all three**

Register: [itickets.com](http://itickets.com)

Email Questions: [CSICNW@yahoo.com](mailto:CSICNW@yahoo.com)

We will reflect on Our Lady of Grace, the Miraculous Medals.

## NOTRE DAME NEWS

### ENROLLMENT

[www.notredamecatholic.org](http://www.notredamecatholic.org) or

email Matt Ledesma, Director of

Enrollment, at [matt.ledesma@ndcswf.org](mailto:matt.ledesma@ndcswf.org).

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**Notre Dame All School Mass: Wednesday's at 10:15am** (*unless indicated otherwise*)

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RENEWS  
HIS PARISH**

*Refocus,  
re-energize  
and reconfirm  
the purpose of  
your life in  
Christ.*

## The Next Christ Rnews His Parish Renewal Weekend for Women June 24 and 25 2017



### OLQP Men's Club

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1 at 7pm.

In the St. Joseph Room

Men ages 18 and older are highly encouraged to attend.

There is NO COST to join.

**Next Meeting: May 16, 2017 at 6:30pm in the St. Joseph Room.**

Court Queen of Peace gladly Welcomes New Members.

We encourage and invite all Catholic women 18 years and older to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Queen of Peace #2710. You may join by attending one of our upcoming meetings. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and at the meeting.



Court Queen of Peace is looking forward to living out the Mission of Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

*"Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all."*

### Youth Ministry

**Youth Religious Education Classes (in the Youth Hall):**

**High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)** Wednesdays 7-9pm

**Middle School (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)** Sundays 9:30-10:45am

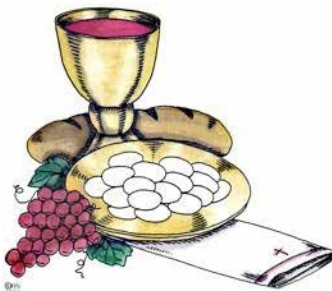
**Confirmation Mass: Sunday, May 7 at 4:00pm (OLQP church)**

## GOOD NEWS!!!

Sacred Heart and Our Lady Queen of Peace will be co-hosting **"True Grit and Dignified"** a **NET Ministries Retreat** for **youth grades 6-12**. The retreat will be held on **Wednesday May 3rd in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 4pm-9pm**. The retreat is free and all middle school and high school youth are encouraged to attend. More information will be available in the bulletin soon.

## KID'S CORNER

### Congratulations To the Children Who Receive First Eucharist Sunday - April 30, 2017



Nicholas Bang  
Angelyna Banag  
Ashton Binyon  
Caden Cluley  
Kathryn Decker  
Jonathan Fairchild  
Allison Feldman  
Alessandra Gagne  
Joseph Geiger  
Gabriel Genewick  
Hoyt Hartmangruber  
Lucas Hurst  
Allen James

Natalie Klein  
River Lang  
Adysson Maxwell  
Emma McCartney  
Michael Merrick  
Addison Patnode  
Mason Putthoff  
Allyson Richards  
Zachary Segal  
Aaron Smith  
Jason St. Hilaire  
Jackson Taylor  
Kaylee Trajacek

### Third Sunday of Easter 2017 Sr. Ginny says...



Sometimes we can't find our phone  
And it is in full sight!  
Maybe we can't find our shoes  
But could if we turned on the light!

Maybe you lost your homework  
But it's where you  
left it on the table.  
Or you can't find your cell phone  
But, if you looked, you'd be able!

It's that way because  
we don't notice  
What is "staring us in the face."  
Something might really be obvious  
But we think that there's just no  
trace!

In the gospel today, two disciples  
Were traveling along  
A stranger started  
walking with them  
And asked them what was wrong.

They told him of their hope  
That the Messiah had come

But then he was put to death.  
And for their hopes,  
they had not one.

But some thought that he was alive  
That this was surely true.  
And now, since  
they heard this news,  
They wondered what  
they should do!

The two men asked the stranger  
To come and share a meal.  
So when the stranger took bread  
and broke it,  
They knew the stranger was Jesus  
for real!

Even though we don't see Jesus  
Right by our side  
He's always in our hearts,  
Always to abide.

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## ADULT FORMATION



### **R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

meets every Thursday evening at 7pm in the St. Joseph Room.

Come learn more about our Catholic Faith. Childcare is available, please RSVP to the Parish Office @ 696-1253.

**MAY 4** – Social Justice: Part II – Responsibilities of the Faithful; Charity and Justice

**MAY 11** – Social Justice: The Poor and Marginalized (A Saint's view – Mother Teresa DVD)

**MAY 18** – Social Justice: The Environment

**MAY 25** – Social Justice: Peace

### **WorldWide Marriage Encounter**

(Dallas-Fort Worth-East Texas)

*"You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."* Enliven and find more joy in your marriage by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend on June 9-11, 2017. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmdfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

### **Rachel's Corner**

*"The amazing retreat team made it safe for us to open up, and they truly cared about us, loved us and helped us grieve and find healing. No judgment, only love! If you regret your abortion, call them NOW! The healing is real."* - (Rachel Retreat Participant)

Our team wants to help YOU heal too. Call us now. We can help.

**Rachel Ministries**

**817-923-4757**

**Next Retreat**

**English May 19 – Spanish Oct 6**

## GROWING IN FAITH

### **St. Zita of Lucca**

Born to poor, pious parents in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family when she was twelve. For her hard work, piety, and generosity, she was despised by her fellow servants and overburdened by her employers. Eventually, her love and humility won over her enemies, and she was given charge of all household affairs. Famous for helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.

### **Luke 24:13-35, Jesus hides in plain sight**

Jesus was so close to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, he could have tripped them. Yet neither man recognized him. Jesus even gave clues to his identity that he quoted from Scripture. The men were too caught up in the pain and disappointment of the crucifixion. Only when he broke bread with them did they see Jesus for who he was. Then he was gone from their sight.

Both Cleopas and his friend had formed such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to see him for who he was. They expected a warrior king and almost missed the universal savior. Aren't we like that, too? Don't we have such expectations of what we want God to be that we miss who he really is?

Christ's presence in our lives isn't revealed so much by the song of angels as the whisper of a prayer. Taking the time to be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us will help us uncover Christ's presence everywhere.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



**Catholic Charities offers four support/counseling groups geared at helping people move toward healing and family restoration.**

Through a partnership with First Christian Church, Catholic Charities Fort Worth offers people weekly counseling-support groups, known as Common Ground Recovery Ministries. A God-centered approach with evidence-based curriculum. Professionally trained counselors and group leaders guide participants to healthier ways of coping and maintaining quality of life. Groups include Parenting Classes, Women CARES, Anger Management, and Addictive Behaviors. Groups meet Tuesdays at 6:00pm at First Christian Church, 3701 Taft Blvd. For details, call [940-642-7021](tel:940-642-7021).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Ask how you can help!**  
For more information call [940-716-9669](tel:940-716-9669)

### **Purple Carry Hope Tote Drive**

Catholic Charities Fort Worth remains committed to our mission: To provide service to those in need, to advocate compassion and justice in the structures of society and to call all others of good will to do the same.

As such, we ask you to participate in our Carry Hope Tote Drive. Your participation provides us with the resources for us to say "YES" to families in need in our community. The Purple Totes are in the narthex, so please pick yours up.

The Purple Tote Bags can be returned to the church and a volunteer will bring them to our office. If items are returned in a grocery bag, please indicate that the bag is intended for Catholic Charities. Alternatively, the tote bags can be returned directly to our office located at 907 Holliday St. during the hours of 9am to 5pm on Monday-Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Poole at [\(940\) 228-4949](tel:940-228-4949). Thank you for your continued commitment to Catholic Charities.

## GROWING IN FAITH

### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–23, 1 Pt 1:17–21, Lk 24:13–35

Discouragement and exhaustion are familiar to many of us. When we are young, we are full of life, vigor, hopes, and dreams. But the challenges of life can lead us down rough and narrow streets with few exits. When a fresh hope—an opportunity or a new love—appears but doesn't pan out, we are even more discouraged than before.

The two disciples returning home were convinced Jesus was the Messiah, but it doesn't seem to be. Jesus isn't surprised by their dissolution. He catches up to them and takes an interest in their story. When he asks, "What things?" they unburden their hearts, and Jesus listens and cares.

With their eyes blinded, they do not recognize their companion. Their faith is dead, their hope is dimmed, their love is cold. The mystery of the cross makes no sense without an experience of the resurrection. They simply can't understand why it had to be this way.

Arriving in Emmaus, their newfound friend needs to go on. But they insist, as should we in our prayer, "Stay with us!" We need God's presence to enlighten our faith, rekindle our hope, and inflame our love. Jesus accepts; there is nothing he wants more. He has promised to be with us, and we need to be with him. Jesus offers us his presence not for a moment but for an eternity.

The tapestry of Pieter van Aelst depicts this scene at the precise moment of the disciples realizing who Jesus is. Meditate on what this moment says to you.

#### For Reflection

Am I discouraged with God in some area of my life? Talk through these areas in prayer. It was necessary that the Messiah suffer. Do I accept suffering? Am I willing to die with Christ to live with him?

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### DEAR PADRE

**What does it mean when someone says the Eucharist contains the "glorified" body of our Lord Jesus Christ?**

In 1551, the Council of Trent definitively taught that "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'The Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (CCC 1374).

I'm not sure what "the glorified Body of our Lord Jesus Christ" might refer to in your question, but I can make an educated guess. Since Jesus has suffered, died, and risen from the dead, the sacramental presence contains the reality of the fullness of the experience of the paschal mystery. Every experience of the risen Jesus is an experience of the fullness of the mystery and, as such, must include the fact that he has been glorified through his resurrection from the dead.

References to the Lord's appearances after his resurrection might be helpful here. "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself" (Luke 24:39), Jesus told his disciples. The Catechism tells us that "Christ 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,' into a 'spiritual body'" (CCC 999). The reality of the resurrection "exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith" (CCC 1000).

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