



St. Jude Catholic Church

REDMOND, WASHINGTON



From the desk of our Pastor

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April 16, 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

This year, on third Sunday of Easter, we hear of how the disciples encountered the Risen Lord Jesus on the road to Emmaus. He drew near to them, when they were at their lowest point, fleeing Jerusalem, having seen their hoped-for Messiah, Jesus cruelly put to death on the cross. It is not an exaggeration to say that they had lost hope. Yet it is at this moment that Jesus now risen drew near to them, dialogued with them, and explained the scriptures that referred to the events that had happen. And as they invited him to stay with them, and broke and blessed the bread, they recognized him.

This passage reminds us that Jesus, draws near to us, especially in the low moments of our lives, that we always have access to him, and that in the 'breaking of the bread,' which is among the earliest names given to the Mass, we recognize his presence, and we regain hope and what we need to sustain us. I have to think in multiple moments in the past year, many of us have felt the presence of the Lord drawing near to us, even in the midst of the difficulties we have gone through. Christ is always present to us, but he is preeminently present - really, truly, body, blood soul and divinity - in the Holy Eucharist. So, the importance of gathering for Mass whether virtually or in person is all the more important, because it helps us to be sustained in hope by his grace and fed by his love.

Some years ago, Pope Benedict offered these reflections on the encounter with the Lord on the road, of the transformation that happened in that encounter:

In the gloom of their darkest night, at the moment of their greatest despair, Jesus approaches the two disciples and walks at their side, to make them see that he is "the Way, and the Truth and the Life" (*Jn 14:6*). Jesus turns their despair into life, for when human hope vanishes, divine hope begins to shine in its place. "What is impossible

with men is possible with God" (Lk 18:27; cf. 1:37). When we reach the depths of failure and helplessness, when we rid ourselves of the illusion that we are the best, sufficient unto ourselves and the center of our world, then God reaches out to us to turn our night into dawn, our affliction into joy, our death into resurrection. He turns our steps back to Jerusalem, back to life and to the victory of the Cross (cf. Heb 11:34).

After meeting the Risen Lord, the two disciples returned filled with joy, confidence and enthusiasm, ready to bear witness. The Risen One made them rise from the tomb of their unbelief and their sorrow. Encountering the Lord, crucified and risen, they discovered the meaning and fulfillment of the whole of Scripture, the Law and the Prophets. They discovered the meaning of the apparent defeat of the cross. POPE BENEDICT

May we too be transformed by our encounter with the Lord as we recognize him in the 'Breaking of the Bread,' in our celebration of the Eucharist, in receiving his Body and Blood.

Wishing you and your families the joy of the resurrection, and every blessing during this Easter season!

Fr. Johnson

Many hands make light work...If you are in a non-vulnerable category,
can you help?

VOLUNTEER

Please click the link below and see where your efforts can be put to use!

Thank you for your generous spirit!

NEEDS FOR THIS WEEKEND

5 PM - Usher and Sacristan

9 AM - Altar Server, Usher

11 AM - Usher and Sacristan

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERING

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17, 2021 - Vigil Mass Third Sunday of Easter

3:30 - 4:30 PM - Confessions

5:00 PM - Public Mass (livestreamed)

Sunday, April 18, 2021 - Mass Third Sunday of Easter

9 AM and 11 AM - Public Indoor Masses

Monday, April 19, 2021

9 AM - Public Mass (livestreamed)

9:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

NO MASS (livestream from **Holy Innocents**)

9:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

9 AM - Public Mass (livestreamed)

9:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

Thursday- April 22, 2021

9 AM - Public Mass (livestreamed)

9:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

Friday, April 23, 2021

9 AM - Public Mass (livestreamed)

Benediction and Adoration follow Mass until noon

9:00 PM - 12:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

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