

Today's Gospel follows the encounter the two disciples had with the risen Jesus on the ROAD TO EMMAUS, where they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Jesus appears to them and offers the peace that he alone can give. He reassures them they are seeing victory, not defeat – that he is truly risen. He is not a ghost and they are not hallucinating. He eats with them, and then gives them a detailed recounting of how prophecies from the Hebrew Scriptures have all been fulfilled by his passion. He reminds them that their mission now is to go to the nations and tell others the very same truth. We are reminded that God's plan of salvation did not take a detour at Calvary; instead it was the defining moment of victory. Therefore the church has a special mission to proclaim the Gospel each day.

Jesus calls them all *witnesses of these things*, a point echoed by Saint Peter in the Acts of the Apostles. Peter has indeed become a witness. Before the Holy Spirit came upon him in wind and fire, he, was fearful and doubtful. But now his fears replaced by faith in the Resurrection, he stands publicly as the rock of Christ's Church, challenging his listeners to repent, and inviting them to be baptized and share in Christ's victory.

For us who have faith in the Lord and lean on the cross of Jesus, the Resurrection becomes an anchor that preserves our hope, even during the darkest days of our lives. In the sacraments, Jesus takes our fears away, the same way he did on the road to Emmaus and in the Upper Room. Like his disciples, we are then called to go and free others from their fears, by telling them the Good News that Christ in his resurrection has conquered death.

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El Evangelio de hoy, prosigue el encuentro que los dos discípulos tuvieron con Jesús resucitado en EL CAMINO A EMAÚS, donde ellos reconocieron a Jesús al partir el pan. Jesús se apareció a ellos y les ofreció la paz que solo él puede dar. Él les asegura que han visto victoria y no derrota – que el realmente resucito. Él no es un fantasma y ellos no están alucinando. Él come con ellos, y después les da un detallado recuento de como las profecías de las Escrituras Hebreas todas se han cumplido por su pasión. Él les recuerda que su misión ahora, es ir a todas las naciones y contar a todos la mismísima verdad. Nosotros somos recordados que el plan de Dios de salvación no se desvía en el Calvario; en vez de eso, fue el momento definitivo de la victoria. Así que, la iglesia tuvo una misión especial de proclamar el Evangelio cada día.

Jesús los llama a todos *testigos de estas cosas*, un punto que hace eco por San Pedro en Hechos de los Apóstoles. Pedro en efecto llegó a ser un testigo. Antes de que el Espíritu Santo viniera sobre él en viento y fuego, él, dudaba y tenía miedo. Pero ahora sus temores fueron remplazados por la fe en la Resurrección, él está públicamente como la roca de la Iglesia Cristiana, animando a sus oyentes a arrepentirse, e invitándoles a bautizarse y compartir la victoria de Cristo.

Para nosotros tener fe en el Señor y apoyarse en la cruz de Jesús, la Resurrección llega a ser un pilar que preserva nuestra esperanza, incluso durante los días oscuros de nuestra vida. En los sacramentos, Jesús se lleva nuestros temores, de la misma forma que lo hizo en el camino a Emaús y en el cuarto de arriba de la casa cerrada. Como los discípulos, entonces estamos llamados a ir y liberar a otros de sus temores, anunciándoles la Buena Nueva del Evangelio, que Cristo en su resurrección ha conquistado la muerte.

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1st COMMUNION

April 25 - 6:00pm - @ St. Mark
April 28 - 4:00pm - @ St. Peter

GAME NIGHT! Join Eugene Catholic Young Adult group (ages 21-39, married or single) for Game Night on Sunday, **April 15th**, at **6:30pm!** Questions? For info contact: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com or 541-270-9329 or [facebook.com/EugeneCYA](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneCYA). ALSO — *Theology on Tap* every 2nd Thursday at the K of C Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS — Regular Court meeting on the **third Thursday of the month** — next is on **April 19th** ... Mass at 12:15pm, followed by potluck/meeting at 1:00pm; bring a dish to share. For info: Julia Kelso at 541-344-6851, or www.cdacourtoregon118.com.

UPCOMING RETREATS:

HEALING FROM ABORTION — If you, or someone you know, has been impacted with the affects from an abortion, consider the healing and freedom that can be experienced from participation in a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, where mercy, compassion, and forgiveness bring Jesus' healing. The next weekends are in **Medford, April 27-29 in English**, and **November 9-11 in Spanish**. For more info on Oregon retreats, call: 541-942-2861, or email: projectaurora@aol.com, or visit the national websites: www.project-aurora.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **April 20-22 (2018)**, at Powell Butte Retreat Center (near Redmond, OR). Learn how to once again foster **COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE**. For more information call 503-853-2758, or at www.rediscoverthepark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed online.

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HOW WILL THE WORLD END?

The startling vision of the prophet Daniel, whose apocalyptic language is echoed in Revelation, have provided grist for many a speculation. Though a number of the book's passages seem to refer to events now in the past, others clearly point toward the "end of days" (Dn 12:13). Nevertheless, given the cryptic and often symbolic nature of these and related biblical texts, the many interpretations of them are often contradictory. So the Church warns believers to avoid futile speculation on the matter. But, what can be said, definitively, about the end of the world? Here's a summary of essentials from the Catechism:

- ♦ Jesus will return to the earth in glory (Mt 24:27).
- ♦ The Antichrist will appear prior to that, to deceive the world and persecute the Church (2 Thes 2:3-12).
- ♦ The Church will suffer the great tribulation prophesied by her Lord (Mt 24:3-14).
- ♦ The final victory of Christ on earth will not come through a gradual improvement in the world's spiritual condition, nor by a special period of his earthly reign before Judgment Day. It will take place not *within* history, but *beyond* it, after Christ has brought an end to history by his glorious Second Coming (1 Cor 15:22-28).
- ♦ The Jewish people will come to recognize Jesus Christ as their Messiah before he returns (Rom 11:25-29).
- ♦ The dead will be raised bodily (1 Cor 15:20-58).
- ♦ Christ will judge the living and the dead, and the devil and his allies will at last be utterly overthrown (Jn 5:26-29; Rv 20:10-15).
- ♦ At the end of time, God's kingdom will come in its fullness, and all things will be renewed, perfected, and consummated (Rv 21:1—22:5).

RECOMMENDED READING: Excerpt taken from The NEW Catholic Answer Bible

Jb 19:25-26 · Dn 12:2-3 · Mt 24:27,30-31; 26:64 · Lk 18:8; 21:12,27 · Jn 5:28-29; 6:39-40,44,54; 11:21-27; 15:19-21 · Rom 8:11 · 1 Cor 6:14 · Phil 3:20-21 · Col 2:12; 3:1-4 · 1 Thes 4:13-18; 5:2-3 · 1 Jn 4:2-3 · 2 Jn 7 ·

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