

Third Sunday of Easter, April 18th

Hello families! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the nice weather. Happy Third Sunday of Easter! We hear the gospel reading today from St. Luke 24:35-48. You can find this gospel readings in the Catholic Children's Bible on p. 1646 and in the Family Connections Bible on p. 1474. In our gospel reading today, we hear about Jesus appearing to more of his disciples. They're frightened when they see him and think that they are seeing a ghost. Jesus reassures them and reminds them that what he had proclaimed is now coming true. Read the gospel reading and then continue on to today's other activities!

Video:

Here is a Saddleback Kids video to help better understand today's gospel reading! The video shows a little bit farther back than what we hear in our gospel today. Listen closely at around three minutes for how the part of the gospel we hear, fits into the bigger picture.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3QkZsKLU2o>

Summary:

After Jesus' death and resurrection, the disciples were still unsure of what was going to happen next. Rumors of Jesus' return had been heard, but the disciples were still confused. In our gospel reading today, Jesus appears to two of his disciples. They're terrified because they believe that they are seeing a ghost. Jesus reassures them and greets them with "Peace be with you" and asks why they are so troubled. He then goes on to show them his hands and feet and reassures them that if he was a ghost, he would not be made of flesh and bone. After asking for something to eat, Jesus reminds them that everything he had proclaimed is coming true and that they are witnesses to it! We remember that Jesus said he needed to suffer in order to save everyone and rise again to eternal life. We continue to celebrate Jesus' sacrifice and great resurrection as the Easter season continues! Remember to make some time for Jesus this week and say a prayer of thanks for all that he has done for our lives.

Questions:

1. Why do you think the disciples were so afraid when Jesus appeared to them?

2. Why do you think Jesus chose to appear to his disciples and not in front of everyone else?
3. How can we continue to celebrate Easter and the joy of Jesus' resurrection this week? Prayer? Quiet reflection? Reading the scripture?

Activity:

This week you will be making your very own stained glass cross decoration! You can hand it anywhere while we continue to celebrate this Easter season!

Materials

- Stained Glass Cross Template (Page3)
- Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Hole Punch
- String/Ribbon



Directions

1. If you have not done so already, print out the stained-glass window cross template.
2. Color the inside of the window any way you would like!
3. Cut out the window.
4. Punch a hole at the top of the window and feed a ribbon or string through to make a hanger.
5. Tie the ribbon and find a place to display and enjoy!

We continue to thank both God and Jesus for their undying love. Have a blessed week everyone!

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