

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

The two disciples recounted  
what had taken place on the way  
and how Jesus was made known to them  
in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24:35

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Imagine meeting a stranger, a fellow traveler, who butts into the conversation you're having with your friend. The two disciples in today's Gospel are heading to Emmaus, seven miles away from Jerusalem, heartbroken and disillusioned. It's the day of Jesus' resurrection, but no one knew it when these two set out on their journey, maybe going home to resume their pre-Jesus lives because it seemed as if everything was over.

In the middle of trying to make sense of the tragedy, some eavesdropping guy asks them about their troubles. After telling their story, the disciples are amazed to find this stranger able to piece together the fragments of the broken image of their master using scripture as the glue. Then it happens—at dinner they recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, just before he vanishes. With their hearts burning with love and inspiration, they run back to Jerusalem—at night—to tell the others their new story.

### THE STRANGER/SHEPHERD

The stranger in this story who turns out to be Jesus is reminiscent of the Gospel images of Jesus as the Good

Shepherd. He seeks out his "lost sheep" who have strayed from the faith community, and the experience of the risen Lord transforms them into perhaps the very first evangelists, sharing their Good News with their friends back in Jerusalem.

Are we transformed by the time we leave Mass? We should be! Our hearts should be burning within us from our experience of Jesus in word and sacrament. Yet how often life breaks our heart and clouds our mind! We stumble toward our own Emmaus, unaware that Jesus is with us. We are privileged to experience Jesus in every Eucharist through the breaking open of scripture and by the breaking of the bread. Like the disciples of the story, that transforming experience can compel us to go forth and tell everyone the Good News.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Ps 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11;  
1 Pt 1:17–21; Lk 24:13–35



**Father That Son will celebrate Mass for your intentions at St. Francis Xavier Church.**

- MON. 4/27** Stephanie Eddy† *(Tina Minor)*
- TUE. 4/28** Lou Veronis† *(Mike & Connie Veronis)*
- WED. 4/29** Kwiatkowski Family† *(Carolyn Gordon)*
- THU. 4/30** Jim Novel† *(Dal & Blondie Ennis)*
- FRI. 5/1** Benefactors of the St. Vincent dePaul Soc.
- SAT. 5/2** SFX Parishioners *(Maggie Yeater)*
- SUN. 5/3** Doc & Opal Romanoski† *(Artimez Family)*

**SO MUCH IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS HAS BEEN CANCELLED, HOWEVER—**

- Love has not been cancelled.
  - Mercy has not been cancelled.
  - Prayer has not been cancelled.
  - Awareness has not been cancelled. Goodness has not been cancelled. Thanksgiving has not been cancelled.
  - Loving relationships have not been cancelled.
  - Kindness has not been cancelled.
  - Music has not been cancelled.
  - Conversations have not been cancelled.
  - Learning has not been cancelled.
  - Poetry and storytelling have not been cancelled.
  - Meditation and contemplation have not been cancelled.
  - Painting and dancing have not been cancelled.
  - Families have not been cancelled.
  - Community and solidarity have not been cancelled.
  - Faith has not been cancelled.
  - Hope has not been cancelled.
  - And God's presence with us has not been cancelled.
- (adapted from a writing by David Haas from the Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry)*

While we remain under the "Shelter in Place" order, we still encourage you to send in your prayer requests. Please send us the names of your loved ones who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries, who are sick, or who have recently passed away. We will add their names to our bulletin prayer list. Feel free to call the office to include your loved one: 304-845-1593.

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- What fears keep you from living your faith more fully?
- Who have you locked out of your life or heart due to fear?
- What events in your life have brought you to believe in the risen Christ?
- When do you find yourself skeptical about your faith?
- How can you help others overcome their doubts about faith?



Congratulations and best wishes to:  
 Josh Varner and Emily Yocum  
 Exchange of Vows  
 September 12, 2020  
 at St Francis Xavier Church



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:  
*Patricia Schmidt*

May she rest in peace.

**OFFERTORY**

**COLLECTION April 12, 2020:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3120.00</b>
<b>Loose Offering</b>	<b>\$ 1500.00</b>
<b>Building Repairs</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>
<b>Xavier Hall</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$ 1165.00</b>
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<b>Holy Land</b>	<b>\$ 126.00</b>
<b>Priest Retirement</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>Seminarians</b>	<b>\$ 96.00</b>

**Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

**REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

**Church Office Phone:** 304-845-1593  
**Church Hall Phone:** 304-845-9238  
**Xavier Hall Phone:** 304-845-7080  
**Rev. That Son Cell:** 408-858-7467  
**Parish Office Email:**

[sfxmoundville@comcast.net](mailto:sfxmoundville@comcast.net)

**Website:** [sfxmoundville.org](http://sfxmoundville.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Weekends:** Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Day Mass Schedule:**

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

## PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

**Prayer Request:** Jim Ali, Joseph Grampa, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Ronnie Hill, Connie Howard, Eleanor Smith, Catherine Pellerin, Mary Coffield, Jim Conner, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Diane Young, Tex Reynolds, Bobby Kleinedler.

**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bertie Gaughenbaugh, Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Ron Jaworski.

## THE GREATEST FEAST

What is the greatest feast of all in the Church? No, it's not Christmas; it's Easter. Easter is also the oldest feast in the Church. On Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. By rising from the tomb with a new and glorious life, Jesus triumphed over death. He led us from the slavery of sin to new life. At the Easter Vigil Mass (held the night before Easter) the Pascal (Easter) Candle is lit and carried through the dark church. People hold candles and pass the light of Christ to one another. The "Exultet" an ancient Easter hymn, is sung. Several Scripture passages that trace Salvation History are read, water is blessed, and catechumens are baptized. All present renew their baptismal promises. The Easter season lasts 50 days and ends with Pentecost. During this time, the Pascal Candle is lit at each Mass, and alleluias are said and sung repeatedly.

On Easter morning some people like to view the sunrise, which is a symbol of the risen Son. Other objects associated with Easter are symbolic. New life is represented by flowers, green grass, and rabbits (which are prolific). Eggs from which chicks emerge represent the tomb from which Christ came out with new life. The Easter lily is shaped like a trumpet as if heralding the glory of the Resurrection. It is white, which stands for purity, and gold, the color of glory and royalty. From *The Essential Guide to Catholic Terms* by Mary Kathleen Clavich, SND

## CHURCH HUMOR: LIFE AFTER DEATH

"Do you believe in life after death?" the manager asked one of his employees.

"Yes, sir," the new employee replied.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss continued. "After you left early yesterday to go to your Grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

## LITTLE MIRACLES

On Easter Sunday we asked you to share photos and stories as you continue to participate in the life of prayer and the church while socially distancing. You sprinkled each other with Holy Water in the living room, lit candles, wore Easter bonnets, watched Virtual Mass with loved ones, drove by our church to see the Easter decorations to show that we are still together.

This week we ask you to think of the little miracles that fill your life. Send us a drawing, a verse, a photo, a video or email showing how some astonishingly wonderful act of God has barged into your life.

## A WOMAN OF FAITH

In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the 10th of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage.

Early in her sixth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week, Gianna Molla died at home in Mesero, where she was buried.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her Liturgical Feast Day is April 28.

### Office of Safe Environment

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