

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**04/014/2024**

**Presentation of Our Lady**

**Church**



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.

**GOSPEL LUKE 24 35-48**

WHY ARE YOU TROUBLED? AND WHY DO QUESTIONS ARISE IN YOUR HEARTS?



**Sunday Masses**

- 8:30 am (English)
- 10:30 am (Bilingual)
- 12:00 pm (Spanish)
- 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

**Saturday Mass**

4:30 pm (English)

**Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday  
8:00am (Bilingual)

**For Religious Education, Adult Inquirer's classes, Baptism classes, or Marriage preparation call the Parish office for more information.**

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**Moving?**

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES**

Anointing of the sick  
Last Rites  
Please call  
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**He Opened Their Minds to Understand the Scriptures;**

**The Gift of Understanding**

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

The Gospels often present the disciples as not understanding the meaning of what they witnessed. They were slow to understand. What the Gospels mean is not simply that they were dumb. Do not forget that the disciples had Jesus as a teacher. The Incarnated Wisdom of God was with them. There was no human wisdom comparable to Jesus' doctrine. What we can know and what God knows cannot be compared without making apparent our lack of understanding.

The example of the disciples of Emmaus is a beautiful lesson about the scarcity of knowledge we have when it comes to the understanding of the History of Salvation. We simply do not see the point of what is unfolding in front of our eyes. Those disciples were discouraged because of the death of Jesus. They had thought He was the Messiah and followed Him. Of course, they had their own ideas about what they expected from the Messiah. At that moment, they were incapable of seeing the triumph of Christ crucified. Moreover, they were on their way home. The other disciples were still in Jerusalem. The disciples of Emmaus left the community of the disciples to come back home, the place they had left to follow Jesus. Besides not seeing the point of Jesus' death, Jesus Himself appeared to them, but they were also blind to recognizing Him. I suppose Jesus laughed interiorly, thinking about the many times the disciples did not get the point of what was transpiring.

The episode of those disciples is significant for the life of every Christian. Often, we do not understand what is happening to us. Every event has a spiritual meaning for the Christian life because it has a precise place in God's Providence. That spiritual meaning cannot be grasped with a superficial gaze. Among those moments we do not understand, there are some we judge as good and some we judge as bad. If we are honest, we do not often question the moments we judge to be good or beneficial for us. Usually, we do not find people asking God for an explanation of why they won the lottery. In turn, as soon as something we dislike occurs to us, we do not understand, we complain, and often turn away from God.

As with the disciples of Emmaus, Jesus walks with us in those moments. God never abandons us. Nonetheless, we are not able to recognize His presence. Our superficial sight cannot distinctly perceive Jesus' presence along the way. What did Jesus do with them? He explained the Scriptures and opened their minds to understand them. Then, they became capable of recognizing Christ when He broke the bread. Today's Gospel narrates how Jesus gave the apostles the same gift so that they could understand the Scriptures and with them, what was happening.

The gift Jesus bestowed on the disciples of Emmaus and the Apostles is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, namely, the Gift of Understanding (*intellectus*). This gift is responsible for that openness of mind. It can be defined as a supernatural habit, infused in the soul with sanctifying grace, by which the human intellect, under the enlightening action of the Holy Spirit, is made apt for a penetrating intuition of the speculative and practical revealed truths, and even for natural truths, so far as they are related to the supernatural end.

There are four intellectual gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and counsel. The other three gifts, fear of the Lord, fortitude, and piety, are affective. We will explain what is specific to each one of them. We have already explained how counsel is related to practical things in particular, that is, what God's will is here and now. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding also have a practical value. Nevertheless, they are also speculative or contemplative.

What is peculiar about the gift of understanding is its intuitive character. Wisdom and knowledge judge divine things or the spiritual meaning of creatures. However, understanding is not any kind of judgment. It is a simple

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contemplative intuition. There is a difference between seeing a table and making different judgments in its regard to describe it. There is no doubt that both things are connected. Nevertheless, they are not the same.

Of course, the gift of understanding is not a sensible contemplation made with the physical eyes. It is a spiritual contemplation. Our senses cannot perceive what is essential and most profound in things. They sense the superficial accidents of them. We see colors and shapes, hear sounds, etc., but things are more than their color or how they sound. A great example to make would be the knowledge we have of a person. It is true that we “see” persons. Nevertheless, what we perceive with our senses about a person is not what makes him a person. It is the job of the mind to spiritually see, in other words, to understand that we are contemplating a person. Moreover, there are different degrees in which we can know a person. A more acute intellect knows more profoundly what it contemplates.

The gift of understanding empowers the Christian soul to be docile to the motions of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Holy Spirit moves the intellect so that it can have a profound and supernatural intuition that grasps the very bottom of what is real. The main thing that the Spirit moves to contemplate in this manner is the realities hidden under the signs in our faith. Nonetheless, the definition tells us that the gift operates even with natural truths.

Let us consider, for instance, the dogmas of our faith. The dogmas are expressions of profound truths: the dogma of the Blessed Trinity or the true divinity and true humanity of Jesus, one Divine Person and two natures, Divine and human. Those affirmations of our faith are made out of words. Words are signs. Thus, they signify something real beyond themselves. The gift of understanding moves the mind so that not only the signifier is grasped but also what it signifies. It gives the Christian soul a profound intuition of those formulas of faith.

Many other things require the gift of understanding in perfecting our faith. Remember the example of how people looked at Jesus. There were different ways of perceiving Him. We read in the Gospel about people thinking that He was a crazy person. Others stated that He was an ordinary man, the son of the carpenter. Others even believed that Jesus was an extraordinary man, a great teacher, or a prophet. However, it was Simon Peter who received an interior illumination to see that beyond the sacred veils of Jesus’ humanity, He was the Incarnated Son of God. Similarly, the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, can be seen on different levels of profundity. The gift of understanding gives the saints the capacity to contemplate the Bride of Christ despite the miseries of her human members.

The Sacraments and the Scriptures are in a similar situation. What do we see with our sensible eyes or in light of our natural understanding when we contemplate the Eucharistic Body of Christ? What do we perceive when the Holy Sacrifice is celebrated in the Mass? The gift of understanding gives the intuition of the reality signified by the sacramental sign. It is impressive to remember how Saint Pio of Pietrelcina celebrated the Mass with such a profound awareness of Jesus’ sacrifice.

Concerning the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit who inspired them is the Spirit who can reveal their most profound meaning. This is what particularly emphasizes today’s Gospel. Jesus opened their minds and explained the Scriptures to them. Their profound understanding of the Scriptures makes the disciples capable of understanding the meaning of what they were living with Jesus according to its place in the History of Salvation. Similarly, the saints live each moment of their lives as a meaningful part of the History of Salvation.

The Gift of Understanding gives the soul purity of heart as an actual attitude. Purity of heart means evangelical simplicity. Simplicity does not have any negative connotation in the Gospel. A simple heart is a heart that loves God above all things. It is a heart that is not divided. Those who are pure of heart will see God. In the end, the contemplation given by the gift of understanding consists in seeing God reflected in the depths of everything that is real. How much easier would it be to love our neighbor when the gift of understanding makes us clearly see with the eyes of our minds the image of God in every human person? Let us pray so that God opens our minds, and we can contemplate Him with this gift which anticipates that simple vision of God we will hopefully have one day in Heaven.

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Mass Intentions				
Day	Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Sat.	Apr. 13	4:30 p.m.		
Sun.	Apr. 14	8:30 a.m.	Altar & Rosary	A/R
		10:30 a.m.	†Freddy Emmanuel Bautista	Family
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	†Arturo Guzman †Justino Gonnzalez	Family
		5:00 p.m. Spanish	† Bertha Castillo Jimenez	
Mon.	Apr. 15	8:00 a.m.		
Tues.	Apr. 16	8:30 a.m	For all our Parishioners living and † deceased	
Wed.	Apr. 17	8:00a.m	Polonio Radasola Rosa Cardiel † Rachel Cordova	Carmen Luna
Thur.	Apr. 18	8:00 a.m		
Fri.	Apr. 19	8:00 a.m		

### Presentation of Our Lady Weekend of Apr. 06 & 07, 2024. Offertory

4:30 Regular Collection Mass \$ 685.87  
4:30 Second Collection Mass \$ 78.00

8:30 Regular Collection Mass \$ 456.00  
8:30 Second Collection Mass \$ 131.52

10:30 Regular Collection Mass \$ 516.57  
10:30 Second Collection Mass \$ 96.00

12:00 Regular Collection Mass \$ 899.67  
12:00 Second Collection Mass \$ 243.00

5:00 Regular Collection Mass \$ 326.00  
5:00 Second Collection Mass \$ 60.00

**Regular Collection** Total:\$ 2,884.65  
**Second Collection** Total:\$ 608.52

**Candles** Total: \$ 195.00  
**Special needs** Total: \$ 292.00

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### Cafetería



**PARA DESINFLAMAR Y ADELGAZAR EL ABDOMEN**

**JUGOS-**

- JUGO VERDE ..... \$11
- JUGOS ENERGETICOS ..... \$11
- JUGOS HIDRATANTES ..... \$6
- PERDIDA DE PESO ..... \$12
- JUGO EXTREMIMIENTO 3 LITROS ..... \$20

**LICUADOS-**

- CHOCOLATE ..... \$10
- VANILLA ..... \$10
- FRESA ..... \$10
- CARMELO ..... \$10
- BANANA ..... \$10

**PREPARACIONES**

- SANDWICHES ..... \$13
- WAFFLES ..... \$10
- DREPAS ..... \$10
- DONAS ..... \$9
- AVENA PREPARADA ..... \$10

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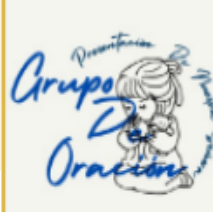
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