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Third Sunday of Easter

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: God's plan for human salvation came to fulfillment in the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Reading 2: Jesus has secured our salvation through his own sacrifice

Gospel: Jesus opens the Scriptures to his disciples

Theme: Listening to the words, joining in the Eucharistic prayers and receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus make our hearts burn within us

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat	29	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Easter
Sun	30	8:30 a.m.	KW	Elizabeth Terry	✠	Third Sunday of Easter
Sun	30	10:30 a.m.	ML	Intention of Celebrant		Third Sunday of Easter
Tue	02	9:00 a.m.	ML	Albert Blahut	✠	
Wed	03	8:30 a.m.	SH	Betty Maxey & Deanna Liebl	✠	
Thur.	04	8:30 a.m.	KW	Robert Loewenstein	✠	
Fri.	05	9:00 a.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	✠	
Sat	06	5:00 p.m.	SH	Pete Swingle	✠	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sun	07	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Easter
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A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER SEASON

Reflection: For the early Christians, Sunday was the first day of the week. It was also called the eighth day, because it didn't just start a new week— it was the beginning of a new way of life, a new creation. Sunday was also the day of the resurrection, the day of light, the day of the Spirit; from the beginning, Sunday was the special day of the gathering. We use many signs, symbols, images to speak of Easter: empty shrouds draped over crosses, spring flowers, flowing water. The greatest symbol of all—greater even than the paschal candle or the baptismal font—is the Sunday gathering of believers—the assembly.

From the earliest days in the upper room, we Christians have gathered on Sunday to tell the story of Jesus, to recognize the risen Lord in the Scriptures and in the 'breaking of the bread,' to initiate new members, to strengthen the gathering through the practice of reconciliation. In this way we celebrate the paschal mystery, the mystery of how, by dying, Jesus destroyed our death, and by rising, Jesus restored our life, how he lives today in us, the gathering of his followers; how He is still really present, saving, redeeming; and how he will come again in glory.

To be part of the gathering is to be part of this mystery. When you are alone, you are a disciple of Jesus. When you gather, you become the body of Christ. You become God's active presence. You become Christ's sacrament to the world, because, through you, the world feels the power of the risen Christ moving in its midst.

No one comes to the risen Christ alone. Christ invites us, the broken, the lame, the selfish, the confident, the rich, the poor, friends, strangers, catechumens, newly baptized adults, cradle Catholics. Christ invites us all together as a community of forgiven sinners to be united in him, to share his body and to be strength and nourishment for one another. *Adapted: Connors*

VIBRANT MINISTRIES APPEAL: Response to the Vibrant Ministries Appeal is flourishing as over \$6 million in sacrificial gifts have been shared by our

generous donors. We are grateful for this outpouring of support and are hopeful that everyone will share a gift that is meaningful to them.

Soon you will receive your packet with a request for support. This is solely an invitation to support Priestly vocations, faith formation and acts of mercy. Some have given above the gift request, some at the amount proposed for discernment, and some after prayerful consideration gave an alternative gift.

We understand that everyone can't give the same gift intention. Our hope is that all grateful donors will make gifts of equal sacrifice. We are grateful for all support shared to the Vibrant Ministries Appeal.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick and Shut-Ins: Norman Fischer, Jim Fischer, Ella Rundle, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Lori Wilcox, Gary Noland, Raymond Schmidt, Cindy Archuleta

Prayer Intentions: for the members of our parish family who are serving our country in the armed forces.

For the Faithful Departed: Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Dwayne Kruckenberg, Luke Hendricks, Fern Beckerman, Omah Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut, the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

Parish News:

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE – Kiowa:

Parish School of Religion: April 30 Class after Mass

ST BONIFACE - SHARON

Parish School of Religion: May 3: end of year activities – Grades 1–7

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: May 6: Our seniors will attend Mass wearing cap and gown; eighth grade graduates will be present. A reception follows

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst

VOCATION VIEWS: Do you recognize Jesus in your midst? Is your heart burning within you? Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a priest, brother, or sister. (Luke 24:13-35). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

MAY: The month of May is set aside to honor Mary in a special way. Many Catholics find the rosary a wonderful personal prayer. Those who would like to recite this prayer as a group are invited arrive 30 minutes before Sunday Mass at Holy Rosary and St Boniface. Because this is a private devotion, we say this prayer at a time that does not interrupt the personal prayer of others. Thus, we allow 15 minutes of quiet prayer time after the recitation of this prayer for people to prepare for Mass.

WHAT IS THE ROSARY: a form of combined prayer and meditation that has been around for over 1200 years. The origin of the rosary dates back to the 9th century where Irish monks would recite and chant the 150 Psalms of the Bible as a major part of their worship. People living near the monasteries were drawn towards this beautiful and harmonious devotion, and they became very eager to join in with the monks' prayers. Unfortunately, the people were not able to adapt to this form of prayer because the psalms were very hard to memorize, many could not read, and printed copies of the psalms were not readily available. As a result, it was suggested to the people outside the monastery that they recite a series of 150 "Our Father" prayers in place of the psalms. As this form of devotion became increasingly popular, people started to devise methods in order to keep track of their prayers. At first, 150 little pebbles were placed inside small leather pouches to keep count. Since this method was rather troublesome, a thin rope having 50 knots on it was used instead (it was used three times for a total of 150 prayers). Eventually, the instrument of choice became the use of string with small pieces of wood. The prayers of the *Rosarium* were later broken out into sets of 10 and these groupings became known as decades. Each decade of ten "Hail Mary" prayers would be preceded by one "Our Father". In later years, the Irish monks traveled throughout Europe and brought this form of devotion with them. In some areas, both clergy and lay people began to recite the "Angelic Salutation" (the first part of what we now know as the "Hail Mary") as part of this devotion. The popularity of this prayer led to the adoption of 50 Angelic Salutations being said for each piece of wood or knot on the prayer string. (more to come)

Salina Diocese Men's Conference, Register Online now! The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring the 6th Annual Diocese Men's Conference, "Men on a Mission" Sat., August 12, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. Attend- bring your sons who are high school age and up. Nationally known speakers: Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of "The Dr. Is In" & "Living Right With Dr. Ray", & Fr. John Lager national chaplain of FOCUS & cofounder of Marked Men for Christ. Go to www.salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 17. Deadline to register is August 1st