

## Reflection of today Gospel

Luke 24:35-48



**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19  
**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 4:2,4,7-8,9  
**Second Reading** 1 John 2:1-5a

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**"I'm going to prepare a place for you"  
"For this momentary afflictions is causing an eternal weight of glory"**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024,**

All members of Center of Jesus The Lord  
Scott Owens (Healing)  
Eileen & Martin Bruno (Loving Memory)

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

Tuesday group (Blessing)

**Sanctuary Candle** End to Abortion

To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary Candle Memorials call the Center 529-1636

Pray to end all wars and persecutions of Christians...end to abortions...end to euthanasia...shelter for the homeless... compassion for the elders in hospice and assisted living...

## Next Weeks Reading

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12  
**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29  
**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-2  
**Gospel Reading** John 10:11-18

### POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual *Mass for Vocations at 11:00 AM on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at St. Louis Cathedral*. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. Also invited are all seminarians, postulants and novices.

Each year on *Good Shepherd Sunday* the Archdiocese of New Orleans designates a special second collection to help support the medical and retirement expenses of our diocesan priests. This collection is scheduled for the weekend of **April 20-21, 2024**.

**MAGNIFICAT MARRERO/WESTBANK CHAPTER**, breakfast, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Four Columns, 3711 Westbank Expy., Harvey. Featured speaker, Marianite Sister Suellen Tennyson. Tickets, Westbank Religious Supply or (504) 319-6788. Cost is \$20.

The **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** is scheduled to make its way through the Archdiocese of New Orleans **Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9, 2024**.

1. On Friday June 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m., Archbishop Aymond will lead a public Eucharistic Procession from the steps of Notre Dame Seminary and proceeding to St. Rita's Church on Lowerline Street. The procession will be followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music provided by the Vigil Project and a reflection by one of the perpetual pilgrims.
2. • Archbishop Aymond will offer the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 9th at St. Louis Cathedral followed by a Eucharistic Procession around Jackson Square. All are invited.

## Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 28**

**OLGC Memorial**

**Father's Lance Birthday potluck party after mass**

**Saturday, May 4**

**Healing Mass and Eucharistic Adoration 10am-12pm**

**Saturday, May 12**

**"Mother's Day"**

**Sunday, June 2**

**"Corpus Christi"**



## Diocese Announcements:

### *BENEFIT PLANNING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS*

The Archdiocesan Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a workshop on enrolling and protecting financial benefits for people with disabilities. The workshop will provide information by Carole Cuckell Neff on legal planning for adults and children with special needs. The workshop will be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Metairie on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 8:30-11:30

*The Archdiocese of New Orleans Grief Ministry*, in partnership with Red Bird Ministries, announces a Grieving Couples Workshop for families who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 910 Cross Gates Blvd., Slidell, LA. Workshop is free, register at [www.redbird.love/calendar](http://www.redbird.love/calendar). If a spouse cannot attend, singles or unmarried may attend. For more information, please contact Jewell Bayhi at 985-778-6277 or [jbayhi@arch-no.org](mailto:jbayhi@arch-no.org)

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The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans **Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie.

Widowed? Separated? Divorced? Listen. Accompany. Heal. One weekend ... All the difference. Join us for the Beginning Experience of New Orleans Weekend Retreat May 17-19, 2024 at the Cenacle on the Lake Retreat Center located at 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA. For more information including registration and fees, contact Registrar, Liz Reis at (504) 858-1813 or email [lzbthreis@yahoo.com](mailto:lzbthreis@yahoo.com).

**PRAY THE ROSARY  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY GROUP  
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**



*"There are no strangers here,  
only friends we have not  
yet MET"*



*Pray the Chaplet of  
Divine Mercy with us  
Sunday 9:45am*

## *The Unity Prayer*

MY ADORABLE JESUS,  
MAY OUR FEET JOURNEY TOGETHER.  
MAY OUR HANDS GATHER IN UNITY.  
MAY OUR HEARTS BEAT IN UNISON.  
MAY OUR SOULS BE IN HARMONY.  
MAY OUR THOUGHTS BE AS ONE.  
MAY OUR EARS LISTEN TO  
THE SILENCE TOGETHER.  
MAY OUR GLANCES  
PROFOUNDLY  
PENETRATE EACH OTHER.  
MAY OUR LIPS PRAY TOGETHER TO  
GAIN MERCY FROM THE ETERNAL FATHER.  
AMEN

# Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Charismatic Catholic Community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

### THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY** *Praise and Worship*: 10:00 AM; *Eucharistic Celebration* 10:15 AM;

*Healing Prayer* after Mass; *Fellowship* follows in dining hall

**TUESDAY** *Praise and Worship* 10:30 AM; *Eucharistic Celebration* 11:00 AM;

following Mass all are welcomed to join in lunch and fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)

**MONTHLY SATURDAY** *Eucharistic Adoration* 10am with *Healing Prayer* at 11AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday masses or call Center to schedule an appointment with Father Lance Campo or Father Anthony Inam