**FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 13-14th, 2024**

Third Sunday of Easter

**Gospel reading**

Lk 24:35-48

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

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of baked fish;

he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day

and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.”

**Intercession**

That our parish, through the Resurrection power of Christ, may have a successful Diocesan Ministry Appeal.

**Copy for bulletin announcement**

In today’s Gospel, after rising from the dead, Jesus told his disciples*, “Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled”* (Luke 24:44).

There is not one aspect of God’s plan that *is not* fulfilled in Christ. Our job as His parish is to show the world where certainty can be found. Without Christ, life offers anything *but* certainty.

The Gospel can change everything. Jesus trusted our parish to be *“witnesses of these things”* (Luke 24:48). We need your help to do it! Please support our Diocesan Ministry Appeal and help us help others seethe

nail-marks in His hands and feet with faith. Help us help people find the one place where certainty can be found and that, through Jesus’ wounds, one day all our sorrows will be transformed into new life.

**Copy for pulpit announcement**

God made our parish a sanctuary where we, the witnesses of His Resurrection, can gather, take strength, and go out to the world anew. Please support our Diocesan Ministry Appeal generously, so that we can share the hope we have found in Christ’s triumph. We rely on you, and we thank you!

**Social media post/content**

Photo: A painting of the doorway to the tomb, empty and open.

Text: *“You are witnesses of these things.”* – Luke 24:48

Copy: As they stood around him surprised, Jesus underlined the apostles’ experience of his Resurrection: “You are witnessesof this.” Being a witness carries a responsibility. Please give to our Diocesan Ministry Appeal, so that we can share the joy of Easter with more people!