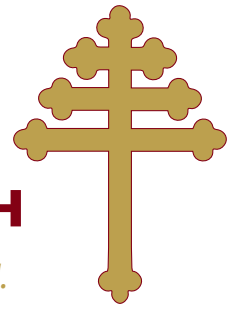




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**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION SEASON**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**GOSPEL**

LUKE 24:13-35



Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were

prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not



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The theme of our Gospel today: This meal at Emmaus between Our Lord Jesus Christ and these two disciples is the first meal of the new creation.

Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES**  
 beginning on page 754

## MASS INTENTIONS

- **Saturday, May 3 at 4:30 p.m.**  
• For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime  
• Requested by his sisters, Dulce, Lili and Jemeli
- **Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.**  
• For repose of the soul of baby Benjamin Forrest  
• and for peace and strength for his family  
• Requested by Deacon Steve and Renee Marcus
- **Saturday, May 10 at 4:30 p.m.**  
• Available
- **Mother's Day**
- **Sunday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.**  
• For the repose of the souls of Bill and Barbara Darcey  
• Requested by Andrea Darcey Ellinger
- **Saturday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m.**  
• Available
- **Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.**  
• For the repose of the soul of Tania Barakat Veleber  
• Requested by her mother Nina Barakat & Family

My Dear Friends: Attending Mass is very important and sometimes when life gets busy, that duty gets pushed aside, especially in the summer. I want to help you fulfill your Sunday obligation, so starting Sunday June 1st, I will be celebrating two liturgies on Sunday morning - one at 8:30 and the other at 10:00. If this works and people are happy having the two liturgies to choose from during the month of June, I will extend this throughout the summer. God bless you. Fr. Fady

### 'MY PEOPLE ARE POOR AND I AM ONE OF THEM'



As the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis was known the world

over for his great humility and approachability. When he was elected as Pope at the age of 76 on March 13, 2013, Pope Francis was the first citizen from the Americas, and first Jesuit priest to be named Pope.

He always advised his priests to show mercy and apostolic courage and to keep their doors open to everyone. The worst thing that could happen to the Church, he said, "is spiritual worldliness", which means "being self-centred". And when he spoke of social justice, he called people first of all to

pick up the Catechism, to rediscover the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. His project was simple: if you follow Christ, you understand that "trampling upon a person's dignity is a serious sin".

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born in Argentina on 17 December 1936, to Italian immigrants Mario José Bergoglio and Regina María Sívori. He was the eldest of their five children and graduated as a chemical technician before choosing to study for the priesthood. He first entered the Diocesan Seminary of Villa Devoto, but changed his path slightly and entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in March 1958.

On 13 December 1969 he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Ramón José Castellano. He became novice master at Villa Barilari, San Miguel; professor at the Faculty of Theology of San Miguel;

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**On the weekend of May 3/4, the second collection is for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon**

consultor to the Province of the Society of Jesus and also Rector of the Colegio Máximo of the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology. In July 1973 he was appointed Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina, an office he held for six years.

Cardinal Antonio Quarracino, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, wanted Father Bergoglio as a close collaborator, so, in May 1992, Pope John Paul II appointed him titular Bishop of Auca and Auxiliary of Buenos Aires. Upon the death of Cardinal Quarracino, in February 1998, Bishop Bergoglio was appointed Archbishop, Primate of Argentina and Ordinary for Eastern-rite faithful in Argentina. Three years later at the Consistory of 21 February 2001, John Paul II created him a Cardinal.

In October 2001 Cardinal Bergoglio was appointed General Relator to the 10th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Episcopal Ministry. At the Synod, he placed particular emphasis on "the prophetic mission of the bishop", his being a "prophet of justice", his duty to "preach ceaselessly" the social doctrine of the Church and also "to express an authentic judgement in matters of faith and morals".

Even as a Cardinal, he never relaxed his strict and simple lifestyle. He continued to live in a modest apartment, cook his own meals and take public transportation. In this spirit of poverty, he declined to be appointed as President of the Argentine Bishops' Conference in 2002, but three years later, he was elected anyway. In April 2005, Cardinal Bergoglio took part in the Conclave in which Pope Benedict XVI was elected.

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## EPISTLE

2 TIM 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself. Praise be to God always.



*Pope Francis, continued from page 2*

He, himself, was elected Pope in the conclave on 13 March 2013 after Pope Benedict XVI resigned due to poor health. Cardinal Bergoglio took the name "Francis," a name which no Pope had ever taken, in solidarity with the poor. As Pope, he continued to live a simple lifestyle as much as possible, residing in a small apartment rather than the grander Apostolic Palace.

Pope Francis had three favorite devotions. The first is to Mary, Undoer of Knots. In the Vatican Gardens he prayed: *We pray to you, Holy Mother, untie the knots that oppress us materially and spiritually, so that we may joyfully bear witness to your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

The second is Sleeping St. Joseph. In the Philippines, he told the crowd of people who came to see him: *I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table I have an image of Saint Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath Saint Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words I tell him: pray for this problem!*

The third is to the Five Wounds of Christ. At an audience in 2016, Pope Francis said: *The supplication of the leper demonstrates that when we present ourselves to Jesus it is not necessary to make long speeches. A few words are enough, provided that they are accompanied by complete trust in his omnipotence and in his goodness. Entrusting ourselves to God's will in fact means remitting ourselves to his infinite mercy. I will even share with you a personal confidence. In the evening, before going to bed, I say this short prayer: "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean!". And I pray five "Our Fathers", one for each of Jesus' wounds, because Jesus has cleansed us with his wounds. If I do this, you can do it too, in your home, and say: "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean!", and think about Jesus' wounds and say an "Our Father" for each of them. Jesus always hears us.*



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Today I have asked that the bulletin be all about Pope Francis, as a tribute to our late Holy Father, and as a way for more people to get to know his legacy.

Please continue to pray for the repose of soul, and please also pray to the Holy Spirit that He will give light and wisdom to the Cardinals as they gather to elect a new Holy Father.

I pray that you have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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## GOSPEL

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find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" 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. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



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