

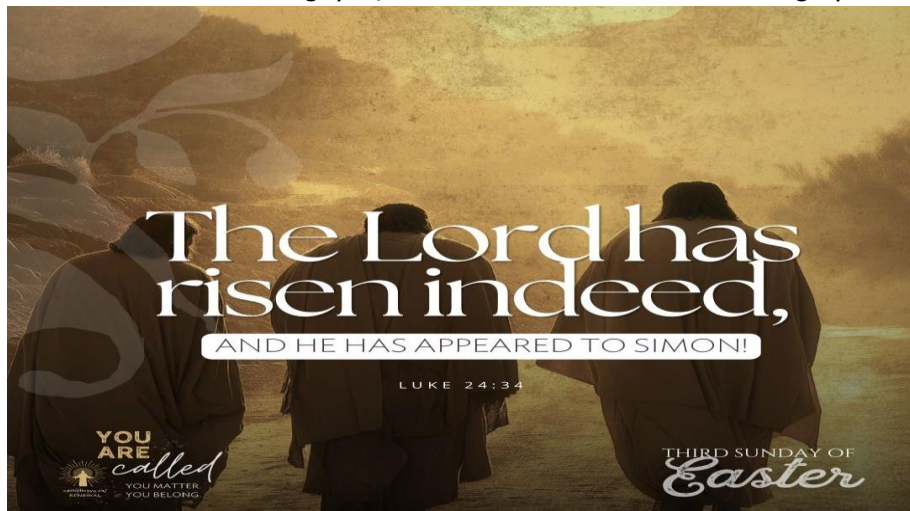


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Entrance Antiphon (*Psalm 65.1-2*)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading (*Acts 2.14, 22b-28*)

When the day of Pentecost had come, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

"But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 16*)

1. Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. R.

R. Lord, you will show me the path of life.

2. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. R.

3. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. R.

4. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R.

Second Reading (*1 Peter 1.17-21*)

Beloved: If you invoke as Father the one who judges each person impartially according to each one's deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

Christ was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 24.32)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Luke 24.13-35*)

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of Angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. These were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Reflection

(Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

This account by Luke of one of the resurrection appearances reflects deep Eucharistic and liturgical movements that we still encounter in today's celebration of the Mass. Hearing the stranger open up the scriptures upon the Road to Emmaus, and then sharing table fellowship with the stranger opens the two travelers to insight and communion. By interpreting the Scriptures and breaking bread with the two disciples, Jesus reveals himself. Jesus still reveals himself to us in the celebration of the Eucharist. The "burning within us" described by the disciples attests to the validity of their

experience, a revelation that turns the depressed disciples into courageous witnesses once again.

*Recall a time when you gained insight and inspiration from an unexpected encounter.

*What are the liturgical movements in this Emmaus-road encounter?

*What part of this story resonates with your life experience?

Pope’s Prayer Intention for April 2026: For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Our Parish Life of Service

Mass Times

WEEKDAYS: Tuesday-Friday: 12:05 PM.

WEEKENDS: Saturday: 5:30 PM. Sunday: 9 AM. • 11 AM. • 4:30 PM.

Baptism: 2nd Saturday of the month-Parent Preparation session require

Marriage: a minimum of six months before the desired dates.

Contact: E-mail: info@stfranciscalgary.com or Tel: 403-266-2512.

Confessions: 20’ before all masses or after.

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after Wednesday Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: 20 Minutes before Mass, every 1st Friday of the month.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

for the weeks of Mar.31 to Apr 05:

- Looses: **\$779**
- Envelopes: **\$2,025**
- USD **\$25**
- TIA **\$105**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

-Mass Intentions transferred to Diocese : **\$990**

TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA)

Our Parish 2026 Goal: **\$13, 861.99**

Raised to date **\$11,707.00**

To raised: **\$ 2,134.99**

Please help our church get a goal for TIA in 2026 starting from January by online or contribution by envelopes. Thank You. May God bless for your generosity and support!

ONLINE GIVING

SUNDAY OFFERING TO GIVE ONLINE

You can donate directly to St Francis of Assisi’s parish by clicking on the website: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish.html>

