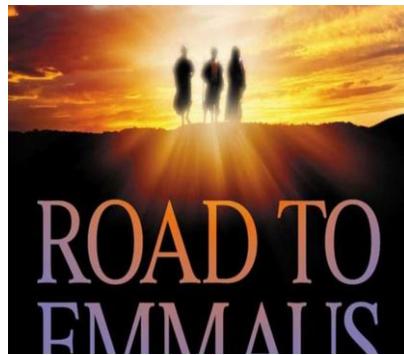


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Announcements
 Fr. Tom will be in FBKS May 15 – 19.
 Fr. Tom will be in Kotz May 19–May 25.
May 7 Religious Ed Sunday from 10:30 – 2:30. Last class. Please make every effort to participate and encounter the risen Jesus.

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Stewardship

For each Christian, tithing is a serious responsibility. Jesus warns us that the rich man will not enter into heaven – Not because he is rich, **BECAUSE HE CANNOT SHARE!**

Legitimate reasons exist for not giving money; there are no legitimate reasons for not giving your time or your talent to the Church, especially at Sunday Mass!

Those who say their budget does not allow them to tithe or are too busy go to Mass but buy unnecessary things, or waste time should look at their habits and ask where they need to change.

Stewardship places God First Sunday Mass is not Optional

Regardless of our circumstances, every person and family needs to give sacrificially either of your time, talent and treasure.

Remember the widow's mite? She gave of herself. We all need to give something of ourselves.

Tobit tells us that *"we are to give alms in proportion to what you own. If you have wealth give from your abundance. If you have but little, distribute even some of that. But do not hesitate to give alms"* (Tobit 4:8).

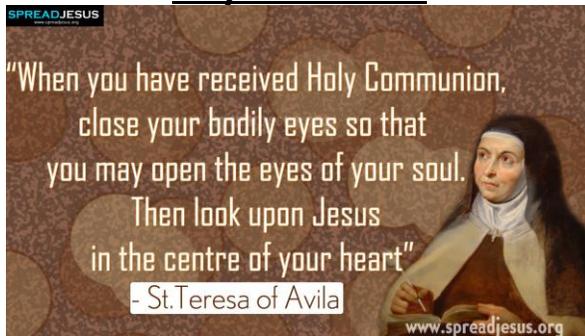
Our tithe is our way to recognize that everything belongs to God. We are merely stewards – not owners!

Tithing demands that we ask ourselves the direction and purpose of my life.

Is God First?

Tithing makes us decide if we are going to keep the First Commandment!

Why be Catholic?



Lord, you will show us the path of life:
Show us the Eucharist

The Eucharist is a memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It re-presents his sacrifice on Calvary. It unites our being to His Being and we become holy as we consume the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus truly present in the bread and wine.

Transubstantiation is a big word that has an important meaning. It is a change of substance. The bread and wine are changed in substance; they are no longer bread and wine, but the Real Presence of Jesus.

The Mass, or the more proper name – Eucharistic Liturgy, has 4 main parts

1. **We speak** and thank God for forgiving our sins. (Opening of Mass)
2. **God speaks** to us when we read and reflect on the Scriptures.
3. **We offer** gifts to God through the bread and wine and offerings.
4. **God offers** us his Gift: Himself to us through the Eucharist.

To receive worthily Holy Communion, the Eucharist, we have to do the following:

1. **Fast** for one hour before reception of Holy Communion (45 minutes before Mass).
2. **Confession:** we are to go to confession that once a year usually during Lent, or at anytime we committed a serious sin before we receive Holy Communion. Listen to St. Paul (I Cor 11: 25).

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord.

A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup.

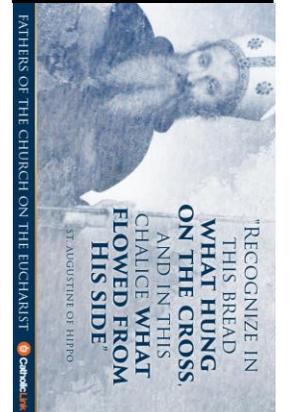
Anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying."



The martyrs shared physically in Christ's passion by their glorious courage; the same is true, by faith, of all who are reborn through baptism. As we have died with Him through Baptism and have been buried and raised to life with Him, so we bear Him within us, both in body and in spirit every time we partake of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

That is why we celebrate the Lord's sacrifice with the unleavened bread, the symbol of sincerity and truth. The former leaven gave rise to our sinful lives. In baptism this sinful leaven is thrown out and a new leaven, The Eucharistic Bread, fills and inebriates us with the Lord Himself.

For the effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. (Pope Leo (461)



Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon May 1	No Mass				Lisa Svobada	
Tue May 2	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Athansius		Dio. of Fbks	
Wed May 3	5:30 PM	Nome	Phillip & James		Dio. of Fbks	
Thu May 4	5:30 PM	Nome			P. Groosthhausen	
Fri May 5	8:00 AM	Nome			KNOM	
Sat May 6	5:30 PM	Nome			Vocations	
Sun May 7	10:30 AM	Nome			St. Joseph Parish	Relg Ed Sunday



"This is the wonderful truth my dear friends: the Word which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist!"
- Bl. John Paul II

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If you invoke Him as Father Who judges impartially according to each one's works, so conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct.

Journey: Where are you Going?

Have you ever asked yourself where am I going? So many people are wandering around looking for some direction in their lives to move them in that direction. So you need to ask yourself: Where do I want to go? What is my purpose? The ultimate question is the Why.

If you do not know your purpose in life then you will wander, meander, wonder, and never move. Like a person lost, they go around in circles; so too people who do not know where they are going will merely circle around, moving from place to place but never getting out of the turmoil of their journey. They need to know their why of life?

What is yours?

It is difficult to deal with this question. Sometimes our difficulties cause us to question WHY? Many times we ask: "Where is God in all of this?" or Why God?

In today's Gospel, the point revolves around recognizing Jesus. Two disciples failed to recognize Jesus. Only after Jesus explained to them the Scriptures did they recognize Him. What happened? Why did they think He was a stranger and not realize who He really was?

The disciples walking away from Jesus to Emmaus discussing stupendous events that took place: the crucifixion and death of Jesus. They were terribly upset because they had thought Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah. They thought they had found the WAY! Look at what happened! He is dead! They were dazed and bewildered by God's Way. They were trying to make sense out of it all asking: Where was God? Why did this happen? They were lost!

Once they recognized Him, they had a new direction. They had their WHY answered! Jesus was with them all along on their journey; but only in the breaking of the bread – the Holy Eucharist – did they find purpose and direction in their lives.

You are not looking for Jesus! Jesus is searching for you, revealing Himself to you daily in so many ways. As the two disciples, we too are blind, lost, and we do not see Jesus speaking to us every day directing our lives. We easily loose our faith as did the two disciples.

The question is, "How do we see people?" Obviously we're not talking here about simply seeing with our eyes, we're talking, rather, about seeing with our hearts. We're dealing with seeing at deeper levels of knowing and understanding. Do I see the dignity of God in others? Do I see my own divine dignity? Do I see God in my life?

Being present at Mass, properly receiving the Eucharist allows us to see Jesus in our daily lives. Jesus gives us a journey with a purpose. If you believe in me and know that I am the way the truth and the life, you will have direction. You will have purpose and every day you will wake up walking the path not away from Jesus but toward Jesus until one day you are united to Jesus. One day you will be resurrected with Jesus into heaven that is our purpose.

Faith you see, isn't based simply on the acquisition of facts, information, and data. True faith sees as God sees, understanding God's ways. It is an experience. Experiencing Jesus daily on your journey! A person of faith sees Jesus using the gifts of the Holy Spirit, particularly His gifts of wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. They commune with Jesus!

Jesus comes to you and me. He wants to change us into Himself. Look at the lives of the saints a. They speak of God united to them, especially when they are weak even broken. Paul frustrated asks God to take away his thorn. What does God tell him? To beat himself up? To despair that he will never be good enough? God challenges us to abandon our desires to prove worthy through our pathetic efforts. God asks us, as He did Paul, to surrender: to enter into an intimate relationship. To be transformed by his love. To eat his body and drink his blood and have his life flowing through your life.

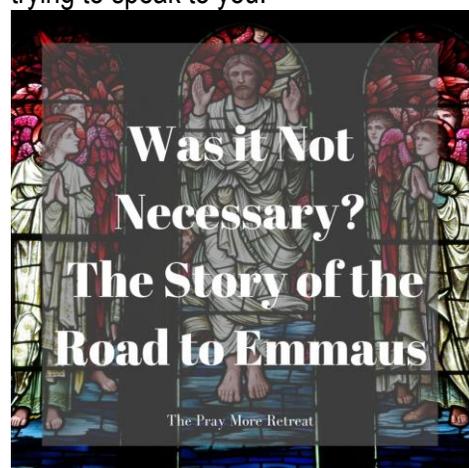
This is why we need times of reflection. This is why we need to get out of the busy-ness of our days. We need to turn off all of the noise that's hurled at us in this modern world of ours. For it is in moments of quiet reflection, Sunday Mass, when we are in a quiet place where we're allowed to reflect, that we begin to "see" Jesus and come into a deeper awareness of His presence to us. The Emmaus Story tell us the truth: Jesus is truly Present!

How do you Pray:



- 1 **Read** a story in Scripture:
Read the Emmaus Story Again
2. **Meditate** on that story:
 - Connect the story to the truths of our faith
 - Connect the story to your life
 - Connect the reflection to what God is asking you to do.
3. **Pray:** that is be in the presence of Jesus and let the story fill your memory, imagination, and will seeing the outcome that God has for you.
4. **Contemplate:** This is the Holy Spirit Working in you.

Unless You Read Scripture Daily
that is walk with the Lord as He did with the two disciples going to Emmaus
You will never understand what God is trying to speak to you:



Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.