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**1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9**  
**Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5**  
**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

April 18, 2021



## Third Sunday of Easter

Just as what was spoken in last week's Gospel, the reading from Luke once again begins with the loving and merciful words, "Peace be with you." The difference between the two readings is the source of the disciples' fright. In John's Gospel last week, the disciples were afraid of the Jewish authorities finding and punishing them. They were ashamed of their fear when seeing Jesus. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples "were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost." The important assertion in this reading is that the risen Jesus will be known **and experienced** in the breaking of the bread. Let's re-read that... "...Jesus was made known to them in the **breaking of the bread.**" There is an action.... an interaction actually. This action brings us to the Cross with Jesus in his death and resurrection, and actively coming into communion with the Risen Christ. In the early Church, the entire Eucharistic celebration was referred to as the breaking of the bread. That's how important the gesture was!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Breaking of Bread, because Jesus used this rite, part of a Jewish meal when as master of the table he blessed and distributed the bread, above all at the Last Supper. It is by this action that his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection, and it is this expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies; by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him." (CCC1329)

This week during the Mass, pay particular attention to the moment when the bread is broken. What do you see when the bread is broken? Do you see the broken body of the Crucified One who died to bring us back to the Father? Do you see the Risen One who overcame the power of death and who has opened the gates of Heaven to you? He is there, every time, ready to give himself to you in love.

GO ON A  
FAMILY EMMAUS WALK!

At some point during the walk, take a break and read the story from the Bible to your kids. Luke 24:13-35.

[CatholicCing.com](http://CatholicCing.com)



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Emmaus Ministry  
[emmausministry.org](http://emmausministry.org)



## The ABCs for Fostering Vocations

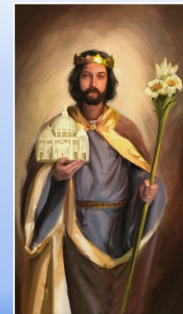


Let your children see their Baptism pictures. Have the children make and send a card or note to the priest who baptized them promising him they will pray for them. (USCCB)



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[Youtube.com- CatholicKidsMedia](http://Youtube.com-CatholicKidsMedia)



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April 17-24

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

## Tantum Ergo

([OurCatholicPrayers.com](http://OurCatholicPrayers.com))

Tantum ergo sacramentum means "So great therefore a sacrament".

Children's Prayer for Tantum Ergo  
([LoyolaPress.com](http://LoyolaPress.com))



## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[bustedhalo.com](http://bustedhalo.com) - *Timing of the Breaking of the Bread*- (Teens & Adult Faith Builders)

[USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) -- *The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist: Basic Questions & Answers* (Adult Faith Builder)

[Emmausministry.org](http://Emmausministry.org) - Learn about Syracuse's Emmaus Ministry and how you can help! (Family Faith Builder)

[chausa.org](http://chausa.org) - *Earth Day Prayer for April 21, 2021*- (Family Faith Builder)

[Youtube.com](http://Youtube.com) - *Laudato Si Care for the Earth, Animation for Children* (Children's Faith Builder)

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