

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**The Church gives us fifty full days to celebrate Easter.** But *how can we live those fifty days more intentionally?* One answer is found in a devotion that many Catholics have never encountered: *The Stations of the Resurrection, also known as the Via Lucis, or the "Way of Light".* Just as the Stations of the Cross guide us step by step through Christ's Passion, the Stations of the Resurrection invite us to walk with the risen Lord through the events that followed Easter morning. They begin with the empty tomb and continue through Christ's appearances to His disciples, ultimately culminating in Pentecost. This devotion typically consists of fourteen stations, mirroring the number found in the Stations of the Cross:

- 1. The First Station: Jesus rises from the dead.** The Way of Light begins where the Passion ended with the victory of Christ over the grave. The Resurrection is the foundation of Christian hope and the promise that death does not have the final word.
- 2. The Second Station: The disciples find the empty tomb.** The women who come to anoint the body discover the stone rolled away. Confusion gives way to wonder as the first sign appears that something extraordinary has taken place.
- 3. The Third Station: The risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.** At first, she mistakes Him for the gardener, but when Christ calls her by name, she recognizes Him. This moment reminds us that the risen Lord knows each of us personally.
- 4. The Fourth Station: Jesus walks with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.** Two discouraged followers leave Jerusalem, unaware that Christ Himself is walking beside them. As He opens the Scriptures, their hearts begin to burn with renewed faith.
- 5. The Fifth Station: Jesus is recognized in the breaking of the bread.** This moment foreshadows the Eucharist, where the risen Lord continues to reveal Himself to the Church.
- 6. The Sixth Station: Jesus appears to the Apostles.** Christ enters the locked room where the apostles hide in fear. His peaceful presence transforms fear into courage.
- 7. The Seventh Station: Jesus gives the Apostles the power to forgive sins.** Breathing the Holy Spirit upon them means that the sacrament of reconciliation begins to take shape within the life of the Church.
- 8. The Eighth Station: Doubting Thomas refuses to believe without seeing.** Christ responds not with condemnation but with mercy, inviting him to touch the wounds that prove the reality of the Resurrection.
- 9. The Ninth Station: Jesus appears by the Sea of Tiberias.** The risen Christ meets them in their ordinary work and fills their nets with fish.
- 10. The Tenth Station: Jesus forgives Peter.** After Peter's threefold denial during the Passion, Christ invites him to affirm his love three times.
- 11. The Eleventh Station: Jesus sends the Apostles into the world.** Before His Ascension, Christ commands His followers to proclaim the Gospel to every nation. The mission of the Church begins here.
- 12. The Twelfth Station: Jesus ascends into heaven.** The risen Lord returns to the Father, promising that His presence will remain with His followers even though they no longer see Him.
- 13. The Thirteenth Station: Mary and the Apostles wait in prayer.** Gathered in the Upper Room, they await the gift Christ promised.
- 14. The Fourteenth Station: The Holy Spirit descends at Pentecost.** The journey concludes with the birth of the Church. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles go forth to proclaim the risen Christ to the world.

The Easter season gives us fifty days to move from the shadow of the Cross into the light of the Resurrection. The Stations of the Resurrection offer a simple path for making that journey. If you have never prayed them before, this Easter may be the perfect time to begin, because Easter is not just one day we celebrate.

*Fr. Slawek*

**APRIL 19, 2026**

**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan**—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish’s account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 21**

9 a.m. Intentions of Lucille Mizuno.

**Wednesday, April 22**

9 a.m. + **Repose of the soul of** Czeslaw Sawicki req. by N. Sawicki.

**Thursday, April 23**

9 a.m.. **Repose of the soul of** Elizabeth & Bill Comerford req. by Bridget Murphy.

**Friday, April 24**

9 a.m. + **Repose of the soul of** Paul Lee req. by Alice Chan.

**Saturday, April 25**

4:30 p.m. **Repose of the soul of** Thomas Donaghy req. by Bridget Murphy.

**Sunday, April 26**

9 a.m. **Intentions of** all Parishioners

11 a.m. **Repose of the soul of** Silvestro De Laurentis req. by Angela De Laurentis

**Parish Summer Camp**



**from 9 am to 3 pm.**

**Maximum 60 children ages 4 – 13 years old per camp week**

**Cost** \$100 per child • \$175 with 1 sibling

**Summer Camp days – Week 1 - June 28– July 3**

**Summer Camp days – Week 2 - July 6– July 10**

**Summer Camp days – Week 3 - July 13– July 17**

**Registration forms available from Claudia Marzo**

**Attention: All Parishioners Donating to Holy Spirit Church**

Just a friendly reminder that your assigned Church box of envelopes is for your donations only. If you are donating on behalf of someone else please use a visitors envelope and write the persons full name, address and phone number on the envelope or request an assigned box of Church envelopes for the individual that want to donate to Holy Parish.

Thank you

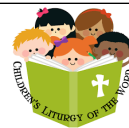


The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Holy Spirit Conference

*Turning concern into action*

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” - (Psalm 33.5) Let us spread this goodness by reaching out to those who depend on us for the basic and material needs. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul relies totally on the generosity of benefactors like YOU in their mission to help our neighbor-in-need get their basic needs.

**Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.**



**Children’s Liturgy:**

Every Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.



**COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

Everyone welcome



**ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?**

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.

God, thank you for the closed doors. Thank you for not allowing me to settle for second best. God, every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, you were re-directing me to something better. God, I pray you will give me peace when frustration creeps in. I pray you will give me strength to press on when I’m told, “no”. God, I thank you for teaching me that “no” is just a step to a bigger and better, “YES.” Amen.