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Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Len Sweet tells this story about Karl Barth, the famous Swiss theologian. Karl Barth was riding a streetcar in his home city of Basel, Switzerland. He took a seat next to a tourist, and the two men started chatting with one another. “*Are you new to the city?*” Barth inquired. “*Yes,*” said the tourist. “*Is there anything you would particularly like to see in the city?*” asked Barth. “*Yes,*” replied the tourist, “*I would like to meet the famous Swiss theologian, Karl Barth; do you know him?*” Barth answered, “*As a matter of fact, I do know him. I give him a shave every morning!*” The tourist got off the streetcar at the next stop, quite delighted with himself. He went back to his hotel and told everyone, “*I met Karl Barth’s barber today!*” -- Len Sweet tells the story to make the point that we, like the disciples who were on the way to Emmaus, often fail to recognize Jesus when he is among us. The crazy irony is that we miss the opportunity for meeting Jesus living who is already dwelling with us and within us.

Life messages:

1) Jesus meets us on our Emmaus Road. The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security, and family relationships. These often shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect the risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life’s journey through rough times.

2) We meet Jesus on a daily basis in our life’s journey. The Church instructs us to hear Jesus on a daily basis through prayer, through the faithful reading of, and meditation on, the Bible, through our experience of Jesus as we participate in the Eucharistic celebration in which the risen Lord gives us Himself as our spiritual Food and Drink, through our personal and family prayers, and through our family meals. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist and, through the Word of God, we commune with him in prayer, we renew our part in our relationship of mutual loving service. These meetings enable us to encounter the risen Jesus living in all the people we meet and, in them, to offer our Lord humble, loving, selfless service.

3) Do our hearts burn when we listen to the risen Lord in the Bible? Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Vatican II (*Dei Verbum 21*) tells us that Jesus is to be equally venerated in the Eucharist and in the Bible. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, learn the Bible, pray with the Bible, memorize the Bible, meditate on the word of God with burning zeal, and practice what the Bible teaches.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Apr 18	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Sun	Apr 19	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Apr 19	12:30 p.m.	Albina Larios+
Tue	Apr 21	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Thu	Apr 23	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Fri	Apr 24	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Sat	Apr 25	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+

Parish Giving

April 12, 2026

1st Collection	\$2,705.74
2nd Collection	\$ 385.00
Children's Collection	\$ 62.00

2nd Collection	Apr 19	Helpers
3rd Collection	Apr 19	Lawn Care/Maintenance
2nd Collection	Apr 26	Catholic Home Missions

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 86
10:00 a.m. 134 and 12:30 p.m. 115

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace even if your whole world seems upset.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

We are given the opportunity this month to come together to protect our children and ensure that each child has a safe and nurturing environment to grow and thrive. In the U.S. nearly 1 in 7 children experience some form of abuse or neglect each year. How can you help? There are many ways, including prayer, attending Mass, praying the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Also, educate yourself and others to recognize the signs of abuse, share it with others, and offer kindness and assistance to parents and caregivers who may need encouragement. (from USCCB)

Easter House Blessings

A sign-up sheet with Fr. Luke's available dates and times for Easter House Blessings is on the table in the church foyer. It is a special blessing with the water blessed at Easter Vigil. Those who wish to have their house blessed please sign up, selecting an available slot as early as possible.

Lay Ministers

Lay Ministers are needed for all Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Training will be provided.

Recipes for Altar Society Cookbook

We are missing some important recipes and they are yours. Please, please add to our cookbook; it won't be the same without you. The box is in the foyer for paper copies, or you can take a photo and send your recipe(s) to Carolyn at 254 931-0780 by text.

Knights of Columbus - Donations for Newborn Babies

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations of diapers in April and baby wipes in May. Your donations will be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution to mothers and babies in need. Boxes for donation items are in the church foyer and inside the north entrance to the Church. All donations are very much appreciated.

Spring Fest 2026 - May 2

Volunteers are Needed

Contact Paul Bibeau at bibeau3636@yahoo.com or use the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

Raffle Tickets are on Sale

Purchase a raffle ticket and you may win a \$1000 gift card, a hand-made quilt, or other items. Tickets may be purchased after the Mass - \$5 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. The drawing will be at 1:30 pm on May 2. You do not have to be present to win.

From the Diocese of Tyler

Diocesan Formation (Catechist) Conference - August 8, 2026 - Registration opens on April 20 - See the link at dioceseoftyler.org.

DCYC 2026 Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026 JAMA Global Campus, Lindale, TX - More info at www.dioceseoftyler.orgdcyc. Registration opens on April 20.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for April 5

Kids: a. Amminadab
b. Moses

Answered by Victoria Gutierrez, David Gutierrez, Natalia Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

Adults: a. Tribe of Judah
b. In the desert of Sinai

Answered by Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Carolyn Barrett, Andrea Gustafson, Glenda Means, Neri Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, and Mimi Plumb.

Congratulations for the 5 weeks answers to Linda Rossler, David Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

Questions for April 19 (Numbers 16-20)

Kids: a. Who was the father of Eleazar?
b. Who died on the top of Mount Hor?

Adults: a. No one who was not a descendant of _____ should approach the altar to offer incense before the Lord, he meet the fate of Korah and his band.
b. The Lord said, .."I give you the priesthood as a gift..." To whom is 'you' referred here?

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