

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 A.D. 2010

At the risk of offending, there seems to be some miscommunication, probably on my part, about the liturgies of Holy Week. Only twelve souls attended liturgy last night, which tells me that something is amiss. In historic catholic Christianity, (catholic means universal and according to the whole), there are only a few **Days of Obligation**: Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Ash Wednesday, Ascension, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

Of course, some people cannot drive at night, or simply cannot get out of work, or the nature of their work is such that it does not respect ordinary schedules (law enforcement, medical, military deployment). Perhaps it's never been made clear to you that these days are not optional, bonus services, or extreme devotions for the few. If you have something else going on that precludes attendance at worship at one of these few days of obligation, I admonish you in Christ Jesus to seriously to examine your priorities. End of sermon.

FR. THERON †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday:

2:00 (note the time change): Stations of the Cross at Emmaus

7:00 (note this additional time): Liturgy of the Day: The Passion Gospel according to Saint John, the Solemn Collects of Good Friday, Communion of the Presanctified Gifts, and the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

Help Easter Preparation Work Party Saturday

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Worship Booklet Assembly, Sign Installation



Serving Sunday

Lector: Jim Sullivan

Usher: Pam and Alan Hotchkiss.

Altar Guild: Mary Renton and Genie Willis

Acolytes: All Hands on Deck! (Be at church at 9:30 for rehearsal.)

Chalice: Charles Johnsen

Assisting Clergy: Fr. Pat Copalello

Prayer Team: Erin Cook, Denise Walker

Choir

Music: Lura Wolfe, Jacob Wolfe, Barbara Kleinert

Easter Brunch

April 4th after worship at the home of Alan and Pam Hotchkiss

Alan and Pam welcome all Emmaus Members and Families to an Easter Potluck Brunch at their house. (5 minutes from church: 1078 Eaglestone Drive [Crystal Valley Ranch] Castle Rock,)

Please let us know who's coming and what (if you're able) you want to bring 303-254-9591 or by return at p.hotchkiss@hotmail.com.

A TIME FOR VISION: SUNDAY APRIL 11

A ONE HOUR compact-retreat for all ages to have a deep encounter with the Emmaus story, trusting that, in community, through Scripture, the Lord will reveal to us how to best articulate the words of our calling (where our deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet).

Agenda

Sermon Time: Personal Encounter with the Story.

11:10-11:30: Community Fellowship/Refreshments.

11:30-35: Regroup into small groups.

11:35-55: First Scenario/Encounter with the Story.

11:55-12:15: Second Scenario/Encounter with the Story.

12:15-30: Regroup, Reflections, Discussion

Community Service

I have been asked to coordinate the community service endeavors for Emmaus Anglican Church.

Our first such effort began last Saturday when some of us volunteered at St. Francis Center in Denver. That will be an ongoing Emmaus activity the first Saturday of each month. I would like to identify community service activities closer to home, here in Castle Rock or somewhere else in Douglas County. One suggestion has already been made - bringing the Word to the those serving time at the Douglas County Jail. Do you have an idea of a community service we, as a group, might provide locally? It could be either an ongoing activity or a one-time event. If you have an idea, please give me a call. Once we have a few ideas, we will decide how to proceed.

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Let me know if you have any questions. **Our next volunteer day is April 3.** I will contact you before then to see if you are planning to go.

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Emmaus is on Facebook!

Denise Walker (the queen of awesome), has started a community Facebook account for Emmaus. This is an amazing, easy access way, in addition to our Webpage, to communicate, share pictures, visit with one another, ask for prayers, and so on. Here's the address:
http://www.facebook.com/n/?group.php&gid=108696545815077&mid=214943fG4a7c69fcG1b752beG6&n_m=trwalker%40mac.com

Easter Lilies and Altar Flowers

Becky Brennan and Pat Suro have been exercising their creative and organization gifts to make sure the altar is decorated with all the beauty and grace that becomes an Anglican church at Easter. If you would like to make a special Easter offering towards flowers, please contact Becky gammyspluto@gmail.com or Pat TheSuros@aol.com.

Questions have come up about how we are going to do altar flowers throughout the year. An altar flower policy was suggested and accepted in the immediate interim, pending final approval by the IEC:

Memorials/Thanksgiving Special Offering: Easter, Christmas, and All Saints' Day
All other Sundays: Paid for out of the General Fund.

The logistical and financial issues around weekly flower charts and printed acknowledgements are legion. We hope this approach will give us several special opportunities for flower gifts, while dodging the flower fund blues. If you would really like to make a special gift during the year, contact Becky or Pat directly. Your gift will be acknowledged through personal correspondence. Our aim is to pray for all anniversaries, birthdays, etc... in the Prayers of the People.