

Just for Parents..

Today your children reviewed the events of Holy Week and learned about the Walk to Emmaus

On Palm Sunday we remembered that Jesus entered Jerusalem; the people shouted, “Hosanna.” On Holy Thursday we remembered Jesus’ last supper with his disciples and his capture by soldiers. On Good Friday, we remembered Jesus’ crucifixion and burial in the tomb.

Then on Easter, the 3rd day after Jesus died, we heard the story about the women who went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body. When they got to the tomb they saw the stone had been rolled away and an angel was sitting on top of the stone. Imagine how they must felt! The angel told them that Jesus has rose from the dead! They ran back to where the disciples were staying to tell them.

After the women told the disciples that Jesus’ body was not in the tomb, two of Jesus’ followers were walking to a town called Emmaus. They knew Jesus had been crucified; they probably had seen Jesus hanging on the cross. They certainly knew Jesus’ body had been put in the tomb. And they had heard from the women who went to the tomb early that morning that Jesus’ body was not there.

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God’s word in Scripture and by Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family:

- Ask each person to share their favorite story about your family.
- Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family.
- Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share.
- Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 24:35-48.
- Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ’s witnesses in the world today.