

**April 14-15, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 3:13-19**

**First John 2:1-5**

**Luke 24:35-48**

**FOOD saves the day!**

Sometimes we forget that the Passover was a MEAL and it was during the Passover that we, with all our doctrine and theological ponderings, were gifted with EUCHARIST when Jesus took bread and wine and pronounced them to be his body and blood. FOOD is tactile, requires CHEWING and SWALLOWING. Food has become the center point of most of our sacred and civic events...from the turkey at Thanksgiving to grilled burgers (or vegan versions too) at Fourth of July to Champagne toasts at signing of treaties, celebrating weddings and christening of ships...to today's Gospel reading from Luke where the two fellows, who had been traveling to Emmaus when they encountered Jesus 'in the breaking of the bread', are recounting to the rest of the Disciples what they had just experienced. Lo and behold, as if waiting in the wings, Jesus appears in their midst and they are TERRIFIED...thinking they are seeing a ghost. Jesus encourages them to touch him and feel his flesh and bones...but finally, he asks for some food and they give him a piece of baked fish...and that settles it...watching him chew and swallow the fish they know...it is really Jesus. Food can fill more than our bellies, it can be a key for opening our imaginations, our memories and can fill our souls with possibilities. The expression : 'something to chew on' is an example of how delicious good thoughts and ideas can be. On this third weekend of us trying to unravel the power of The Resurrection, our Gospel reminds us to NOT STOP CHEWING and savoring the stories we shared during Holy Week...and perhaps the next time you receive the Host in your hand or upon your tongue and sip from the chalice...let your prayer be...Lord Jesus, let this FOOD help me know you more strongly and to have my mind opened to your words. Don't get carried away with too many words...let God do the rest...just savor the food and drink...it is delicious in so many ways.

On this lovely Spring day, Thank You for joining with our Santa Clara community for prayer, worship and sacrament. This coming week is busy for many of our families with our High School Youth being Confirmed on Friday evening (Bishop Tim Freyer presiding) and then on next Sunday we will celebrate the first of our two First Eucharist celebrations at the 12 noon Mass (the next one will be on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>, again at 12noon) Please keep our youth, our children and their families in your prayer during these powerful Sacramental celebrations. You are also reminded that the \$40 tickets for 'BUBBLES and BRUNCH' are available for purchase after the Masses this weekend (they are NOT available online.) With only 200 seats available...do not delay in making your purchase...first come, first served. The Bulletin as further articles and information about parish happenings, please take one with you....and remember, you are loved. FKB