Stories of Hope ...
We may have or know someone who has experienced what we call, “Stories of Hope”. We hear a lot of them during the season of Lent, but we can just as easily call them Easter stories. Whether it’s a community of women in Mexico, a family in India, or a young man in El Salvador, each is faced with a challenge - a crisis of faith. Instead of throwing up their hands, they commit to act.

For me, these stories aren’t so different from the Emmaus story.

When the risen Jesus encounters his disciples on the road to Emmaus, it’s quite clear that their journey away from Jerusalem is, in fact, a journey away from hope. They’ve witnessed their friend, their hoped-for savior die. They’ve seen their community scattered. They think their trust in God was misplaced. What is left for them now?

Jesus, of course, turns them around - quite literally. Their encounter with the risen Christ means a renewed encounter with hope. God is not done yet, and darkness and suffering do not have the final word. The disciples reverse direction, heading back to Jerusalem to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ.

Our modern day “Stories of Hope” remind us that this Emmaus story continues to unfold in our own time. Some 1.3 billion people live in extreme poverty, 805 million don’t have enough food to eat and more than a billion people do not have
adequate or safe water to drink. We need only turn on the nightly news to know that war and violence plague our communities - both at home and abroad. Where should we place our hope when the challenges seem insurmountable? It’s tempting to throw up our hands in despair.

Yet, this is the story of Resurrection. We meet Christ daily in the faces of our neighbors, those we meet in our work, our school, our home, on our streets. These encounters need not be enormous acts of philanthropy or world-saving initiatives; sometimes all it takes is a little snack, a small gesture to affirm our common humanity.

We encounter Christ, too, within ourselves. By probing the depths of our own inner life, we come in contact with the God who desires that we live in community - that we look out for one another. And in these encounters, we have reason to hope. Because God is not done yet - and so long as we have strength to continue the work of building a culture of encounter, of responding to our Gospel call, neither are we.

As we begin this Easter season, let us commit ourselves to sharing Easter hope and joy with all those we encounter.

Deacon Gary Wortham
Director of Worship
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Scripture Readings
May 7
Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Invite 2.0
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Wednesdays, May 3 thru 5/24, 7:30 PM - 9 PM

Invite 2.0 is to help explore the big questions –
to find a deeper sense of your spiritual side. Is
there something bigger out there? It is a place
for you to slow down, listen to some soft music,
watch a short thought-provoking video, and
explore your thoughts and hearts in small
group discussions with others. If you are
interested in joining the Invite 2.0 team,
contact Roxanne Rasmussen at
roxanneras@gmail.com.
Visit us at www.invite2.org and rsvp to
inviteyou20@gmail.com.
For information call Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425
or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Talk on Conscience
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Friday, May 12 at 7:00 PM

Gus Nystrom uses two books/movies to
highlight training and following conscience.
"Les Miserables" provides two great examples
from the time of the French Revolution. The
book "In Solitary Witness" provides what may
be the best known examples (from the lives of
Franz Joseph Jagerstater and his wife Franziska
during the start of WWII). The talk will mostly
be serious, but the closing will be joyous. "Les
Miserables" was written by Victor Hugo in 1862.
"In Solitary Witness" was written by Gordon
Zahn in 1986. The Jagerstater story will appear
in movie form under the name "St.
Radegund" (their small town in Austria),
highlighting the Jagerstater’s rock-solid love.
Any questions, contact Gus at (925) 551-8064.

1st Wednesdays at Main Street
The Catholic Community of Pleasanton has a
booth at downtown Pleasanton’s First
Wednesdays Summer Street Fairs. Please visit
our booth between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM from
May to August! The Teen Choir performs a few
songs and our Confirmation Teens provide face
painting for the kids. We talk to people about
our Church and our faith. It’s a non-threatening
way to begin sharing our faith! Mark your
calendars to visit the CCOP booth (near Dean's
Cafe on Main Street).

RCIA: Come and See
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is
the process that adults complete to receive the
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and
Eucharist.

Grief Workshop
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
Second and Fourth Thursday Evenings, 7:30 PM
May 25
June 8 and 22
July 13 and 27
August 10 and 24

Join us bi-monthly and let us accompany you on
your healing journey. No pre-registration is
necessary. These sessions are open to all,
regardless of religious affiliation.
For more information, call Eleanor Flatley at
(925) 846-8708.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Roy Haley
Maria Goetz
Kathy Johnson
Lorraine Hanna
Anny Manor
Paul Miller
Terri Campbell
Bea Gifford
Bella de Asis
David Reason
Vicki Latta

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Xavier Jayaraj
Esmerenia Lemon
Paz Perez Orantes
Patricia Ann Herrera
Isaak Escamilla
Angela E. Scatena
Brigid Teresa Corcoran
Marie Garibaldi
Jerome Paul Dow
Thomas V. Malone
Gloria Ann Andrada
Bob O’Neill
Dominic Rich
J.O. Splitzstosser
VBS Registration

Registration is now open for our 2017 Vacation Bible School, which will take place from 9:00 AM-12:30PM on June 19 – 23. This year’s theme is Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose. Enter a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they’re lovingly crafted by God thru Bible Discovery, Game Makers, Imagination Station, Sound Wave Sing and Play, Snack Factory, Kid Vid Cinema and a lot of other amazing stuff! VBS is open to children from age 4th through 5th grade (2016/2017 school year). Preschool spaces are limited. Registration must be postmarked by May 13. For more information and to download a registration form go to www.catholicsofpleasanton.org and click on “Vacation Bible School”. Forms are also available in the Faith Formation Office.

VBS Needs Your Help!

Please pray about how you can be involved in VBS this year. It takes over 100 volunteers to put on our Vacation Bible School. We need adults to be crew leaders, lead the song, game and bible adventure stations. Please visit our website at www.catholicsofpleasanton.org and go to the Vacation Bible School Page for description of each of these positions or to sign up. We can’t do it without you!

Adult Confirmation

Adults interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425, for more information.
Mass for the Sick with Anointing

Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 AM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel

All are welcome:
Sick, Homebound, Residents of Convalescent and Group Homes & their families

Lunch Immediately following Mass

Please R.S.V.P. to Dave Frankenberger
(925) 846-8561 or dfranken@comcast.net