

Living the Gospel



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 23, 2023



April 25th – April 29th

Tues. 8:30 am – Teresa Quigley †

Wed. 8:30 am – Hilda Pereira †

Thurs. Noon – Mary Cassar †

Fri. 8:30 am – Ignatius Kwan †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Tity Valerian Gozali †

READINGS FOR – April 23rd

1st Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel: John 10.1-10



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“They recognised him at the breaking of bread.”

Today’s Gospel recalls the appearance of Jesus to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. These men who are returning to their home village after having celebrated the Paschal feast in Jerusalem show by the tone of their conversation their great sadness and how discouraged and disconcerted, they are: We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. But now they speak of Jesus as a reality belonging to the past.



These men did know about Christ’s promise of rising on the third day. They had heard that morning the message of the women who had seen the empty tomb and the angels. Things had been sufficiently clear for them to have nourished their faith and their hope; but instead, they speak of Christ as belonging to the past, as a lost opportunity. They are a living picture of discouragement. Their minds are in darkness and their hearts are numbed.

Christ Himself—whom they did not at first recognize but whose company and conversation they accept—interprets those events for them in the light of the Scriptures. Patiently He restores in them their faith and their hope. And the two of them recover also their joy and their love: Did not our hearts burn within us, they say later, while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?

It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in the apostolate or in our work that seem to be insurmountable.... On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our souls in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible: And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. But it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.



Blue Mass
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ANNUAL BLUE MASS

Saturday, April 29 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Edward the Confessor Church

A celebration Mass to commemorate the past and honour the present members of Police Services, Fire Services, Paramedic Services and the Canadian Armed Forces. Social and refreshments after Mass. Contact Henry Tang for more info at 416-464-8215.

Regional Mass Of Welcome for Arch. Francis Leo

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM**

**St. Isaac Jogues Parish
1148 Finch Ave, Pickering**

A regional Mass of Welcome will take place in each region of the Archdiocese, providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to welcome Archbishop Leo to the archdiocese.

For more

information: <https://bit.ly/ArchbishopLeoRegionalMass>



Fundraisers

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A ShareLife Campaign Update

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again. Thus far we have raised \$34,000.00 toward our goal of \$120,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**Next weekend, April 30th is
ShareLife Sunday
Please give Generously**



CWL FUNDRAISER APRIL 29 – APRIL 30

A lovely selection of gifts will be on sale in the Parish Hall on the above noted weekend after all Masses. This fundraiser is being sponsored by the Catholic Women's League through the generous contributions of Prudence Gonsalves. Payment by cash only.

Catholic Women's League MAY 6 & 7

St. Philip Neri's Table, a Food Program, is an outreach mission to the poor located in North York, intended to alleviate the food insecurity crisis affecting families in Toronto and surrounding areas. The CWL will be collecting non-perishable food items the weekend of May 6 & 7 for this worthy cause. Collection boxes will be at the entrance to the Church. Please give generously. Thank you!



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Just what you need to take to the cottage or for your weekend BBQ. These products are of excellent quality and



come highly recommended. If you are interested in purchasing, order forms will be available at the back of the church; fill it in and return it to a CWL member after Mass with cheques made payable to CWL Good Shepherd. We will be accepting orders up until May 5th. Delivery of orders will be on May 17th, 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Spread the news to your family, friends and neighbours.

Bundle Up For the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul! May 20th and May 21st

St. Vincent de Paul will leave a truck in our parking lot for the weekend and it will be staffed by our Knights of Columbus. Please save any gently used clothing, shoes and linens that you would like to donate. Please check out the bulletin board for more information.



Ministry with Maturing Adults

CHATS PRESENTS:

“Building Resilience for Seniors”

FRIDAY APRIL 28th

ZOOM WORKSHOP

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.


Guest Speaker: Jaunita Butler

Topics covered will include: Adversity, Types of Stress, Adapting to Difficult Experiences and Adjustments to Demands.

To register please contact Viola at vathaide@rogers.com or by calling the church at 905-881-1534.



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