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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017

“Did not our hearts burn while he opened to us the Scriptures?”



Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They *had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel*. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their *slowness of heart* to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until had had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and *in the breaking of the bread*?

St. Augustine of Hippo (345-430 AD) reflects on the dimness of their perception: “*They are so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching,*

did not look for his resurrection and failed to keep is promises in mind” (Sermon 235.1).

“Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which were still ignorant of the truth, that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered.” It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth. (From *The Harmony of the Gospels*, 3.25.75) How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow His word to change and transform you?

Important notice

Weekday Mass Attendees

Please note that Fr. Bernard will away from the Parish from Monday May 15 to Friday May 19 inclusive. Weekday Masses will not be celebrated on those days.

BRING LIFE TO OTTAWA

For anyone moved by the Holy Spirit to work to protect our fellow humans from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, please join us for a day trip to our nation's capital by coach on **Thursday, May 11** to attend the annual **March for Life** event. A coach will leave from St. Francis of Assisi at 6:30 a.m. right after the 6 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$40. For more info call John Killackey at 905-820-9232.

SPRING PLANTERS & BASKETS

Help support Knights of Columbus activities in your community by ordering beautiful spring flower planters and baskets. Order your **SPRING BASKETS** (10", 12" & 16" sizes, \$20.00 - \$29.00) after all Masses April 22/23, April 29/30 & May 6/7. Flowers will be delivered May 13th and 14th. Need further information? Call Wayne Ferrell 905-607-5981.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS IN A FAITH CONTEXT

On Monday May 15 the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute presents: A Catholic response to euthanasia and physician-assisted death. Keynote address from Cardinal Gerhard Muller, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (Vatican). Event takes place at St. Michael's Cathedral with evening prayer at 7:00 followed by the keynote address at 7:30. For more information go to www.ccbi-utoronto.ca

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, MAY 1 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MAY 2 – 8:00 A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Jan Heini

+ Filomena Flammia

THURSDAY, MAY 4 – 8:00 A.M.

+ In reparation for offences committed
against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, MAY 5 – 7:00 P.M.

S. I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, MAY 6 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, MAY 7 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 A.M. John and Ann Liptay

Jack Quigg

Tom Quigg

9:30 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

11:00 A.M. *Intention Available*

12:30 P.M. + Stan Clark

+ Irene Lee

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY



On the weekend of **May 20th**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of **gently** used clothes and leather shoes. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.



Living the Gospel by helping families in crisis...

Having experienced childhood sexual abuse, Tom originally sought counseling treatment for resulting depression at a local clinic. Since Tom had experienced the death of his wife, his increased drinking, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, depression and financial loss had placed an immense strain on his relationship with his mother and two sons. Through the 12 step program and other counseling at Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, Tom has experienced a tremendous peace and healing in his family relationships. "Giving hope and saving lives is what this is all about," shares Tom, "I am very grateful to ShareLife for the funding they provide to Catholic Family Services of Simcoe." Over 21,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported Family Services Programs.

**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017
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SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

"At His service, At His feet, In His name": Join us for a day of reflection on what it means to know, love, and serve Jesus. We are all called to experience a unique relationship with our Lord. Come for a day of reflection, prayer, and mass. Bring a friend! The retreat is being held at St. Augustine's Seminary June 3rd from 9:30-2:30. Cost is \$50.00. For more information call 416-261-7207 ext. 235 or email ioft@sastoronto.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the boys and girls in our parish schools who will be receiving Jesus for the first time.

St. Francis of Assisi School –
Sunday, April 30th

St. Margaret of Scotland – Sunday,
May 7th

Christ the King & Other Schools –
Sunday, May 14th



HOLY NAME OF MARY OPEN HOUSE

Holy Name of Mary College School Open House on Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the school. Find out more at www.hnmcs.ca or admissions@hnmcs.ca or 905-891-1890.

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