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Sacred Conversations

Third Sunday of Easter

My husband Cleopas and I decided to leave Jerusalem. We were heartbroken. We had hoped that Jesus, our beloved friend, would redeem Israel. But instead, the Romans crucified him. The Romans are beasts.

Our group spent the next hours huddled together, terrified of the soldiers. This morning, three of the disciples went to the tomb with spices to anoint his body. They came running back with the wildest tale! They were screaming that his body is gone, that he has been raised! And even Peter ran to the tomb and found the burial cloths just lying there in the empty tomb. People are crying and laughing and screaming and singing, "He has been raised!" But we aren't naive. We won't be taken in by wishful thinking. The Jerusalem group can keep their joy. We saw him crucified. He had no power over the Romans. He wasn't the one we'd hoped for after all.

But here's the thing. On the road back to Emmaus, a stranger appeared on the road. He asked us why we were weeping. How could he not know? We started from the beginning, from the day three years ago when he heard about Jesus, and came to find him, and fell so in love with him. We told him about the friends we had made, friends we thought we'd have forever. It felt good to tell the story. In fact, our hearts were burning within us, just remembering him.

That Stranger was a good listener. Ha! How did we not recognize him? It was Jesus! As usual, we thought we were running away from him, but he was running towards us the whole time.

How does remembering the Story bring Jesus nearer?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Apr 24	Memorial	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr
Tues. Apr 25	Feast	St. Mark, Evangelist
Wed. Apr 26	Memorial	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Fri. Apr 28	Memorial	St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Sat. Apr 29	Memorial	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

READINGS THIS WEEK

23 Acts 2.14, 22b-28: 1 Peter 1.17-21: Luke 24.13-35
 24 Acts 6.8-15: John 6.22-29
 25 1 Peter 5.5b-14: Mark 16.15-20
 26 Acts 8.1b-8: John 6.35-40
 27 Acts 8.26-40: John 6.44-51
 28 Acts 9.1-20: John 6.52-59
 29 Acts 9.31-42: John 6.53, 60-69+ +



3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

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 **\$42,105.65** toward our goal of **\$175,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.

April 30 is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.

SMI SPRING GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

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LAST CHANCE to purchase tickets

CWL INSTALLATION CEREMONY – SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Join us **Sunday, April 30 at the 11:00 am** Mass for the installation of the new CWL executive committee and a thank you presentation for past President, Boots Montano. Cake and coffee will be served following the Mass in the parish hall.

NEOPHYTE MASS – SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Archbishop Leo will preside at a special Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly-initiated into the Church. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Registration closes **Tuesday, April 25**. Neophytes and their guests will be assured of reserved seating. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/NeophyteMass-RegisterApr2023> or
CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – APRIL 30 – MAY 5, 2023

"WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE"

During Catholic Education Week, we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. A provincial Mass will be celebrated **May 3 at 1:30 pm** at St. Michael's Cathedral and will also be livestreamed.

NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK: MAY 7-14

Across Canada, the Catholic faithful are invited to celebrate a special week to honour and support families. The official theme of the National Family and Life Week is from the Gospel of John, the words of Jesus who says, "Love one another. Just as I

have loved you, you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34). We find love at the heart of family relationships, a communion of love in Christ. To love one another is to be "guardians of life" within our families and in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized.



MAY 11, 2023

The annual National March for Life event will be held in Ottawa again this year with the **march taking place on May 11, 2023. St. Mary Immaculate will be sharing a bus and we will have 27 seats allocated. Please contact the parish office to register your spot on the bus.** More than 25,000 concerned citizens young and old will march in the streets of Ottawa asking for justice and human rights for unborn children. Please pray and light a candle for this special intention and to show your support of the March. Please visit <https://marchforlife.ca> or call Campaign Life Coalition at 1-800-730-5358.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA & CONSECRATION MASS

Join us on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, **Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 am** for Mass with Marian Consecration. Pancake breakfast to follow in the parish hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY

On Mother's Day, **Sunday May 14**, we invite you and all children to the **11:00 am Mass** for the crowning of the statue of Mother Mary. A special way to honor and seek the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

SMI PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Join Fr. Nicetus, our Associate, as spiritual leader on this 9 days pilgrimage, **February 22 – March 1, 2024**. For more details, please pick up a brochure available at all the entrances to the Church. Registration form and payment may be dropped off at the Parish office or contact Halina at International Heritage Tours, 416-444-6666, 1-877-999-8868 ext. 315 or at halina@ihtours.com.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Victoria Angie Marie Bodrov, Luna Rose Carella, Leonardo Emidio Greco, Arjun Joseph Konn, Joseph Michael Marcella and Cole Archibald Reynolds
We welcome you into the Church! We wish the Parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Avery Georgia Magisano & Dion Frane Vrdoljak
We wish them an abundance of God's graces and the loving care of our Mother Mary!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

+Jianzhong Zhou & +Maria De Angelis
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

APR 24 - 30: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Tiziana Lipa (nee Miceli)
&

Spec. Int. for the medical care of the People of Ukraine

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 905-884-1784 or email at stmaryimmaculateri@archtoronto.org.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Catarina Clyke, Clara Pacitti, Monica Cozzolino, Robert Harvey, Phing Yoek, Vera, Maria D'Souza, Sophie Bilkovski, Fausto Iampieri, Mariana Santaguida, Janine Alexander & Family, Stephen Ahlowalia, Louis Gerardi, Vivien Chan, Kim Jan, Nicolas Crimi

MASS INTENTIONS APR 24 – APR 30

Mon. Apr 24	8:00 am	+David Li
Tues. Apr 25	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Blessings received
Wed. Apr 26	8:00 am	+Sergio Durante
Thurs. Apr 27	8:00 am	+Bob Morris
Fri. Apr 28	8:00 am	Spec. Int. for Betty Murphy
Sat. Apr 29	8:30 am	+Heinz Franke +David Falcao For Intentions placed in a Prayer box Spec. Int. of Jenifa D'Mello on her 65 th birthday
	5:00 pm	+Victoria D'Lima Gray
Sun. Apr 30	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Donato Gumacal
	9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Rosa Santangelo +Giovanni & +Fulvio Rosciardi
	11:00 am	+Ermes & +Antonietta Della Rossa +Norma Brusadin Spec. Int. for all CWL members Living & Deceased
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Loisa Bosio +Tonino Rammuno



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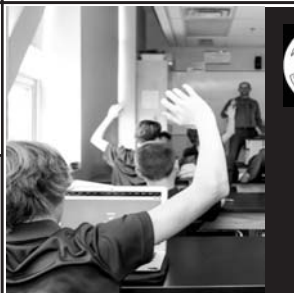
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