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## The Parish Community of St. Ann

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 10, 2016

### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY

#### “Do you Love me?”

Peter's relationship with Jesus meant that the events of the crucifixion and resurrection were bound to have a huge impact on him. As we shall see, Peter was later to realise that all his longings and dreams were to be met in the risen Christ but, as yet, he can't quite sort it out. He's still searching for answers and still longing for the Jesus to whom he has committed his life.

The thirst for someone or something to satisfy our deepest longing lies deep within each of us. It is very deep-seated in us. Catholic spirituality says it is God-given. God has implanted this desire in us. It is a desire for God himself. At the heart of our faith is the knowledge and experience of God's desire for us. Our spirituality also says that this longing is central to our faith journey because it makes us keep on searching; to travel onwards even if, like Peter, just when we think we have “the answer” God pushes us to experience what that means at a deeper and deeper level.

This longing and searching makes us restless but our spirituality says this restlessness is good and holy, God-given and valid. St Augustine (b. 354) summed it up by saying that “our hearts are restless until they rest in God.” We see this search expressed in different ways. Some people will put a lot of their energy into going to the gym or football matches. Others will become really involved in building up the local community or in environmental issues. There is nothing wrong in any of these but some are more helpful than others to our spirituality.

Standing by the Sea of Galilee Peter must have felt really lost that day but, as we shall see, that is exactly where Jesus met him. That's an important insight. Our spirituality says that it is normal to feel lost, to have questions. It is often in our lostness that God meets us because when we are all at sea we are sometimes more open to receive what God has to offer us and to see new paths before us. Our restless hearts are only satisfied in God. It is exploring the relationship between God and each one of us which lies at the centre of our spirituality, and to which our longings are directed.

(Taken from *Do you Love me? - A Practical Guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality*, 2014)

- ☞ We must speak to God as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favour, now acknowledging our faults, and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking his counsel. - *St Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556*
- ☞ It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while working in public, or strolling alone, or seated in your shop... while buying or selling or even while cooking. - *St John Chrysostom, 347-407*

#### Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 10-16, 2016

St. Ann's Parish wishes to thank the many volunteers who contribute enthusiasm, energy and countless hours to create a culture of giving in our parish community. We are fortunate for your continued service and support.

April 3, 2016	Total	<b><u>Congratulations!</u></b>  Next Sunday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> the Parish Community of St. Ann's will be celebrating Sr. Janet Fraser, CSJ on her 60 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee. We invite you to join us at the hall <b>after the 10:30 a.m. mass</b> for a short reception. Please pray for Sr. Janet, and for more vocations for religious life in the Church.
Offertory - Envelopes	\$711.45	
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<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$935.95</b>	

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#### Mass Intentions (April 9 – April 15, 2016)

**Saturday, April 9:**

**5:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving for Cesar Romero**  
Req.: Virginia Romero

**Monday, April 11:** *St. Stanislaus*

**Wednesday, April 13:** *St. Martin I*

#### **“Living Mercy” - A weekend of prayer and contemplation.**

Single Women are invited to a retreat weekend offered by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph, on Lake Simcoe, in Orillia.

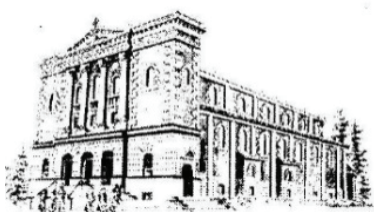
**Dates:** May 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Final registration by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

Cost: \$150 (subsidies available). For more information and registration contact Frances Harrison-Atell at 416-467-2642 or email her at [fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca](mailto:fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca)

#### **Pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land with Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC**

**From October 22 to November 4, 2016** (14 days), we will be visiting holy sites in Rome, Lourdes and the Holy Land. Price: CA\$3,390 plus taxes. For more information, please call Ms. Bier at 416-297-0694 or Ms. Malonzo at 416-291-8495



#### **St. Ann's Parish Fundraising Dinner**

On **Saturday, May 28**, St. Ann's Parish will host a fundraising Dinner for Church renovations. The event will take place at the Parish Hall starting at **6:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$20. There will be music, wine & door prizes.

#### **ShareLife Sunday 2016**

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**Over 39,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs.**

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#### **St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast-day Celebration**



**On April 17, 2016** we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native woman to be honored by the Church as Saint. **At the 10:30 a.m. mass**, there will be a purification rite conducted by the Native Peoples' Mission. We invite everyone to join in the celebration and pray for the Canadian Aboriginal people and explore Native Spirituality, Culture and tradition.

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

On May 15, 2016 we will be celebrating the Pentecost Sunday. During the Mass we will also celebrate the Confirmation Rite, First Holy Communion, and Profession of Faith. Those who would like to be confirmed please contact the parish office at 416-466-2127 and fill out the forms available at the back of the church on the Information table.

#### **House Blessing**

If anyone would like the Priest to visit and bless your homes throughout the year, please let us know. You can call the parish office at 416-466-2127 to set up an appointment to bless your homes.



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