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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 30, 2017  
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

**The Road to Emmaus**

Pastoral Reflections by Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC



The story of disciples on the Road to Emmaus is a dramatic story of how the Eucharistic celebration becomes a place to experience the presence of the Risen Christ. We wonder why we should come to Sunday Mass! Today's liturgy answers that: "to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread."

It is true that we can experience the presence of God everywhere; creation, home, workplace, travelling, walking etc... But for us as believers, we meet Jesus *in the breaking of the bread* – during Eucharistic celebration.

In fact the story of those two disciples is our daily story of going for Mass. Like the disciples we come to the church with our own disappointments, misunderstanding, our daily struggles.

During the liturgy we listen to the Word of God – if we are truly open –it gives an insight into our life-struggles – we look our whole life-story – in light of God. God speaking to us in the depth of our hearts.

In the second part of the liturgy we offer gifts – like the disciples welcomed Jesus into their home, wanted him to have supper with them. It is in the breaking of the bread that they recognized Jesus. If we see through the eyes of faith, we can recognize Jesus being present in the Eucharist.

The concluding part of the story is the most significant – they run back to Jerusalem to tell others about how they have seen Jesus. So we too are called to "Go" and spread the Good News: **Jesus is Risen indeed! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!**



**Coffee Sunday.**

Next **Sunday, May 7** is Development and Peace's Coffee Sunday. Please come down to the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass for a freshly made cup of coffee and fellowship. Fairtrade products will be available for sale as well.

**Pasta Night Dinner and Dance**

On **May 27**, the Handmaids of the Lord will be hosting a Pasta Night Dinner and Dance. Join us from 6:30p.m. - 10:30p.m. at the parish hall for a fun evening of music, dance and prizes. Tickets are \$15, towards Hall renovation project.



**A Mother is Love**

*A Celebration of Mother's Day and 100 Years of the Fatima Apparition*

Join us at St. Ann's Parish to celebrate Mother's Day and The Story of Our Lady of Fatima on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** with *Living Rosary, Flower Offering, Video/Play of the Story of Our Lady of Fatima, Crowning of Mother Mary and Fellowship*. **Time: 6 pm (after the 5 pm mass)**. We invite all parishioners and especially the children of the parish to participate in the dramatization of the story (no memorization needed - costumes and props provided) and in all of the above activities. **Practices take place these 2 Sundays at 11:30 a.m.** For more information, please call the office at 416-466-2127 or Fe Santos at 905-889-7868



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### Mass Intentions (April 29 – May 5, 2017)

**Saturday, April 29:** *St. Catherine of Siena*

**5:00 p.m.: Intentions of Agnes Caruana**

Req.: Agnes Caruana

**: Mass for all Souls** Req.: Jessica La

**Sunday, April 30:**

**6:00 p.m.: + Repose of soul of Tai Yu Lee**

Req.: Altarejos-Lee Family

### Catholic Education Week “Walking Forward Together”

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2017, which runs from **April 30- May 5**. For more than 165 years, Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit [www.goodnewsforall.ca](http://www.goodnewsforall.ca)

### St. Ann - Hall Renovations



With the Approval of the Finance Council and the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will be installing a new flooring at the parish hall. The present flooring, made

of carpets and tiles, will be removed. A complete Epoxy Flooring will be done **from May 8 until May 20**. The total cost of the Project is \$54,778.00. We will use the money from our Renovation Fund. We request you help us with the Fundraising activities so we can complete the Hall renovations.

### Month of May dedicated to Mothers

As part of the Year of the Family at St. Ann’s Parish, we will be dedicating the month of May to all mothers. May God, through the intercession of Mary Our Mother, bless your generous spirits, keep your loving hearts and hold you close forever.



**ShareLife: 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.

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### Retreat Weekend for Single Women

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto are giving a Retreat Weekend for Single Women ages 20-55 from **Friday, May 26 through Sunday, May 28 afternoon**. Located at The Sister’s home in Orillia (car-pooling is available). Cost is \$150 (subsidies available). To register, please contact Frances Harrison-Atell at [fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca](mailto:fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca) or call 416-467-2642 before **Monday, May 15, 2017**

### Archdiocesan Day of Prayer: Friday, May 12



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

On this day, Cardinal Collins has asked that we all take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life. During this time, we also ask that you pray for our five soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning or who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact your parish office, call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Society of Sharing Inner-city Volunteers

A ShareLife member agency is asking the community to join them for *A Friendly Walk And Run* on **Sunday June 11, 2017**. *A Friendly Walk And Run* is a timed 5K Run, 5K Walk and 1K Walk, through downtown Toronto. The event will help to raise awareness and money for struggling seniors and adults with physical disabilities living under the poverty line in the GTA. For more information, please contact Donnett Bailey at 416-413-0380 or [donnett@societyofsharing.org](mailto:donnett@societyofsharing.org).



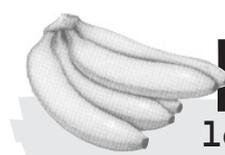
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