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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



3rd Sunday of Easter ~ April 23, 2023

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. These were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Luke 24:33-35

First Reading + Acts 2:14, 22b-28

Second Reading + 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel + Luke 24:13-35

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 24

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 25

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+Our Lady of Good Council – CWL

Wednesday, April 26

8:00am+Andrea Wuebbolt, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

Thursday, April 27

8:00am+Jean GALLANT, RIP – F. Gallant

Friday, April 28

(Multiple Intentions Mass-Per. Int.)

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+Gonsalves de Romano & Family, Michael

Berberick, John Mastilarz, Teresa & John Antidormi,

Teresa Fraccaro

Saturday, April 29

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Doug HORAN, RIP – F/M Horan

5:00pm+For the People of the PARISH

Sunday, April 30

9:00am+Rita BROOME, RIP-M. Lynch

10:30am+Susan HURLE, RIP-B. Baumfeld

1200noon+(FHC), John Orr, Per.Int.-C/P Morrison

2:00pm+(FHC), Hands & Tan Family, Per.Int.-C/P Morrison

Understanding Dispels Doubt

"But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive." [Luke 24:21-23](#)

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus' Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: "but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them."

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they traveled, they were "conversing and debating" about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Jesus' death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn't bring themselves to believe. Thus, they traveled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting.

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God's will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives.

If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed to understand the divine plan for our lives correctly. We have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations. Do you have perfect hope in God and His plan for your life? Or do you allow the various crosses you endure to confuse you and lead you to doubt? Allow our Lord to appear to you through prayer and reveal to you His perfect plan. Be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation you have toward doubt, replacing it with trust and hope.

Lord of perfect wisdom, Your plan for my life is perfect and glorious beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to understand Your will and fall into confusion and doubt. Please open my mind to Your truth and help me to see everything from Your perspective so that I will always walk with hope and trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: MyCatholicLife

Saint of the Week:

Pray that neither self-indulgence nor pride, nor any other evil passion, prevent me from seeing in my patients Jesus who suffers, and from healing and comforting Him.

– St. Riccardo Pampuri (1897-1930), Brother Hospitaller of St. John, Feast Day May 1

APRIL 23, 2023



Weekly Collections for
April 16, 2023
(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 7318.10
Other-St.Paul's(Easter, Good Friday etc)	\$ 3196.90
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 1237.00
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 480.00
Total-	\$12232.00



Grades 9 - 12. 645 - 9pm Mondays.
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

April 24- Fun Social Night
May 8- Jesus' Resurrection
May 11-March for Life Ottawa



Grades 6 - 8. 645 - 830pm Mondays.
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

May 1- Guided by Christ
May 15-Why the Eucharist is important

Muffin Sunday

"The Knights of Columbus welcome all parishioners to drop into the Fr. Bennett Hall after the 10:30 a.m. mass on **May 7th** for some fresh "**baked in-house**" muffins, coffee, tea and drinks. Come out and meet your fellow parishioners. Donations accepted with thanks."
This is the last Muffin Sunday before Fall.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL
COUNCIL FOR 2023-2025 TERM

6 Elected Positions open for nominations

Please return your nomination forms with names and phone numbers (print clearly) by Sunday May 14th. You can nominate more than one person (16 yrs. and over) and you can also let your own name stand. All nominees will be contacted to be sure they will allow their name to stand.

Thank you for your time and participation.
The Nomination Committee Council.
(Forms available on table in Narthex)

Third Sunday of Easter

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in His presence? How are you being called- as a priest, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca



SAVE the DATE- May 6th

Just a REMINDER to our parishioners doing their "Spring Cleaning".....

Our "ANNUAL GARAGE SALE" is to be held on

SATURDAY, MAY 6
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. in Father Bennett Hall

NO CLOTHING OR BIG FURNITURE

Please hold on to those treasures that are in "good, working condition" until May 1st when we can start receiving them in the parish hall.

For **FREE** pick-up, please contact on numbers below before May 1st to set appointment.

Drop off times at the Church - May 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for sorting, cleaning and pick up .
Please see bulletin board for sign-up sheets.

Please contact:

Dawn @705-435-9914

Loretta @705-458-9504 – **(After 6PM).**

Email- gismondi.home@gmail.com

St. Paul's Cemetery & Immaculate Conception Cemetery Clean-up
Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 a.m.
(Rain date May 6th)



Bring rakes & gloves; Refreshments provided
Qualifies for community hours

Notice to Lot Owners — St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery

As part of our spring clean-up, we will be removing all metal or iron crosses, glassware, ceramics and lawn ornaments (*Bylaw 10.15*). These items can pose a safety risk to our maintenance staff and equipment and detract from the decor of our cemetery. If you would like to save these items, please collect them before April 27th. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our cemetery clean and safe.

Requesting all parishioners

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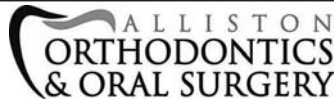
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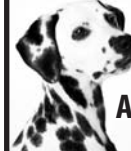
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