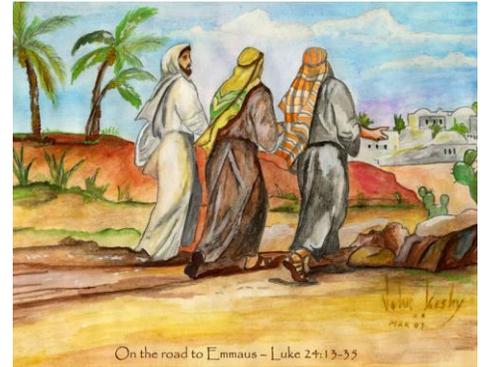


Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: APRIL 29 TO MAY 07

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	April 29	Third Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Clyde Oliveira (L), Michael Oliveira	Mabel Oliveira
Sunday	April 30	
9:00 am	Diamante Della Rocca & family	Rina Della Rocca
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	May 1	
8:30 am	Anne Sequiera	Ron & Joy Pinto
Tuesday	May 2	
8:30 am	Peter & Norma Cook (L)	Kathleen Rush
Wednesday	May 3	
8:30 am	Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
Thursday	May 4	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Friday	May 5	
8:30 am	Jean Mack	Deborah & Paul Brandon
Saturday	May 6	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	May 7	
9:00 am	Maria Braunwell	Helen Renwick
11:00 am	Jean Mack	The Redmond family

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

April 30: *Sean Richardson*, requested by Dawn & Gerry Richardson

May 07: *Andrew Mahendrarajah*, requested by his wife and children

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL 22/23

Offerings: **\$5, 193.50**

Building Fund: **\$ 1, 397.00**

Next special collection: **May 14 - Helping Others**

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Maria Kustec

Lucia Pierleoni, niece of Marcella Tedeschi



WHERE IS YOUR EASTER JOY? The English writer C. S. Lewis described his conversion to Christianity as being “surprised by joy.” Lewis had a very particular understanding of joy, which he carefully distinguished from both happiness and pleasure. Joy comes with the satisfaction of our deepest desires. Joy

is what we long for always and rarely find. It is the experience of genuine unity and harmony with the world around us. It is the intimate connection with a person that makes us feel whole and complete as human beings.

The history of Christianity can be said to begin with joy — the greeting of the angel to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for behold I proclaim to you news of great joy” (Lk. 2:10). And, of course, the most profound experience of joy is found in the Easter mystery — Jesus’ victory over sin and death in the Resurrection. Here the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and in Jerusalem and Galilee, encounter the Risen Lord and find their deepest longings fulfilled and their hearts burning within them.

The Oxford Dictionary defines joy as “vivid pleasure arising from a sense of well-being or satisfaction.” We might say that it is the opposite of restless anxiety or fear. Joy fills the emptiness in the pit of our stomachs. It causes us to feel that our unnamed fears are groundless. Joy counteracts our tendency to be constantly worried and depressed about the sad state of affairs the world has come to (again). Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, like the saints throughout Christian history, like C. S. Lewis and countless other lost souls who are restless and filled with longing, joy takes us by surprise. We are amazed by the grace of God that comforts us and fills our hearts with peace.

Why, then, are so many of us Christians still lost? Why is there so much bitterness and anxiety among us? Why do we still feel desperate and afraid? Why do we bicker and quarrel among ourselves? Have we forgotten the hope we received at Christmas? Have we lost all sense of Easter joy?

The fear and anxiety we Christians feel today stems from a lack of faith. Like the disciples, we fail to comprehend how God works in our world — bringing light into our darkness and healing into our brokenness. And we fail to listen for the “stronger voice of faith” among all the negative messages of doubt and despair in our world today.

Christians in the 21st century (as in every age) have been given the gift of joy. We have experienced, in a provisional way, what it means to be fully satisfied, to know lasting peace and to find true love. We are called to be stewards of the joy we have received in Christ — to nurture and develop it and to share it generously with others.

This Easter season, let us be joyful stewards of the gift of faith. Let us celebrate the Lord’s resurrection by being grateful, generous & responsible stewards of the Mystery of God’s love, which has saved us and set us free. Amen.

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ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES (May 3) Philip was born in Bethsaida in Galilee and was one of the 12 Apostles that Jesus called. Immediately, Philip began to convert others, finding his friend Nathaniel and telling him that Jesus was the one whom Moses and the other prophets had foretold. James the Lesser is called “Lesser” because he was younger than the other Apostle by the same name, James the Great. James, a cousin of Jesus, and after Jesus’ Ascension into heaven, he became the head of the Church in Jerusalem. He was martyred in the year 62.

“FROM THIS DAY FORWARD” This faith-based marriage preparation program is offered in a welcoming and non-threatening group environment. It is facilitated by a trained team of clergy (including Fr. Sabbath), married couples and others. Couples are provided with the opportunity to discuss such topics as Readiness, Communication, Sexuality, Time/Money, Parenthood, Natural Family Planning, and the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The next dates are **May 5-7** or **June 2-4**, at the Archdiocese of Montreal. To know more, Fr. Sabbath (514) 626-4111 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/mfggbd2>.



On Thursday, May 11 thousands will gather on Parliament Hill in Ottawa for the 20th annual March for Life, to fight for the rights of the unborn. Rally begins at 12:30 pm, March at 1:30 pm.

For a full schedule of events visit www.marchforlife.ca or call 1-800-730-5358.

*There's sanctity of life, which cannot be denied.
It gives glory to Our Lord, which simply doesn't hide.
It praises Him and offers proof, to us, of His existence.
All life is precious and keeps God within our reaching distance.
Don't judge it by appearance, or how it looks outside.
It's He who gives it being, to Whom all praise is cried.
So, cherish Life in all forms. You must appreciate!
And its Spirit do not crush, for it's God, Who makes it great.
If you give all living things the respect which they are due,
Then you'll reflect to others, the God who lives in you.*
~ **Janet Arts, 1994**

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Crib and double stroller, kitchen table and chairs (apartment size), tomato juice, coffee, tinned salmon, jello, jello pudding, toilet paper, shampoo.

FAITH FIRST

Upcoming Events:

First Communion Rehearsal for May 6 Celebrations (AM & PM)

Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30pm

First Communion Rehearsal for May 13 Celebrations (AM & PM)

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30pm

BBQ STEAK DINNER & DANCE CHARITY FUND RAISER hosted by the Knights of Columbus: **Saturday, May 27, 6:00 pm to 1:00 am** in the parish hall. Sausage & peppers appetizers; grilled steak with baked potato and salad main course; Dessert with coffee or tea; Bring your own wine/beverage. \$40/person. Call Michael: 514-402-2302. Proceeds from this event will be used for Knights of Columbus charitable purposes. Becket's Knight of Columbus Council is supportive of St. Thomas à Becket green initiatives and parish hall improvement projects.

SPRING DANCE AT MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH: fundraiser for Syrian Refugee family. **Saturday May 6, 6:00 pm.** DJ Al. Tickets \$15 Cash bar. Sandy Macalanda 514-683-6810 ext 201 or 514-683-7452.