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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Reflection.....

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)



On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him.

Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.





Calling for Volunteers to

help with our gardening around the church and rectory this Spring. Please call the Parish office, 416-787-4547



RAMPS REPAIRS UPDATE:

The chancery office and the Finance committee have approved of the removing of the existing none code concrete steps and ramps around the church and put new stairs as they do not meet the Ontario Building Code Standards or AODA standards. The estimate quote for this project is \$278,432 (including tax and 10% contingency). These repairs might start as early summer.

Please ask Our Lady to help us finance these repairs!

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations:

The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Friday, May 5, 2023. On this day, parishes throughout the archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. This year we are inviting you to take a moment on this day to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed.



PILGRIMAGE 2023

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APRIL 23rd, 2023



April 24th-30th, 2023

Monday, April 24th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 25th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Wednesday, April 26th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm-Pro Populo

Thursday, April 27th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, April 28th

7:00pm-Gavino Fronda

Saturday, April 29th

5:00pm-Edelin Haban

Sunday, April 30th

10:00am-Community of

Our Lady of Assumption

Norman Layon

12:00Noon—Pro Populo

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm —Pro Populo



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$9,197.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



Thank You for Your Financial Support

If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either

through our <u>Pre-Authorized Giving Program</u>, or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto <u>website</u>. For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

2022 Free Personal Income Tax Return

The AFCM - Social Action, Family Apostolate Ministry in collaboration with the Association of Filipino-Canadian Accountants (AFCA), is inviting everyone to avail of the 2022 Free Personal Income Tax Return Preparation on April 23, 2023 (Sunday) from 10am to 4pm. **Income Tax Preparation will be at the Parish Hall.** This is on a first-come, first served basis. Please ensure that the information that will be provided to the income tax preparers are complete and accurate so that your income tax returns are prepared correctly and in a timely manner. We wish to emphasize that taxpayers are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information they are providing. Please grab the opportunity of this free service. Thank you.

National Family & Life Week (NFLW), May 7-14, 2023, is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life by seeking out new and creative ways to live out this call in our daily lives. The NFLW theme is Jesus' words, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Love is at the heart of familial relationships and our families are a communion of love in Christ. We are "guardians of life" when we love one another within our families, as well as in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized.



SHARE LIFE 2023 CAMPAIGN

Living the Gospel locally and around the world

Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday."

Next Collection Weekend—April 30th, 2023



Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? Do you have any changes in your family status? Are you newlywed planning to remain in the parish?

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, please call the parish office (416-787-4547) and help us update our records. Often mail is returned to us because of an incorrect address or we could not communicate because of incorrect telephone number.

Also, be sure to use your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your participation and financial support. This is important for year end income tax preparation and also so that we can provide you with a letter of recommendation if you are asked to be sponsor.

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