



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



April 19-25, 2021

### Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

### Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm—†Agripina Gemora

### Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00pm —†Agripina Gemora

### Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00pm—†Agripina Gemora

### Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00pm—†Agripina Gemora

### Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm —†Agripina Gemora

### Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00am-

12:00Noon—†Agripina Gemora

5:00pm -

7:15pm—Community of Our Lady of Assumption

## Something to ponder.....

*Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.*  
(Luke 24:35-48)



On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words,

"Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.



Let us pray!

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

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### CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO'S ONLINE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. Single-session counselling is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: [info@cfstoronto.co](mailto:info@cfstoronto.co) or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave a message with your name, email and phone number and a staff member will contact you.

Clients interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access their ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs.

Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay.

Light a Prayer Candle



Sanctuary Lamps

Offerings

You can offer a sanctuary candle for your deceased loved ones, thanksgiving, Etc.

For Info. Please call the parish office



Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 4,480.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Yesterday afternoon, the provincial government announced further restrictions in an attempt to minimize the transmission of Covid-19, given the alarming increase in new cases over the past 10 days. The new measures have a direct impact on places of worship as part of an extended stay-at-home order, which will be in place until at least May 20, 2021.

- Parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to **10 people**, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, **public Masses must be temporarily cancelled**. Priests are asked to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19.
- Parish offices should continue to operate at Phase 1 – Parish Offices Closed/Significant Operating Restrictions. Only essential staff in the office. Employees should work remotely wherever possible. **Parish offices closed to the public - limited essential appointments only.**

Thank you for your ongoing vigilance in implementing these health and safety measures during this critical period and for adapting to this difficult situation once again. Please continue to pray for all those who are sick and those caring for them.

*Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us.*

### ARCHDIOCESAN WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

For the week of April 19-24, let us all join, as a community, in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. Let us also pray for our six soon-to-be priests, along with all who are discerning and who are currently in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Thank you for your continued support as we work and pray together to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into His vineyard.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of Our Lady of Assumption, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.