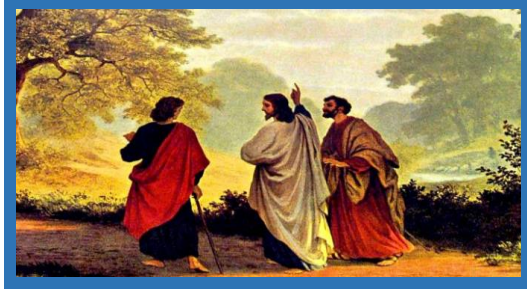


Third Sunday of Easter



Reflection of Mass readings: I'm a list maker. Almost every day I create a checklist of tasks that need to be done at work. Often there's a separate list of errands to be accomplished after work. All because I need to be reminded of what's necessary or important so that I may perform at what I hope is my best both professionally and personally.

Today's readings seem to serve as reminders as well. Jesus is Risen!! But.....Reality has not yet set in for the disciples in Luke's gospel account. They've heard about the Risen Jesus, they've met Him in the breaking of the bread and yet they don't "see Him" at first. They are confused and frightened by all the events swirling around them. Ultimately, they do come to recognize Jesus who asks them, as if in a chiding way, "Why are you troubled?" Imagine just how troubled they really were – and they WERE troubled – these were not easy times for them. Everything they knew and believed is turned upside down, challenged, as they become eyewitnesses – first hand observers of the Risen Lord, a privilege that bears responsibility.

All this Jesus reminds them as He shows them His hands and feet. He reminds them as He asks for something to eat. The Divine and the human at once present to them. He reminds them as He proclaims them as witnesses.

Jesus' words echo. "Why are you troubled?" But how could they not be? How can I not be? Troubled.....by the circumstances of our world.....our country? How can I not be troubled by what troubles those whom I care for and love? Health concerns, relationship issues, diminishing resources, new stages of life that bring uncertainty. How can I not be troubled by my own failures and shortcomings, expectations not met?

"Why are you troubled?" "Have you anything to eat?" Jesus says almost offhandedly as He wills the disciples, and me, out of our own heads, to pay attention to someone else: Him! He reminds us all that we are witnesses!!

Witnesses in all of the circumstances that trouble us. "Why are you troubled?" "You are witnesses". Words of comfort, words of hope, words of commission for this third Sunday of Easter.

Words to put at the top of my day's list of reminders.
Lpi.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 22nd

For + JOAN SCHMIDT

Requested by The Kearns-Black Family

Tuesday, April 25th

For INTENTIONS OF TORE JOSEPH REVELLS

Requested by Georgina Revells

Wednesday, April 26th

For + PETE ROSE

Requested by Paul & Claudia DeCourcy

Thursday, April 27th

For + JOAN STRANEY

Requested by Alan McConnell

Friday, April 28th

For + MICHAEL MOLLOY

Requested by Anna Molloy



Rest in Peace

*In your charity please pray for
 the repose of the souls of*

Cyria & Gerald Moreino

Please Pray For The Sick

Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran,
 Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Diane
 Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard



*The Sanctuary Light burns this week
 in loving memory of*

Patricia Gesner

Come join us in praying the **ROSARY** before Mass,
 Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am



OFFERING

*Help support your parish so that we are able to
 keep our doors open to support you when you
 need us. Contact the office if you wish to
 begin using envelopes or for more information on our Pre
 Authorized giving (PAG). Alternatively, scan the QR code
 below and the link will take you to our "Donate" button on
 our website where you can donate through your credit
 card; don't forget to select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in
 the drop down menu. Thank you for making a
 gift to your Parish.*



	2019	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 4792	\$ 3700
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$ 1421

In The News

NEW BEGINNINGS: Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum. Join us on May 24th at 7 pm, as we discuss Spring Grief: Possibilities and Promises with Moderator: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE. Register at: <https://nbbd05.eventbrite.ca>. Or for more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com or 647.215.3978. New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH & OFFICE OF VOCATIONS: The Office of Vocations and the Office of Catholic Youth are preparing for Totus Tuus Toronto 2023. They've recruited 16 young Catholic leaders who will be formed and sent out in teams of four to serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Archdiocese, facilitating week-long summer camps. This year, we are in need of a vehicle for one of our teams for 6 weeks in July-August, which will allow them to travel between parishes and host families, sharing the joy of Jesus with youth throughout our Archdiocese. If you have a second vehicle or are able to lend your vehicle for the dates noted above please contact our Office of Catholic Youth at youth@ocytoronto.org, or 416.599.7676.

SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION: One of the most financially sound ways to support your parish is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416.934.3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.

PRAYER VIGIL: Please be advised that the Prayer Vigil, for our soon-to-be priests is being held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Friday, May 12 from 5:30 pm to 10 pm. There will be praise and worship, interspersed throughout the evening, communal prayers, such as the Rosary and a sung version of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations via email – vocations@archtoronto.org. Please note, this event is open to the public.

Little Levity: Margaret woke up fearing Brad was sleep walking again, after noticing he was not in bed. She found him in the living room. "What's wrong?" she said. "I can only go to sleep if I lie on a pile of old magazines." said Brad. "You must have back issues." replied Margaret. *Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa*

Parish News

ShareLife Your ShareLife gift changes lives.

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need. Our parish goal this year \$76,000. This goal is due to last year's amazing overall total results of \$75,180. Because of your generosity, \$26,544 was raised at the parish through envelopes and Pre Authorized giving and \$48,636 was through our Donate button or sent directly to the Archdiocese.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



We congratulate our First Holy Communicant's who received Holy Eucharist at St. John's last weekend, amongst their fellow parishioners, family and friends.

Congratulations,

Theia DeNiese

Sadie James-Kavanagh

Fergus Limerick



We want to thank *Vino & Priya Emmanuel* for their generous donation of the Divine Mercy painting, which Fr. James Dunstan has dedicated to St. John's Parish Ministry Volunteers.



Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church.