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✠ Third Sunday of Easter ✠

April 14, 2024

THE EVENT OF EASTER: Christ's Resurrection cannot be interpreted as something outside the physical order, and it is impossible not to acknowledge it as an historical fact ... The shock provoked by the Passion was so great that at least some of the disciples did not at once believe in the news of the Resurrection. Far from showing us a community seized by a mystical exaltation, the Gospels present us with disciples demoralized ('looking sad') and frightened. For they had not believed the holy women returning from the tomb and had regarded their words as a "idle tale." ... Even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem: they thought they were seeing a ghost. ... Therefore, the hypothesis that the Resurrection was produced by the apostles' faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus. *-from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

ON THE THIRD DAY the friends of Christ coming at daybreak to the place, found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in the semblance of the gardener God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but the dawn. - *G. K. Chesterton, The Everlasting Man*

THE PASCHAL JOURNEY TO GALILEE: When Christ calls his disciples to Galilee, that Galilee in which the Risen One promised to let us see him, he is also calling them – calling us – *to his Galilee.* Now raised up to a new life, he calls us too to his Pasch, to this passing-over, to a change of dwelling.

Third Week of Easter

April 15 - 20

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. + Sylvester Prince *by Maxine Smaglinski & Family*
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Clarence Prince *by Jackie Prince*
+ Elmer & Margaret Dombroskie *by Dombroskie Family*

+ Fourth Sunday of Easter +

April 21, 2024

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Jerry Green *by Conrad & Jeanette Cybulski*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

April 20

Susan Coulas

Neil O'Reilly

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

April 21

Judy Filion

Pierre-Paul Filion

Paul Rivett-Carnac

Jason Dombroskie

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that we may be joyful witnesses to the New Life caused by Christ's Resurrection.
- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*.
- for those who have died, especially: *Beverly Hare, Basil Gutoskie; Marie Nicholas; Mary Davis; Bill Ryan; Kathy Duggan*.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Wednesday - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

Thursday - Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin, virgin

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL for the Third Sunday of Easter is the famous account of the disciples of Emmaus (see Lk 24: 13-35). The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses, and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life. In the disciples' conversation with the unknown wayfarer the words the evangelist Luke puts in the mouth of one of them are striking: "We had hoped..." (Lk 24: 21). This verb in the past tense tells all: we believed, we followed, we hoped..., but now everything is over. Even Jesus of Nazareth, who had shown himself in his words and actions to be a powerful prophet, has failed, and we are left disappointed. This drama of the disciples of Emmaus appears like a reflection of the situation of many Christians of our time: it seems that the hope of faith has failed. Faith itself enters a crisis because of negative experiences that make us feel abandoned and betrayed even by the Lord. But this road to Emmaus on which we walk can become the way of a purification and maturation of our belief in God. Also, today we can enter into dialogue with Jesus, listening to his Word. Today too he breaks bread for us and gives himself as our Bread. And so the meeting with the Risen Christ that is possible even today gives us a deeper and more authentic faith tempered, so to speak, by the fire of the Paschal Event; a faith that is robust because it is nourished not by human ideas but by the Word of God and by his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

This marvellous Gospel text already contains the structure of Holy Mass: in the first part, listening to the Word through the Sacred Scriptures; in the second part, the Eucharistic liturgy and communion with Christ present in the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood. In nourishing herself at this two-fold table, the Church is constantly built up and renewed from day to day in faith, hope and charity. Through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, let us pray that in reliving the experience of the disciples of Emmaus every Christian and every community may rediscover the grace of the transforming encounter with the Risen Lord. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI; Angelus, 6 April 2008*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, PATRONESS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE on Friday, April 26th. Our Catholic Women's League Council will celebrate the Feast at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 27th beginning with the Rosary at 3:30 p.m. CWL members are invited to be in the choir for music ministry. In honour of our patroness, National Catholic Women's League is also sponsoring the Mass on Vision TV on Friday, April 26th.

The Rosary will also be recited a half hour before weekend masses in May, the Month of Mary.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,768.00; (Envelopes: \$2,152.00; Loose: \$136.00; Visitors: \$85.00; Share Lent: \$70.00; Easter Offering: \$275.00; Easter Flowers: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$40.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./107; 10:30 a.m./100]

THANK YOU: I extend my appreciation and gratitude to everyone who worked hard and gave of their time, talent, and personal gifts in making our parish celebrations of the Paschal Triduum a fitting and beautiful expression of worship and faith in our Risen Lord

I especially thank those who donated offerings to beautify the Church; those who contributed time and energy, and assisted us in our Easter liturgies: Choirs, Organists, Cantors, Communion Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Decorators, Sacristans, and all who helped co-ordinate the different liturgies over Easter.

Of course, our many efforts were accompanied by many prayers so that they would be made with patience and love! Thank you and may the Lord Jesus bless you for your generosity.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY: Meeting time is changing to Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church hall starting April 10th. For more information contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. You are welcome to drop-in anytime.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Reverend Mr. Lukas Časta will receive Sacred Ordination to the Priesthood on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN WEEKLY BULLETIN: There are various diocesan events scheduled for youth and young adults at <https://pembrokediocese.com/weekly-bulletin/> Be sure to check these and other things out!

POLISH BRUNCH: St. Hedwig's Church in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, children 12 and under \$8.00. Menu: Pierogies, baked beans, fried bologna, sausage & sauerkraut, pickled eggs & cake for dessert. Take-out available.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!
Alleluia!