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Welcome home to St. Andrew

3rd Sunday of Easter – Year A

Understanding Dispel Doubt

“But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.” Luke 24:21–23

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus’ Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: “but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.”

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they traveled, they were “conversing and debating” about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Jesus’ death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn’t bring themselves to believe. Thus, they traveled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting.

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God’s will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives.

If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed to understand the divine plan for our lives correctly. We have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations. Do you have perfect hope in God and His plan for your life? Or do you allow the various crosses you endure to confuse you and lead you to doubt? Allow our Lord to appear to you through prayer and reveal to you His perfect plan. Be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation you have toward doubt, replacing it with trust and hope.

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Thank You!

We appreciate and recognize the impact our volunteers make by serving others with their unique gifts and talents. Our volunteers are an essential part of the fabric of our faith community.

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6



ShareLife

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish’s ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another – and especially for those in need. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for “living the Gospel” through our parish ShareLife campaign.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Apr 22

8 am - † Gorges, Selima and Nezar Toma, by Sanaa Toma
 10 am - FHC - Celebration (St. Andrew - St. John Vianney - St. Dorothy)
 2 pm - FHC - Celebration (Msgr. John Corrigan -St. Angela - Alternate schs)
 5:30 pm - Special intention for all volunteers, by Chan family

Sunday, Apr 23 – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 am - † Paul Sequeira, by Janet
 9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Enrico Palladini, by Anna
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - † Ernesto Rafael Ruiz, by Maria Ruiz
 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
 5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Apr 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8 am - † Juventino Mejia (8yrs death anniversary), by family
 7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Apr 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

8 am - (No Intention)
 7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, Apr 26

8 am - (No Intention)
 7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Apr 27

8 am - Thanksgiving for Arlene Morgan, by Alma and family
 7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Apr 28 - St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

8 am - † Uthayakumar Ponniah, by wife
 7 pm - (No Intention)

Saturday, Apr 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José Pulla
 5:30 pm - † Mercedes Dias Autencion, by Vina

Sunday, Apr 30 – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 am - † Ronald Joseph, by family
 9:30 am - (Ital Mass) † Anna, Nicola, Franco & Filippo Zampino, by family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - † Epifania and Nicolas Labastilla, by Aster Labastilla
 2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
 5:30 pm - (Spanish Mass)

Neophyte Mass: Sunday, April 30

Archbishop Leo will preside at a special Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly-initiated into the Church. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).**

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Registration closes **Tuesday, April 25**. Neophytes and their guests will be assured of reserved seating.

Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/NeophyteMassRegisterApr2023>

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org

LADIES RETREAT at MARYLAKE, KING CITY



Marylake

Ladies please come and join us for a retreat at Marylake Retreat House, from Friday May 19th to Sunday, May 21st, 2023. We will meet at St. Andrew parking lot at 5 pm on Friday, and car pool to King City. To register and for more information, please call Cora deNully at the Parish Office.

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Please bring your donations to the Society's truck the weekend of May 20-21, placed in the church's parking lot.

Items NOT ACCEPTED: Books, Construction Material, Dishes, Furniture, Cassettes (Video/Audio).



CONFIRMATION CEREMONY will be on **Saturday, June 17, 2023**. There will be two Masses for Confirmation celebrated by His Eminence Bishop Ivan Camilleri.

- **Mass at 10:00am**

Schools: St. Andrew, St. Dorothy and Msgr. John Corrigan

- **Mass at 12:00pm**

Schools: St. Angela, St. John Vianney and Alternate Schools

More information regarding time of arrival and dress code will be sent out closer to the date. If you have any questions or concerns - please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.

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