

# Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

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## Do We Have Faith?

Imagine being one of the disciples in today's Gospel. You have just heard of Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus, which, along with the amazing story of the tomb, has given you a surge of hope. However, the grief and fear you felt during the crucifixion still remain in your heart. You want to believe that he has risen as he said, but a pall of paralyzing uncertainty hangs over everything.

Suddenly, he's in the room, standing right in front of you. Of course, he knows what you are feeling. "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?", he asks. "Touch me and see." You do see.

Appearing before the disciples, Jesus gave them precisely what they needed for the next phase of their mission. He reassured and strengthened them by replacing their fear and uncertainty with peace and joy. He made the Scriptures intelligible to them so that they'd be able to pass on his wisdom.

Why do fear and doubt arise in our hearts when Jesus calls us to something new? His death was the ultimate proof that his love for us knows no bounds. Just as he prepared the disciples for their mission, so will he prepare us for ours.

Kate Larson, Ottawa, ON.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret McCreddie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

## Welcome New Parishioners

Dennis Panaglma & Zandra Alejandria, Brothren & Christie Osei, Hector & Daphne Calderon-Sotomayor, Lloyd & Jackie MacI-ing, Jason & Fiona Longo, Jonie Pascual & Kirk Lu, Veronica Zivin, Jennifer Rego, Arturo & Mary Anne Rafael, Michelle & Jordan van Bakel, Christine Mok & Michael Chan. **Welcome to our Parish Family!**

## Baptized in March

Gabiel Dean Panaglma, Anna Olivia Castillo Bralski & Xyrus Brian E. Vinoya



**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Thank you all Confirmation students for attending the retreat. Catch up preparation class on Sat, Apr. 21 at 10am. PREP First Communion on Sun, Apr 29 and all Confirmation class parents please see your email and complete your requested help with the First Communion Celebration. Bless you all.

**PBYouth** Children aged 4-10 are invited to come Sat, Apr 21 from 5:30-8PM to the Columbus Rm for our Children's Ministry gathering. Explorers (Youth in Gr. 6-8) Night on Apr 28, 5:30-8PM at the Columbus Rm. Volunteer Readers and Ushers needed for Youth Masses every 2nd & 4th Sat, Sep—Jun. Please email [pb youth@telus.net](mailto:pb youth@telus.net) for more info or visit [www.pb youth.ca](http://www.pb youth.ca).



Invites you to **READY, SET, LEARN!**, an early literacy program. This is a free 3&4 year old Preschooler Event hosted in the Cloverdale Catholic School Wee Saints Preschool Room on April 26, 1—2:30 PM. Contact Crystal MacKay to register at [cmackay@cloverdalecatholic.ca](mailto:cmackay@cloverdalecatholic.ca) or 604-574-5151. **Preschool registrations for 3 yr. old (morning) and 4 yr. old (afternoon only) programs are being accepted. Contact the parish office for forms or download from [www.weesaintspreschool.ca/register](http://www.weesaintspreschool.ca/register).**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** We are still in need of Presiders and Assistants. Please contact Maria at [mharkison@gmail.com](mailto:mharkison@gmail.com) if you are able to assist our ministry. We wish you a prayerful Lent season and joyful Easter!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 58 years. It is carried across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico to honour Our Lady. We will have the Silver Rose at Precious Blood and will have a **prayer service on Tues, Apr. 24 @ 7:30pm**. All are invited to join us in praying to Our Lady to strengthen our efforts to restore the Culture of Life in our society.

**K OF C GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** Proceeds of this fundraiser go towards our Organ Replacement Fund. We are at \$23,697.00 Less than \$8,000 to go!

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Delia. Our next gathering on Tues, May 1 will be PLANT NITE! Invite your friend, sister, daughter to join us for a lovely evening of making a tea cup succulent terrarium. Supply fee of \$3. Pls. RSVP [preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com](mailto:preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com) to ensure we have enough supplies. Our horticulturalist is also available to answer your gardening questions. All ladies welcome, join us!

**ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE** Meeting on Tues, Apr 17 at 1:30pm in the Parish Centre. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Come and see what we are about.



**Read the Bible in One Year**  
Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.

Sunday	Numbers 7, Psalm 73, Acts 10:1-23
Monday	Numbers 8-9, Psalm 74, Acts 10:24-48
Tuesday	Numbers 10-11, Psalm 75, Acts 11
Wednesday	Numbers 12-13, Psalm 76, Acts 12
Thursday	Numbers 14-15, Psalm 77, Acts 13:1-25
Friday	Numbers 16-17, Ps. 78:1-35, Acts 13:26-52
Saturday	Numbers 18-19, Ps. 78:36-72, Acts 14

**HOLY HOUR**  
On Friday, April 20 from 2—3 PM Pls. try to spend some time with our Risen Lord at Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Jesus waits for us in the Holy Eucharist.  
*"Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Could you not watch one hour with me?" Mt.6:21, 26:40*



Please pray for our First Communion PREP students who will be celebrating the Sacrament on Sunday, April 29

## PARISH ACTIVITIES and AROUND THE AREA

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018** We are launching this year's campaign on April 21/22. Pledges will be accepted after all Masses that weekend and the weekend of April 28/29. Please participate and help us reach our goal to raise funds for our Vestibule expansion project and in support of Holy Cross High School. **LIVE GRATEFULLY; GIVE GENEROUSLY!**

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** We are starting a group for Praise and Worship on May 8, Tues, 7PM in the Columbus Room. Everyone welcome. Please let us know you are coming by calling the Parish Office.

**MEN'S FAITH STUDY** for men 16 yrs. old and up looking to become better followers of Jesus. Saturdays, at 8.00-9.00 am in the Parish Centre. No cost, except for sacrificing sleep. Contact [darrenxfriese@gmail.com](mailto:darrenxfriese@gmail.com) for more information.

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE** Would you like to get together with a group of women to explore your faith? Consider joining us at PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH weekly group sessions starting fall 2018. This is a Catholic Bible study program for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Available study days are Monday & Thursday mornings and Monday evenings. For more info or have questions, contact the parish office or email Lucia at [luciaborkowski@gmail.com](mailto:luciaborkowski@gmail.com) or Rocio at [rocio.lopez.ch@gmail.com](mailto:rocio.lopez.ch@gmail.com). We hope to see you in the fall.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM FOR COUPLES.** We are inviting couples who would like to renew and strengthen their Christian faith. This 11 week program start Friday, April 13 at 7pm in the Columbus room. On site child minding available and light refreshments served. Contact Dennis & Grace Zulueta 604.835.6590/604.812.4729 or Jason & Rency Soliven 604.780.8494.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS & CONSECRATED LIFE** Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos along with others in the archdiocese, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer on Sat, Apr.28 @ Canadian Martyrs Parish, Richmond from 8-9PM.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHT** Vocations in Progress for single men, 17 & up is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, & learn about their life & spirituality. The informal event on Wed, Apr 25@7-10PM at St. Patrick's Vancouver will include prayer, dinner and discussion.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS.** On May 13, Archbishop J. Miller will offer mass for couples celebrating their milestone anniversaries 5,10,15,20,25,30,35, 40,45,50,55,60 + years of marriage. Mass will be at 12 pm, St Matthew Parish, Surrey. Register at [rcav.org/marriage-anniversary](http://rcav.org/marriage-anniversary).

**NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT.** This event will be webcast LIVE FROM OTTAWA on Apr 27-28, 2018 and will be streamed to Star of the Sea school gym. Ticket price is \$40, lunch included. To register or more information, email: [parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca) or visit the website [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

<b>Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry:</b> Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	<b>Vocations Office:</b> 604-443-3254/ <a href="mailto:vocations@rcav.org">vocations@rcav.org</a> <b>Domestic Abuse Help Line:</b> 604-640-7549
<b>Catholic Cemeteries:</b> 604-531-2141	<b>Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy:</b> 1-877-889-6626
<b>Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline:</b> 1-855-675-8749 / <a href="http://www.epcc.ca">www.epcc.ca</a> <b>Retrouvaille</b> (for troubled marriages): <a href="http://retrouvaillevancover.com">retrouvaillevancover.com</a>	<b>NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES</b> <b>Billings Method:</b> David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 <b>Creighton Method:</b> <a href="http://fertilitycarevancouver.ca">fertilitycarevancouver.ca</a>
<b>Courage</b> (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): <a href="mailto:courage@rcav.org">courage@rcav.org</a>	<b>Encourage</b> (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): <a href="mailto:encourage@rcav.org">encourage@rcav.org</a>

## Stewardship Reflection

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." (Lk. 24:36-37) Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" one.

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