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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2012 CHURCH BULLETIN 17/2012



Founded in 1928

Readings: Acts 3.13-15,17-19 1 1Jn 2.1-5

Lk 24.35-48

Resp. Psalm: "Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord." (Ps 4)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

<u>9:00</u> Srancz Márton felgyógyulása (felesége és családja)

+Telekesi Géza évfordulója (felesége és gyermekei)

+Resch családtagok (N.Z.)

10:30 az egyházközség (plébános)

Dobos Helen születésnapja (Nóra)

Csaba és Péter születésnapja, hálából (család)

Wyhovszky György (Annamária)

Szekeres Mária felgyógyulása (Farkas Sándor és Teréz)

Fenyves József felgyógyulása (Engyel család)

Timea szándéka (Timea)

nagyszülők és rokonság (Léránt Etelka)

Mária Kongregáció élő és +tagjai (Kongreganisták)

Északamerikai Ciszterci Diákszövetség elhunyt és

élő tanárai és diákjai (Északamerikai C.D.)

élő és +Fodor és Seidl családtagok (Fodor család)

Vaskó család élő és +tagjai (Vaskó Margit)

Győri család

+szülők és nagyszülők (Péter és Bea)

- +Bor Lajos (felesége és családja)
- +szülők (Farkas Sándor)
- +Bakk Bertalan (szülei)
- +Fodor Katharina (férje és családja)
- +Keit Reily (felesége és családja)
- +Aykler Karola évforduló (család)
- +Novák Mária Ausztrália (Caroline)
- +Tausz Zsuzsa (Szárics család)
- +Tausz Zsuzsa (Péter és Bea)
- +Tausz Zsuzsa (Szendi család)
- +Tausz Zsuzsa (20. sz. Árpád vezér, 42. sz. Szent Kinga)

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12:00 Derényi Jenő felgyógyulása (család)

+Tausz Zsuzsa (család)

Monday (23) Saint George, Saint Adalbert

7:30 special intention of Juliet and Jun Rasco special intention of Monika Lee (Joanna)

recovery of Derényi Jenő (family)

+Tausz Zsuzsa (family)

our Jesuit provincial's intention

Tuesday (24) Saint Fidelis Sigmaringen

7:30 recovery of Chris

recovery of Derényi Jenő (family)

all the members of the Marriage Encounter Class #6

the conversion of atheists and non believers

+Tausz Zsuzsa (family)

Wednesday (25) Saint Mark

7:30 souls in Purgatory

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

7 PM a magyar politikusok megtérése

Derényi Jenő felgyógyulása (család)

+Tausz Zsuzsa (család)

+Nyerges Sándorné Anna (lánya, Béni Olga)

Thursday (26)

7:30 priests of St. Elizabeth

recovery of Derényi Jenő (family)

the conversion of sinners

+Tausz Zsuzsa (family)

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

Friday (27) Saint Peter Canisius

7:30 recovery of Derényi Jenő (family) our benefactors (the Jesuits)

+Tausz Zsuzsa (family)

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

+members of Vámossy family (Marika)

Saturday (28) Saint Peter Chanel,

Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort

7:30 Etelka and Pál

world peace

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

10:00 the funeral Mass of +Berger Ferencné Ibolya

<u>Baptism</u>: Klich Emma, Rácz Krisztián, Rácz Zoltán, Vass Alexander

EVENTS

Today: Schnitzel- and bake sale of Caritas **28** Spring Dinner and Dance **29** ShareLife collection **29 - May 10** pilgrimage to Medjugorje and other sites **5** Mother's Day Dinner and Dance **6** Crepes sale - fundraising for the scouts **12** Rummage Sale to support Fr. Böjte's project **13 First Communion** at the 12 o'clock Mass followed by lunch for the families **20 Confirmation** at the 10:30 Mass with bishop Ferenc Cserháti, followed by a reception.

- ♦ All-Day Catholic Event **New Evangelization** featuring Guest Speaker Michael Voris. The topics being discussed will touch upon the challenges that the Church faces today, how we can respond to these challenges with charity and boldness, and how to deepen our faith and share it with others. Guest performers: Critical Mass, Mags, & Kathleen Dunn. Location: 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton). Date: Saturday May 26, 2012. For more information and to order tickets: 1-888-522-2070 or www.CatholicChapterHouse.com.
- ❖ Two weekends of prayer and contemplation are offered for **single women**, aged 30 50, April 27 29 or May 25 27, 2012. Location: 3377 Bayview Ave., Toronto. See posted flyer for more information. To register, contact dschweitzer@csi-to.ca or call 416-927-0720.
- ♦ The ShareLife Community Challenge! A generous parishioner in the Archdiocese has committed \$650,000 toward matching all new and increased gifts to the 2012 ShareLife campaign.
- ♦ FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR on Saturday, April 28, at 9:00am at the Holy Cross Cemetery, 8361 Yonge Street, Thornhill, ON. Catholic Cemeteries and the Archdiocese estate planning team will share: how to protect your loved ones with a proper Will, how to ensure your wishes are legally protected, about Powers of Attorney, the cost savings of making an estate plan, finding lawyers and estate planning advisors, and our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals. An estate planning kit and DVD will be provided at no cost. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries, 416.733-8544 ext. 237 or fjannetta@ccat.on.ca
- New Beginnings: For those who have lost a loved one through **Death, Separation or Divorce**. Come and join us for an informative evening with Father Brian Clough J.C. D. His topic is Annulment: Healing the Wounds of Divorce. The presentation will take place Tuesday May 1, 2012 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Location Saint Bonaventure's Church Hall, 1300 Leslie Street, Toronto, Ontario: (on the west side of Leslie, south of Lawrence) No registration required. Enquiries: Deacon James at 416-921-1163 ext. 2227 or email at jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

Sharing the Faith

By Fr Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

If the point of last Sunday's gospel was experiencing the risen Lord, the point of today's gospel is sharing our faith with others. He wants his followers to be his witnesses. Witnessing, like a coin, has two sides. One side has to do with seeing an event, having knowledge of something through personal experience and not on hearsay. The other side has to do with being able to give an account of it before others. That we are called to be witnesses of Christ means that we are called first to have a personal experience of Christ and then to share this experience with others. Many Christians, unfortunately, only go halfway as they focus on knowing Christ more without a corresponding interest in sharing the knowledge. Yet,

faith is like a flame: the more a piece of wood passes the flame to others the more brightly it burns, but if it refuses to pass on the flame, it stands in danger of losing even its own flame.

The grandfather of the Jewish philosopher Martin Buber was lame. One day they asked him to tell a story about his teacher, and he related how his master used to hop and dance while he prayed. The old man rose as he spoke and was so swept away by his story that he himself began to hop and dance to show how his master did it. From that moment he was cured of his lameness. When we tell the story of Christ, we achieve two things. We enable others to experience him and we ourselves experience his power even more. We can see that happening in today's gospel.

Two disciples met the risen Lord on the way to Emmaus. They came back to Jerusalem to share their experience with the apostles. We read that "While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36). Christ makes himself present in the process of sharing their faith experience with the other unbelieving disciples. Now the eleven apostles and their companions are in turn enabled to experience the risen Lord. And it takes no stretch of the imagination to see that for the two who shared their experience this would be a strengthening of faith, a big empowerment.

What does Jesus do to those who experience him? First, he communicates peace to their troubled hearts. Then he tries to convince them that the same Jesus of Nazareth who suffered and died the shameful death on the cross is the very one who is now alive in glory with God. He goes as far as eating broiled fish which, of course, he does not need, in order to make the point. Then he opens their minds to understand the Scriptures and how they point to him. Finally he commissions them to be his witnesses. This is what Jesus did when he appeared in the gathering of the disciples that Sunday morning 2000 years ago. And this is what he does when he appears in the Sunday gathering of the faithful here today.

Notice how active Jesus is. He is the one who gives them his peace, strengthens their faith, takes away their doubts, and opens their minds and explains the Scriptures to them. He is the one who declares them his witnesses. The disciples do not do much in the encounter except open their eyes to see him, their hearts to let in his peace, their minds to receive his instruction. And in the end when he says, "You are witnesses of these things," they would be expected to respond, "Yes, Lord," and then go out and try to be just that.

How do we witness to Christ? Here many wayside preachers get it wrong. It is not by threatening people with eternal hellfire. It is not by arguing with them on controversial theological issues. It is simply, as the two disciples on the way to Emmaus did, by telling the story of our personal encounter with Christ. It is sharing with them why we are Christians. As St. Peter tells us, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).