

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

MASS INTENTIONS Sat. April 17 4-4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 5:00pm Divine Mercy Sunday Angelina Addario (Vince Addario) Sun. April 18 **Divine Mercy Sunday** 9:30am 🕆 Isaiah (Magazzeni Family) 11:00am 🕆 Wayne Rebeiro & Anthony & **Muriel Guest** (Rebeiro Family) 12:30pm Missa Pro Populo Mon. April 19 9:30am 🕆 Wayne Rebeiro & Anthony & Svbil Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family) Tues. April 20 9:30am 🕆 Joseph Racz (Racz Family) Holy Hour & Confessions 7-8pm 9:30am 🕆 Bill Manchelenko Wed. April 21 (Gloria Egert) Thurs. April 22 9:30am Intentions of Jack & Dorothy Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters) Fri. April 23 9:30am 🕆 Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo) Sat. April 24 4-4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions 5:00pm 骨 Ghislaine & Angelo Tedesco (Annette Tedesco) Sun. April 25 9:30am Intentions of Our Lady & St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters) 11:00am 🕆 Elizabeth Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family 12:30pm Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

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Third Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world. Even the disciples struggled



with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come

together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

Province Wide Lockdown– Stay at Home Order Effective April 8th, 2021– May 6th, 2021

The government of Ontario announced a province wide lockdown effective Saturday, April 8th at 12:01 am. Churches are permitted to remain open with a maximum capacity of 15% including weddings and funerals. The 15% capacity includes all involved in ministry (priest, cantor etc.) as well as staff members/volunteers who manage contact tracing and disinfecting protocols, if they remain for the church service.

Face coverings are mandatory

Reservations will not be taken for weekday Masses or Tuesday Holy Hour. Reservations will be required for all weekend Masses. We have added a 12:30pm Mass on Sunday to accommodate more parishioners.