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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

Do you remember the last time you were enthusiastic about something, but then not too long after, your interest began to dwindle like the evening sun? Yes, it happens to one and all! So, how can I retain my spiritual vibe and stay committed? The two Emmaus disciples have a great answer: "Stay with us, because it is almost evening, and the day is now nearly over" (Luke 24.29). May this be our prayer for the rest of the Easter season. Amen.

**3rd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023**

A Sharelife Campaign Update

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. Thus far we have raised \$13, 886.50 toward our goal of \$25,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at share-life.org/donate.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign!

**Youth Ministry for Friday, April 28, 2023
Topic: Games Night**

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the parish hall; refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please register and pick up a flyer. We need sponsors for each youth night. Thank you in advance!

**Bible Study for Wednesday, May 3, 2023
From 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Topic: "The Chosen" Season 1, Episode 8:
"I Am He"**

YouTube Video: Or download "The Chosen" App
Please bring along your Bibles, Catechism,
and notebook.

Catechism of the Catholic Church and Holy Bibles are for sale at the Parish Office. Learn more about the faith, grab your copies!



Follow the latest parish updates and stay connected on Instagram and Facebook!
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Confessions and Confirmation Rehearsal

On **Thursday, 27th April at 6pm**, our Confirmandi will be having their Confession and Rehearsals. This is in view of the big event which will be presided over by our regional Bishop, Robert Kasun, on Saturday, 29th April at 11am. Please remember that the arrival time is 9am in the Church basement. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Blessed Sacrament's Candle and Flowers



By the kind generosity of:
Victoria Linares
Thank you and God bless you!

Grazie. Gracias. Salamat po. Asante.

Fire and Safety Inspection

Please note that this week, April 24-28, 2023 there would be a fire and safety inspection in our church. Prayer time during the day may be disrupted. Thank you for your understanding!

Maintenance Fund Update

A heartfelt thanks to our parishioners who generously contributed to our maintenance fund. So far, we have raised **\$1,909.00** for this project. We shall continue to update you on the status of our renovations. May you be abundantly blessed!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We would like to congratulate all the First Communicants who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. May the good Lord bless and keep you always!



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

April 22nd to April 29th 2023

SATURDAY, April 22nd

9:00 am + Frank Daley / +Gregory Devandason,
+Orlando Medina / Birthday blessings upon Jacinta
Devandason & Marcela Estefania Arevalo

5:00pm 40 days since passing of + Leilani Roberto
SUNDAY, April 23rd

9:00 am +Leo Codeiro & + Lucio Rego

10:30 am +Gino Antonel / +Defunti Andreatta

12:00 pm available for intentions

2:00 pm +Mariana de Alvarado / por la salud de
Martha Cecilia Correa, Katherin Castro y Robert y
Marcelo Giron / +Flavio Gordón

6:00 pm All priests living and deceased

MONDAY, April 24th

9:00 am +Frank Daley / +Maria Madalena Ngu & all
souls in purgatory / Thanksgiving for the priestly
ordination anniversary of Rev. Fr. Javier Valdes
Castellanos

TUESDAY, April 25th

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong /
+Mariana & +Marcelino Naranjo/ Birthday blessings
upon Mateo Doradea & Rev. Fr. Ismael Naranjo Silva

WEDNESDAY, April 26th

9:00 am +João & +Joana Amaral/ +Vincent Nguyen
& +Maria Dinh / +Domenico Rutigliano, +Esteban
Sandino/ Birthday blessings upon Valery Sandino
Murphy & Rita Rutigliano / Thanksgiving to
St. Joseph

THURSDAY, April 27th

9:00 am +Michael Alan Bell's first year death
anniversary / +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dinh/
+Kreniha Poljak, +Pasquale Emmanuele / Birthday
blessings upon Valery Maria Miklas

FRIDAY, April 28th

9:00 am +Emilia Amorim / +Vincent & +Maria Dinh/
Thanksgiving for the priestly ordination anniversary
of Rev. Fr. Pious Malliar

SATURDAY, April 29th

9:00 am End of abortion and euthanasia

5:00pm (available for intentions)

**We are accepting Mass Intentions
through the office during the week**

AROUND STA AND THE COMMUNITY

St Thomas Aquinas Parish

Pilgrimage Trip

May 20 – 22, 2023



**Ottawa – Montreal – Sherbrooke - Trois-
Rivieres - Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre
Quebec**

Visit Our Lady of the Cape Shrine,
St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount-Royal, Shrine
of the Sacred Heart de Beauvoir, Shrine of
Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre and enjoy the
Tulip Festival.

Father Patrick Ezimora, CCE
Spiritual Director

**Cost: \$395 per person (4 persons in a
room)**

**\$100 deposit upon booking (non-
refundable)**

Contact: Edith – 416 420 5185

Parish office – 416 782 8943

ALL ABOUT FAITH

April 25: Saint Mark the Evangelist—Feast



According to later traditions, Mark was ordained a bishop and sent to Alexandria, Egypt, to preach the Gospel (that he himself wrote) and establish the first Church in Africa. He is therefore considered the first bishop of Alexandria. In Alexandria, Mark encountered the wrath of the local Alexandrians and was martyred after almost twenty years of ministering to them.

As a child, Saint Mark could never have imagined what would become of his life. Not only did he come to know the Messiah as a youth, he later became a bishop and the first to bring the Gospel to the continent of Africa. Most importantly, he became one of God's most powerful evangelists by faithfully writing down the life of Christ for others to read. Since that time, countless people have read his words, meditated on their meaning, been converted in the depths of their hearts, and given their lives over to Christ.

Ponder the significance of this one man. It appears he began his life fearful of his mission. He ran when Jesus was arrested and he left Barnabas and Paul on their missionary journey, but he didn't give up. He turned back to the mission and ultimately died a martyr, bestowing on us one of the greatest treasures ever given. If you feel regret at any failure, or even numerous failures in your life, take inspiration from Saint Mark. Failures can be remedied. Recommit yourself to God's mission and know that, if you do, God will use you in unimaginable ways.

Saint Mark, I thank you for your "Yes" to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for your ministry and especially for your Gospel account. Please pray for me, that I may never tire of turning back to the mission that God has entrusted to me. May I imitate your fidelity and hard work for Christ, going so far as to lay my life down for others. Saint Mark, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

-My Catholic Life

Walking with the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus



April 28, 2023 07:00 PM - April 30, 2023 01:00 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for women and men. The Easter season is a time of experiencing the risen Christ. But as we know from life's experiences it is not easy to experience joy immediately after disappointment, such as from the loss and death of loved ones. It takes time, loving wisdom, and a depth of imagination to begin to see hope for the future – the very experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Facilitated by Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ. A suggested offering of \$245 per person. Includes 2 nights accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

[Register Here](#)

Pope at Regina Coeli: Seek the Risen One in the community



Pope Francis insists on the need to remain within the Church in order to find Jesus, while calling on the faithful to open our arms to all those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy.

Pope Francis explained that we, like Thomas, are invited to "seek the Risen One" not in "some spectacular or amazing religious manifestation, only at the emotional or sensational level," but within the community of believers, the Church. "Despite all its limitations and failures, which are our own limitations and failures, our Mother Church is the Body of Christ," the Pope said. "And it is there, in the Body of Christ, that the greatest signs of His love can be found, impressed, now and forever."

[Read More](#)



You Are What You Eat

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

John 6:51

3 Minute Retreat

[English](#)

[Español](#)

LIVING YOUR FAITH

The Road to Emmaus



Animated Bible Story

[Children's Video](#)

Emmaus and Us: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter



We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers.

They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

[Read More](#)

A Day with Mary, Mother of Jesus



Saturday, May 13, 2023 09:00 AM 03:00 PM
Queen of Apostles Renewal Center
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Facilitated by Father Daniel Janulewicz and Anne Hales.

COST: \$45.00 Lunch included

[Register Here](#)

How to Celebrate Easter Well



He is Risen! Indeed He is truly Risen!

Fr. Mark-Mary challenges us to lean into the immense gift of this Easter season and boldly proclaim, with a sure hope, Alleluia, He is Risen!

[Short Video](#)

"All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!"

— St. Francis of Assisi

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