

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 2019



<b>MON, MAY 6</b> 9:15 am	
<b>TUES, MAY 7</b> 7:00 pm	Michelina Panete †; Pio Valencia †; Maria Manalang †; In Thanksgiving for the 25th Anniversary of Eskalin & Sebastian Carvalho
<b>WED, MAY 8</b> 9:15 am	Domenic Maida †
<b>THUR, MAY 9</b> 7:00 pm	Angelo DeFilippis †
<b>FRI, MAY 10</b> 9:15 am	Joseph Rotondo †
<b>SAT, MAY 11</b> 9:15 am	In Thanksgiving for the 25th Anniversary of Reni & Jose Mathew
5:00 pm	Candido San Juan †
<b>SUN, MAY 12</b> 9:00 am	Jose & Connie Cabral †; Joe & Berta Sousa †; Sibylla Peters †; Paul Anthonipillai †; William & Josephine Lambe & all deceased members of the Lamb family
10:30 am	Vince Alarcon †
12:30 pm	Beatriz & Juan Salalila Jr. & Sr. †; Anthony, Muriel, Ron, Guest †; Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

**THIS WEEK AT SMDY**

**Monday, May 6**  
10:00 am - Stitches from the Heart  
7:00 pm - CWL Executive Meeting  
**Tuesday, May 7**  
9:00 am - 1st Communion Practice  
1:00 pm - 55+ Club  
7:40 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior  
**Wednesday, May 8**  
9:00 am - 1st Communion Practice  
6:00 pm - Choir practice  
6:30 pm - ALPHA  
**Thursday, May 9**  
9:00 am - 1st Communion Practice  
7:00 pm - Bible Study  
7:30 pm - Prayer Group  
7:40 pm - Choir  
**Friday, May 10**  
10:00 am - Rosary Makers  
5:50 pm - Legion of Mary Sr.  
7:00 pm - EDGE  
**Saturday, May 11**  
7:00 am - TMIY

**✝** *"Follow Me" - Jn. 21:19*  
The cited phrase is found within all the synoptic Gospels. Jesus' words, particularly addressed to His disciples are found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John. In this weekend's passage, these words are spoken immediately after the risen Christ prophesied Simon Peter's final days on earth. Jesus indicates that Peter will grow old and glorify God through his death. Since Jesus' Resurrection had defeated sin's power over death, Simon Peter was not hesitant to accept the Lord's commands to follow Him, all the while feeding and tending to His sheep. Both Matthew and Mark cite Jesus' "Follow me" when called His first disciples at the beginning of His ministry. Appealing to their trades both then and now, Jesus calls them while they were tending to their fishing business. It can be imagined that they answered that first call with much curiosity and awe for they might not have understood what Jesus meant by "I will make you fish for people". Upon being with the Lord, and witnessing His human and divine nature, the disciples are able to fathom the road ahead in this final invitation. Simon Peter was the first to answer the call early on in Jesus' ministry, and this is also reflected in his jump off the boat upon recognizing his Lord. That leap of faith, as well as his confident responses to Jesus' questions on the beach are indicative of Peter's spiritual and moral growth; death was no more a threat but a means to glorify God. In fact, early Church tradition teach that Peter's death was a result of head down crucifixion, thereby demonstrating the lengths he would go to follow Christ, and yet remain unworthy to be crucified like his Saviour for he was a mere mortal (a representation of this is found on the South wall of our parish in the form of a recycled metal crest). Upon mustering the courage to follow in Jesus' footsteps, we are called to tend to the flock, all the while preparing our life and death to glorify the Father. As we answer that call, let us remember to be open and brave like Peter, whose own response was the foundation of the Universal Church. Lastly, as this summons to "follow me" occurs at the conclusion of John's gospel, it serves as an excellent reminder of a key lesson of discipleship: just when we think that we have seen and been through it all, it is then that we are ready to begin anew.

*Ann Sairah Mathew*

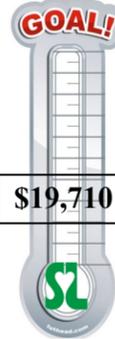
**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by His blood.  
Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?"  
William Chatterton Dix, (1837-1898)*  
Back in Christmas, I wrote and shared the story of the composer of one of my favourite carols, "What Child is This?". William Chatterton Dix's father, an English doctor/surgeon who fled to America to escape numerous charges of malpractice and incompetency, abandoned his wife and children. Out of that disturbing formative experience emerged the lyrics of a Christmas hymn beautifully telling the need for a Saviour to be born who shall bring comfort to the poor and the sinful. In the cited hymn, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus," we, once again, glimpse the mature faith of a Christian who recognizes what God has accomplished in the death and resurrection of Jesus. William Dix knows and understands his deepest identity, that "he has not been orphaned and left in sorrow." For all the ambiguity and struggle of his developmental years in a less than ideal childhood, William's faith and participation in the forty days, has brought about real benefits of victory, redemption – a promise held in his heart that He is with us forever more. In hearing of the Resurrection appearances on these Sundays of the Easter Season, may Christ stir and prompt that same appreciation and grace - that our lives have been deeply and truly touched in our encounter with Him – Risen Lord, who reconciles and brings a resilient, confident joy in knowing that whatever we are to go through in this life, He is with us.

*Fr. Robert*

**SHARELIFE**

As pastor, it is important that you know of my personal support and endorsement of this annual Archdiocesan campaign that seeks to confront human need and suffering as effectively as possible with gospel charity. While various suggested initiatives such as pancake breakfasts, car washes, pasta dinner nights, walk-a-thons have made their impact in the past, I am focusing our parishes' ShareLife appeal around our Divine Mercy devotion. From Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday, we shall be praying the chaplet and invoking mercy for ourselves and the whole world. In receiving mercy, we strive to act mercifully. As God has revealed his super abundant goodness to us through Jesus, we in turn vow to act generously with others.



**Today is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

**MARRIAGE PREP COURSE**

**Marriage Preparation** The Spring Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held on Saturday, May 25th, June 1st & 8th from 10:00am-5:00pm. \$200.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.

**ALPHA - FOLLOW ME**

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer. He wants you to be his disciple and friend. Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. AS the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves up his merciful love, and to love another as he loved us. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy and a renewed friendship with Christ. This series starts on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 pm for 8 weeks. For more information please email [alphasmidy@gmail.com](mailto:alphasmidy@gmail.com).



**2000 HAIL MARYS PRAYER/DEVOTION**

All are welcome to join us in this day-long prayer/devotion which is a very powerful intercessory prayer. Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8:00am – 8:00pm in the main hall (church basement) This devotion includes praying the 20 decades of the Holy Rosary and 20 petition prayers, including prayer for peace in the world, for prevention of abortion, for vocations, for personal sanctity, etc. It is believed that many graces have been granted to those who have participated in this devotion around the world. Please join us for part, or all of these prayers, as we answer our Lady's call to "Pray, Pray, Pray".



**HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD**

Couples For Christ (CFC) and Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD) will be conducting a Christian Life Program (CLP) Saturday's from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall. CFC & HOLD is one of the family ministries which aims to provide a Christian support environment for single mature women, widows, separated or divorced, single parents, wives of overseas workers, and or those women whose husbands are incapacitated or at the moment are not ready yet for religious affiliations. Therefore, we are inviting all these women to join us in this very special event in order to experience more the love of God and to understand more how special you are to Him. For more information contact Esther at [esther.lacerna@hotmail.ca](mailto:esther.lacerna@hotmail.ca) or 647-471-5552.

**TORONTO SERRA CLUBS**

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



**MEN'S GROUP**

Join us for TMIY (Battle Over the Bride) every Saturday from 7:00am to 9:00 am. Given that we all struggle as men to persevere in the responsibilities and commitments we face, I am inviting you to participate in an effective and strategic program to help us win both at home and at work. If you would like more information please email Jess at [smdy.tmiy@gmail.com](mailto:smdy.tmiy@gmail.com).



**THE 55+ CLUB**

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: [sandyrobin22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrobin22@gmail.com)

**PRAYER GROUP**

The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group meets on Thursday nights in the chapel after the 7:00 PM mass. All are welcome!

**STITCHES FROM THE HEART**

Meets every Monday at 10 am, everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. Hope to see you there. For further information, please contact Mary Abela at 905-793-4502. *Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.*

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 7:40 PM; every Friday Children 5:50 PM. Parents are welcome. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

**ROSARY APOSTOLATE**

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? Join the Rosary Apostolate. Training and supplies will be provided. For more information please call Joseph Farrugia at 905- 497-1925

**A First Communion Prayer**

*I clasp my hands, then kneel and pray  
On this, my First Communion Day.  
I ask you, Jesus, to watch me grow,  
And teach me all that I need to know.  
Protect me, daily, from all things bad,  
And fill my heart with all things glad.  
And if I ever lose my way,  
Please guide me back when I kneel and pray. Amen.*



**Congratulations to all children receiving their First Holy Communion**