

PAROISSE SAINT-FRANÇOIS-XAVIER PARISH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH:

John & Marguerite Peters, Joan Regnier, René & Lori-Ann & the future of our church. **St. François-Xavier, priez pour nous/pray for us. Lord, thank you for your constant watchful eye over us. Praise God!** Anyone wanting to add or remove a name please contact Odile (204-864-2367).

MINISTRY LIST:

April 14, 2024 – 4TH Sunday of Easter

Welcoming Ministry: **Rolande & Eugene Bernardin;** English: **Alain Lavoie;** French: **Odile**

Thibert; Clean the church: **Stan Breland**

April 21, 2024 – 5TH Sunday of Easter

Welcoming Ministry: **Stan Breland & Arthur Enoh;** English: **Elaine Senecal;** French: **Ray**

Vermette; Clean the church: **LeGras**

MASS INTENTIONS:

April 14, 2024: For deceased beloved Annette Hamlin requested by The Kendall family

April 14, 2024: For Nelly, John Peters' sister requested by John & Marguerite Peters

April 21, 2024: For deceased beloved Jim Houston requested by Bob & Léona Houston

April 28, 2024: For deceased beloved Ken Wood requested by Yvonne Wood & her family.

May 5, 2024: For deceased beloved Stan Coble (Diane's father) requested by the Kendalls

May 26, 2024: For deceased beloved Tony Yarema requested by the Kendall family.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION:

For the role of woman: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

THE DISCIPLES SEE JESUS:

This is another of the immortal short stories of the world.

1. It tells of two men who were walking towards the sunset. It has been suggested that that is the very reason why they did not recognize Jesus. Emmaus was west of Jerusalem. The sun was sinking, and the setting sun so dazzled them that they did not know their Lord. However that may be, it is true that the Christian is a man who walks not towards the sunset but towards the sunrise. Long ago it was said to the children of Israel that they journeyed in the wilderness towards the sun rising. The Christian goes onwards, not to a night which falls, but to a dawn which breaks – and that is what, in their sorrow and their disappointment, the two on the Emmaus road had not realized.
2. It tells us of the ability of Jesus to make sense of things. “We were hoping that he was the one who was going to rescue Israel.” They were the words of men whose hopes were dead and buried. Then Jesus came and talked with them, and the meaning of life became clear and the darkness become light.
3. It tells us of the courtesy of Jesus. God gave to men the greatest and the most perilous gift in the world, the gift of free-will; we can use it to invite Christ to enter our lives or to allow him to pass on.
4. It tells how he was known to them in the breaking of bread. It is not only at the communion table we can be with Christ; we can be with him at the dinner table too. He is not only the host in his Church; he is the guest in every home.
5. It tells how these two men, when they reached Jerusalem, they found others who had already shared their experience. The Christian message is never fully ours until we have shared it with someone else.
6. It tells how, when they reached Jerusalem, they found others who had already shared their experience. It is the glory of the Christian that he lives in fellowship of people who have had the same experience as he has had.
7. It tells that Jesus appeared to Peter. That must remain one of the great untold stories of the world. But surely it is a lovely thing that Jesus should make one of his first appearances to the man who had denied him. It is the glory of Jesus that he can give the penitent sinner back his self-respect.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

1. *Who is the king of the classroom?* The ruler
2. I can't take my dog to the pond anymore because the ducks keep attacking him. That's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.
3. My dog can do magic tricks. She's a labracadabrador.
4. *Ted:* Hey, a train just went by! *Fred:* How do you know? *Ted:* Because its tracks are still here.
5. *Did you hear about the flower who went on a date with another flower?* It's a budding romance.
6. The weather forecast was rain, but it mist us.

THOUGHT TO PONDER DURING THE WEEK:

Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words. (St. Ignatius of Loyola)