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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

Did Not Our Hearts Burn While He Opened to Us the Scriptures

Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. *They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.* They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord Jesus appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their *slowness of heart* to believe what the Scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them.

"Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth - that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth."

How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

"Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life.."

AMEN

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW PARISH SECRETARY TO BEGIN MAY 1, 2023



My name is Ella Alvares and I am looking forward to taking up duties as the new Parish Secretary at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. My family and I have been long-term residents of Mississauga. At home with me are my dad and my son. Among my hobbies are reading, music and cooking (especially those special dishes from my late mother's collection). I particularly relish time spent with my sisters and their families, who mean a lot to me. As the Parish Secretary, I will endeavour to get to know as many parishioners as possible. I am also eager to help Fr. Damian, the Lay Pastoral Assistant and the other parish staff. I will do my part to make sure St. Francis of Assisi Parish remains a vibrant faith-filled church community. To this end I ask for your prayers. Looking forward to working with you all!
Ella

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE A DAY WITH MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

When: Saturday May 13th, 2023. 9AM-3PM

Where: Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre, Miss.

Facilitated by: Father Daniel and Anne Hales

Cost: \$45 (lunch included)

Contact: Jean 905.278.5229 office@qoa.ca



Neophyte Mass - Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to welcome all those in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have been newly-initiated into the Church. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m.**

on Sunday, April 30 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. **Registration closes Tuesday, April 25.** Neophytes and their guests are assured of reserved seating. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/NeophyteMass-Register>

Apr2023 CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org



Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Francis Leo -

The Catholic faithful in the Western Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to greet Archbishop Francis Leo at a **"Mass of Welcome"** being celebrated at **7pm on Wednesday, May 3rd**, at

St. Francis Xavier Church, 5650 Mavis Rd (South of Matheson Blvd) Mississauga, L5V 2X5. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER
SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY MAY 26TH 6PM

Join us for a fun-filled night at our annual fundraiser dinner dance on Friday, May 26, 2023, from 6PM to 1AM at the Oakville Legacy Banquet Hall. Enjoy delicious food, cocktails and non-stop dancing to the rock 'n roll music of *Little Peter and the Elegants*. There will also be a 50/50 draw and silent auction. Tickets are only \$70 per person, and proceeds go towards supporting local charities.

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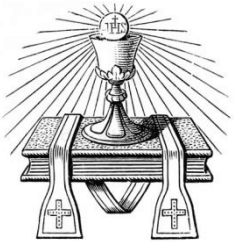
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Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations -

The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations is **Friday, May 5, 2023**. On this day, parishes throughout the archdiocese are asked to hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, during our Holy Hour from 6pm to 7pm, we will pray for: (1) an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life; (2) for endurance in vocations already committed; (3) the men scheduled for ordination to the priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, in Toronto, on Saturday, May 13th, 2023.



Prayer Vigil for the soon-to-be priests is being held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Friday, May 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be praise and worship, interspersed throughout the evening, communal

prayers, such as the Rosary and a sung version of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This event is open to the public. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations via email - vocations@archtoronto.org.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Calling children from grades 1 to 6 to join the Parish DAY Camp program, from **August**

13th to 18th, 2023. Held at St. Francis of Assisi parish from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Youth from grades 7 to 12 are welcome to join the Parish EVENING camp program on the same week from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. **Visit our [parish website](#)** for details and online registration form. For additional info, kindly contact Ms. Arlene at 905.822.8132 x 6 or by email: amorgan@archtoronto.org



NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY
April 30th 10AM Mass Only

National Family & Life Week (NFLW), May 7-14, 2023,

is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life by seeking out new and creative ways to live out this call in our daily lives. The NFLW theme is Jesus' words, **"Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"** (John 13:34). Love is at the heart of familial relationships and our families are a communion of love in Christ. We are "guardians of life" when we love one another within our families, as well as in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized.



Parishes and families are encouraged to utilize the *Pastoral Toolkit* from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate and promote the National Week, including: • A message from the CCCB President • Daily prayer intentions and activities • Catechesis and discussion tools for groups, couples, families • Social media campaign based on related saints. Please see the resource page on the CCCB website: <https://bit.ly/NFLW2023>

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 24 - 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Stanly Nika
+ Mike O'Sullivan
+ Iolanda Zicarelli

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 - 8:30 A.M.

+ Patrick Kendrick
Mass Intentions Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 - 7:00 P.M.

Mass Intentions Available

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 - 8:30 A.M.

S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage
Mass Intentions Available

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 - 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Pierre Beauchamp
+ Catalina Santiago
+ Peter Drozdiuk

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - 5:00 P.M.

+ Joel Coppel
S.I. Arlene Morgan

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - 4th Sunday of Easter

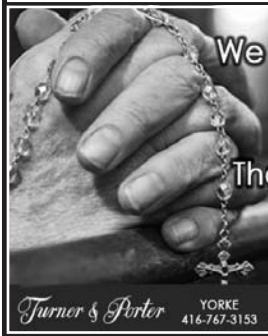
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