

For many centuries, Christian awareness has not been focused as it should be, on all that the Saviour's Resurrection means in the life of the Church. That the Church lives through 'the power of the resurrection' was the central truth preached by the apostolic Church. This is clearly illustrated in today's readings. The manifesto proclaimed by Peter on the day of Pentecost hinges on this truth – the resurrection is pointed to as unassailable evidence that it is intervention of the God of Israel's faith that is being announced; but more than that, established 'at God's right hand' the Risen Christ now bestows the Holy Spirit on the infant Church and sends it forth on its mission. In the Letter of Peter, probably written shortly before his martyrdom, Peter takes up the same theme – the Saviour has been 'raised from the dead and given glory' so that believers may share in his new life through their 'faith and hope in God'.

Luke's account of what took place on the road to Emmaus inspires us each time we hear it. It is told, that later generations of believers may share the experience the first disciples of Jesus, as they learned to make the Risen Lord the centre of their lives. Their finding of faith is a reversal of all that their earthly expectations had looked forward to: 'Our hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free'. The fulfilment of their hopes was not to be a political triumph, but a messiah who drew close to them at sunset on the dusty road of their disappointment. Recognising him called for a change of heart: coming to know – through the full message of the Scriptures – the ways of God, so different from the ways of worldly wisdom. It is through a renewed appreciation of the great drama recorded in the Scriptures that the Church will find the strength it needs to face today's challenges. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Jesus Christ – words as true today as they were when they were first written by St Jerome in the 4th century. Touched by the message that makes their hearts 'burn within them', they ask the stranger to stay in their company. How easily, in the bustle of our lives, we pass up the opportunity to enter more deeply into the relationships and special moments that can nourish our faith.

In the end, it is in 'the breaking of bread' that the eyes of faith are fully opened for them, and they joyfully accept the Saviour and enter upon the revolutionary way he has opened up for them. As we strive to give the Eucharist the central place it should have in our relationship with our Risen Lord, it is important to recognise that it is, before all else, in our conscious participation in the Eucharistic action ('Do this in remembrance of me') that this gift of the Saviour will be the great source of the Church's life – enabling us to bring our lives, our needs, and the needs of all God's people, to the Father, as we are caught up by the Saviour into his great self-offering. Veneration of the reserved sacrament - a venerable practice in our Western Church - should not detract from the supreme importance of the Mass; it should, we are told in today's official teaching, increase our hunger to 'take and eat'.

In the joy and wonder of their new-found faith, the two disciples 'set out that instant' to rejoin 'the Eleven and their companions' in Jerusalem. It is in a vital Christian community that we will find the support and confirmation we need in our journey of faith.



They recognised him in the breaking of the bread

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Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called – as an ordained or consecrated person?

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park
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Readings ~ Acts 2.14, 22-33 ~ 1 Peter 1.17-21 ~ Luke 24.13-35

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week – May 5 to 11

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Gerry Sherwin	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Antonio & Teresa Zicarelli	Pina Valle
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Guido Dean	Alice Dean
Thursday, 9am	✠ Lena Badali	The Badali family
Friday, 9am	✠ Maria DeVittor	Alice Dean
Saturday, 9am	✠ Noah Tsang	Liam Cawthorne & Diana Lumba
5:15pm	✠ Olga & Wally Kalisz	Diana Kalisz
Sunday, 8am	✠ Lena Badali	Nicki Law
9:30am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
11:00am	✠ Horace McCubbin	Adele McCubbin
12:30pm	✠ Elizabeth Faruzzi	The family

Rosary Group – stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass+ Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Stretch & Flex – all are welcome! – Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm in the parish hall

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

Scripture Classes – Wednesdays, 10am + Thursdays, 7pm – all are welcome!

Morning class in the parish hall, evening class at OLS School, 32 Montgomery Rd., Room 411.

Parish Survey available at the office or on our website – www.sorrrows.ca

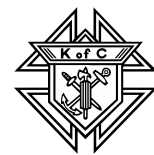
This is your opportunity to assist efforts to enhance our community of faith. Thank you!

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Next Sunday Knights of Columbus – Rose Sunday

KofC Kingsway Council will be selling lapel roses after all Masses. Pay what you can; all proceeds go to the Right to Life Associations in Toronto. The Knights thank you in advance for your generous support.

Papal Concert – Honouring the Sainthood of John Paul II and John XXIII

Shaping up to be a big parish and community event, this concert will include most members of our Music Ministry, several guest choirs, soloists, and the Toronto Sinfonietta under the direction of Matthew Jaskiewicz. Musical selections include works by Mark Hayes, Ruth Watson Henderson, Peter Togni, W.A. Mozart and R.V. Williams. This event takes place at OLS on Sunday, June 8 at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the back of the church in the coming weeks. Early birds may phone Gordon Mansell at 416-571-3680 for tickets.



Point your browser at www.sorrrows.ca and read Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Lumen Fidei* today!

COMMUNITY

Stonegate Ministry Call for food bank donations – can you help?

Christ Church St. James Anglican's Food Pantry – a Stonegate Ministry partner – is asking for help addressing shortages of food supplies. They are in particular need of pasta sauces, cereals, peanut butter, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.) and size 5 & 6 baby diapers. Donations are gratefully accepted at 194 Park Lawn Rd. For operating hours and more information, visit www.christchurchstjames.ca/food-bank – **Thanks for your support!**

Serving in the Love of Christ – Catholic Education Week – May 4–9

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2014. For more than 160 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, empowering our young people to follow the example of Jesus to love and serve. To learn more, visit goodnewsforall.ca or www.archtoronto.org

The National March for Life – May 7–9, Ottawa

Events include Masses, prayer services, Eucharistic Adoration, a rally on Parliament Hill, banquets and a youth conference. On Thursday, May 8, gather on Parliament Hill at noon, hear speakers and march. We are raising awareness that the dangerous abortion drug, RU-486, is being considered for distribution in Canada. Thus our theme is RU-4LIFE. Join thousands at the National March for Life as we express concerns about the tragic impact abortion has on our nation. For more information call Campaign Life Coalition at 416-204-9749. Details are available at www.marchforlife.ca

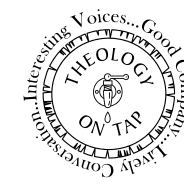


Book Launch & Signing Pope John Paul II: A Saint for Canada – May 8, 5–7 pm

Join us as we celebrate the release of Fr. Thomas Rosica's newest book! In honour of his canonization, Fr. Rosica accounts of the great pope's time in Canada and the lessons his life & teaching offer to us as we continue along the great journey of faith. Pontifical Institute for Mediaeval Studies Lounge, 59 Queen's Park Cres. East. RSVP by May 5 to rsvp@novalis.ca

Theology on Tap West – My Boss Made Me Do It: Ethics in the Workplace

The Office of Catholic Youth, Faith Connections, and your local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a relaxed setting, with special guest: Paskwa Mutunga. Paskwa will speak about how to take your faith to work and make decisions based on your values. Takes place on May 12, 7–9pm, West 50 Pourhouse & Grille, 50 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! RSVP appreciated. Theology on Tap West is on Twitter; use hashtag #ToTWest to join the conversation. For more information, contact us at 416-599-7676, youth@ocytoronto.org or visit www.ocytoronto.org or www.faithconnections.ca



Late Nite Catechism: A Night of Comedy – May 23, 7:30pm

Proceeds are to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Basil's. The money raised will supplement the existing fund to serve those in need. In addition to weekly visitations to clients and assisting with food and clothing vouchers, we would like to earmark funds for special needs such as extra medical expenses. Takes place at Sorbara Hall, St. Michael's College 81 St. Mary's St. Tickets are \$50 and include a \$30 charitable receipt. For more information, contact Kathy at 416-923-8563 or email LNCToronto@yahoo.ca

19th Annual ShareLife Corporate Golf Tournament Monday, June 9

Join us at Markland Wood Golf Club in support of the social service agencies funded by ShareLife. For further information, call ShareLife at 416-934-3411 or visit www.sharelife.org