

# Sunday, April 14, 2024



*He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things."  
- Lk 24:44, 48*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 15, 2024

8:15am: + Antonio Baptiste Jr.

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

8:15am: + Angela Carneiro

7:00pm: + Johnna Horvath

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:15am: Patricia Pope—Healing

### Thursday, April 18, 2024

8:15am: + Angela Carneiro

### Friday, April 19, 2024

8:15am: + Paul Tjioe

7:00pm: + Peter Quyet

In Thanksgiving to St. Expedite

Jackie Letang (Prayers)

The Gomes Family (In Thanksgiving)

+ All Souls

### Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:15am: + Amparo Miraballes

5:00pm: For the Intentions of Enrico & Mary Flores

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:30am: + Carmelo Tocci

10:00am: + Renzo Vertolli

12:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

7:00pm: + Emily & Arthur Brown

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### Youth Website

[stpatriksyouth.com](http://stpatriksyouth.com)

## Third Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light. The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread." With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too! — *Father John Muir*

## Spring Bottle Drive

Knights of Columbus will be collecting your empty liquor, wine and beer bottles in support of the Special Olympics, Ontario before and after all the Masses on the weekend of **April 20-21, 2024**. Thank you for your generous support!



## Live the Liturgy:

### Inspiration for the Week

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

**Please Pray for the Sick...**

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna lafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutillier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catalli, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Theresa Torrefranca



**March for Life**

The theme for this year's March for Life is "I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15-16) God's promise that He will "never forget" is a call for each one of us to be a witness to the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. Since 1969, 4 million babies in Canada have been aborted. The number of deaths by euthanasia has increased from 1,018 in 2016 to 13,241 in 2022, for a total of 44,958 (latest statistics). As Christians, we cannot be silent when there are attacks on innocent life. To be silent is to be morally complicit. Join thousands of Canadians in Ottawa on Thursday, **May 9, 2024 to march for life**. Reserve a seat on the bus by leaving your name at the office or call (905) 896-2366 and leave a message. See posters at the back for further information.

**SHARE LIFE**

In the Gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus spoke about the three disciplines of Lent; Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. By embracing these disciplines, we try to draw closer to Jesus who has told us that he is the way, the truth and the life. In the giving of alms, we try to be like Jesus in his giving of himself to others. **SHARE LIFE**, is one of the collective ways that we do this. The campaign was begun by Archbishop Pocock in 1976, as a way for the people of the Archdiocese to reach out to those who are most in need, and for the past 48 years we have done this. I would like to thank you for your generosity to the campaign last year. **The Parish gave \$151,356.55 to the campaign**, which I believe is a very tangible way of saying that we care, and that we support this campaign. I hope that this year we will be able to do the same. **The second collection will be on APRIL 28, and another on JUNE 2**, but donations can be given at any time either directly through the Parish or through the Share Life Office. Please make sure that donations are allocated to "Share Life - St. Patrick's Parish." If you have not already received it, you will be receiving a letter from Archbishop Leo asking for your continuing support. There are envelopes for the collections in your Parish box of envelopes, as well as on the tables in the church, and in the letter from Archbishop Leo. There is a brochure in the bulletin this weekend similar to the one that you received from the Archbishop. It talks about those who have been helped by Share Life, and the allocation of the funds that have been received. Thank you for your support and generosity.—*Fr. John*

**Online Prayer Group**

Join us via Zoom every Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570  
Passcode: 196792

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.

**2024 Women Together Retreat**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites all women to the 2024 Women Together Retreat on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The retreat will be facilitated by Anne Hales and Ques-ta Fernandes. Registration is at 8:30am, cost is \$45.00. Coffee/tea with muffins and a hot lunch is included! Mass will also be celebrated during the day. Location: Queen of Apostle Renewal Centre Address: 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga Phone: 905-278-5229 Email: office@qoa.ca Payment is accepted by cash, cheque, visa or mastercard. See you there!

