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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : APRIL 21, 2024



From the Pastors' Desk

“Peace Be With You”

Suppose we had a time machine and we traveled back in time to talk to Simon Peter before he met Jesus. And what if we asked him, “What would a peaceful life look like to you?” I wonder what he might say.

Maybe he'd say, “Well, a peaceful life would be one where my fishing business would continue to thrive. I would catch lots of fish each day, sell them all, and support my family comfortably. That's what I call peace,” he might say.

But then if we traveled into Simon Peter's future and looked at the life of St. Peter after he met Jesus we would see that his life didn't turn out that peaceful at all. We might step out of our time machine at the council of Jerusalem in the Acts of the Apostles, We would witness dissension among the disciples, arguing, and debating. And there would be Peter in the center of it all, trying to be a leader. Trying to be the rock that Jesus named him. And if we got back into our time machine we could follow Peter's life and see him arrested, imprisoned, killed. So Peter did not get a peaceful life. And yet we hear Jesus tell his disciples, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.”

Where is this peace that Jesus promised to give to his disciples? This is an important question; because if Jesus promised peace to his disciples, he's also promised it to us. But our lives often don't seem very peaceful. Sudden catastrophic illness, corruption in business and government, religious freedom threatened both here and in other countries, terrorism and war.

The word peace is used in many different contexts and in many different ways. But none of these are the way that Jesus uses the word peace. “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jesus is about to go away, and he foresees that his disciples will be upset, will be fearful, will be afraid. And he's trying to address their fears. And so when he says “Peace I leave you, my peace is my gift to you,” he is giving them a gift to help them through their fear. His peace is the antidote to a troubled heart. What he promises them is a gift to help them face those challenges with confidence. And that gift is the Holy Spirit. Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit grounds us in God's love so that we can face the turbulence, so that we can face our fears with confidence, with the inner peace of knowing that God loves us and that one day we will dwell in eternal peace.

God Bless, Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC



REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

Making a charitable Bequest:

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come.

For more information, please call the Parish office of St. Joseph Church. Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

The Week Ahead :

Apr 23: St. George, Martyr; St. Adelbert, Bishop & Martyr

Apr 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

Apr 25: St. Mark, Evangelist

Apr 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Apr 30: St. Pius V, Pope

May 01: St. Joseph the Worker

May 02: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church



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The Promise of The Holy Spirit Retreat will be led by Fr. Sam Samuel VC, Fr. Louis Joseph VC and the Divine team on May 4th and 5th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (both days are mandatory). The retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Confession, Spiritual talks and Eucharistic Adoration. Come and worship the Lord as we deepen our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website divineretreatcentretoronto.org.

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For APRIL 2024:

For the Role of Women:

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Is a liturgical celebration. The Gospel is proclaimed in terms appropriate for young children. The Gospel is discussed and broken open so that the children have a better understanding of the message. A profession of faith is proclaimed and prayer intentions offered before the children re-join their parents. It is Liturgy of the Word, so it is ritual, centered on the proclamation and breaking open of the scriptures. and breaking open of the scriptures. The children do what the rest of the community is doing at this point of the Mass. They listen to the scriptures proclaimed and applied to contemporary life and respond in various ways.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST CHILI NIGHT

Chili Night on April 27 at 6.00 pm.

You are invited to participate in the Chili Competition which is open to all the parishioners. The best Chili will be awarded through the peoples choice voting.



Mothers' Day Gift Basket

On May 12, 2024. Raffle tickets will be sold after the Weekend Masses.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

April 13-14, 2024: \$ 956.50

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Forms are available in the foyer.

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 21:

10:00 am : † **Nicholas Rozario**

† **Bibiana Monica Pereira**

† **Sangita Gloria Rozario**

Req. Martin & Juliana Fry & Lovely Rozario

Monday, April 22: NO MASS

Tuesday, April 23:

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

† **Patrocinia Pascua**

Req. Family

Wednesday, April 24:

7:00 pm : **Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life—
Memusa Cabangon**

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Healing Intentions—Sharon Fryer

Req. Barbara Hamilton

Thursday, April 25:

9:00 pm : † **Jose & Olema Gomes**

Req. Gomes Family

Friday, April 26:

7:00 pm † **Jose Arruda**

Req. Celina Gomes & Family

Saturday, April 27:

5:00 pm : **For the Intentions of St. Joseph
Parish Community**



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