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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia."
(Cf. Psalm 65.1-2)



"But Peter and the Apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than human beings.'" (Acts 5: 32)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Christ:

Happy Easter! Increasing secularization in Canada is placing Catholics in challenging situations. We know our Catholic faith informs us about fundamental issues related to life, such as marriage, sexuality, the poor, the elderly, and the most vulnerable. However, secular society promotes the complete opposite of what we know to be true. I have personally met with many good men and women who have been shunned for their love for Jesus Christ and His Bride, the Catholic Church, whom Jesus founded on St. Peter.

The Apostles found themselves in similar situations like many persecuted Christians in the world today. They were punished for preaching the truth about sin, conversion, and salvation in Jesus Christ. Peter's words must become our own. "We must obey God and not human beings." Whenever a law introduces or enforces what is contrary to Divine Revelation, we have the moral responsibility to reject and oppose it. We will likely find ourselves in trouble, sometimes seriously, but it is better to reject evil for the sake of "getting along" with others.

Why is there is perennial tension between the Church and the world? A 4th-century anonymous author gives the best explanation. He says that the soul is to the body what the Church is to the world. The soul puts the brakes on the body from giving in to evil desires (when we are virtuous). Thus, the body hates and rebels against the soul. It wants to give license to every disordered desire in the name of "freedom". The Church is the moral conscience of the world. She continually reminds us of our immense dignity and encourages us to reject worldly attitudes and behaviours which the world offers. Thus, the world hates Christians. Unless the Church rejects Jesus Christ and the moral demands of the Gospel, we will always be targets of wrath.

This was incredibly obvious the same day that Pope Francis died. Secular media outlets were on the attack of the Catholic Church and insisting that we get with the times if we want to be relevant and not disappear. One

quote will suffice: "We must maintain the truth of the entirety of the Gospel, even if we are reduced to twelve." It was St. John Paul II who said and lived those words. May the Crucified and Risen Lord give us the courage and joy to live the entirety of our faith.

Announcements

1. On this second ShareLife Sunday, May 3/4, we call upon your compassionate hearts to



support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our Parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

2. PRAYER FOR CONCLAVE

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the conclave.

Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please, Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition.

Amen

MAY 4th, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 5, 2025

12:10 pm. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested By: Maria Cristina Castro

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

12:10 pm. Benedicta Tapia Fudalan (+)
Requested By: The Tapia Family

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

12:10 pm. Anna Palmieri (+)
Requested By: Achilles Alex & Miranda Palmieri

Thursday, May 8, 2025

12:10 pm. Andrea Tuzon (+)
Requested By: Maria Tuzon

Friday, May 9, 2025

12:10 pm. Maria Moniz (+) & Honorina Serodio (+)
Requested By: Ines Serodio

Multiple Intentions:

Roberto S. Mariano (+), & Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Saints Philip & James

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm Jessica Piccinin (+)
Requested By: Ed & Natalie Piccinin

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners & In Thanksgiving
Requested By: Florida Abides

10:00 am.

In Thanksgiving to God & Blessed Mother Mary for all those who were and will be ordained to the Priesthood this year in 2025
Requested By: Grace Sojerido

12:00 pm.

Requested By:

Johanes Thio In Liong (+)
Liang K. Tan



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeek, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

The MAY Food of the Month donation is **FAMILY-SIZED PEANUT BUTTER**. Please bring the donation to the Parish Office.



What God Does to Us in Prayer



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5th, 19th, 26th, 2025



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