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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a “charcoal fire” is mentioned.

One is in today’s Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire. The other is in the scene in the High Priest’s courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside.

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted.

Today’s charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter’s repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus’ thrice repeated command “feed My sheep” shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord’s entire flock, the head of His Church.

Jesus’ question: “Do you love me more than these?” is a pointed reminder of Peter’s pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken.

Jesus then explains just what Peter’s love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter’s death by crucifixion (“you will stretch out your hands”).

Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered.

We see the beginnings of that persecution in today’s First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave “rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer.”

Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their “mourning into dancing,” as we sing in today’s Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before “the Lamb that was slain,” a scene glimpsed in today’s Second Reading.

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND.

The St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League Council will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at the Martyrs Shrine for the 2025 Jubilee Year - the Jubilee of Hope. Stay tuned for details in the upcoming bulletin. 'The message imparted by the Holy Door is that God’s mercy reaches out to mankind's frailty'.

STATEMENT FROM FRANK CARDINAL LEO

(Posted : Apr-21-2025)

Our Catholic family worldwide is in mourning following the death of our spiritual father, Pope Francis. Since 2013, our shepherd has guided the flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father’s humility, compassion and care for others, most especially the poor and marginalized, has served as a powerful witness and a reminder of our daily call to reflect the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter.

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Our good and faithful servant has been called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

The Conclave will begin on May 7 with Mass at 10:00AM (Rome Time) and Opening Procession at 4:00PM (Rome Time). Let us pray for the Cardinals.

DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED

Day of Reflection & Prayer: Saturday, May 10 9:30AM – 5:00PM at the Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre "Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?" Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. The suggested offering for this day is \$65 which includes morning coffee/tea & muffin on arrival, lunch and program. Facilitated by Sr. Claire Marchal & Mary Hyland. For more information contact Mary Hyland 905-647-0957

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Assunta Di Donato, Maria Tassone whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

III DOMENICA DI PASQUA

Gli avvenimenti accaduti dopo la risurrezione ci vengono proposti a diversi livelli. La Chiesa di Gerusalemme continua il suo cammino e comincia a sperimentare la persecuzione: la fustigazione degli apostoli – prima lettura – è un piccolo anticipo di cose ben più terribili che accadranno più tardi. L'Apocalisse offre uno spaccato fantastico del regno futuro. E intanto continuano le apparizioni del Risorto agli apostoli.

Dopo la risurrezione tutti gli apostoli dimostrano un coraggio inimmaginabile, se rapportato al comportamento durante la passione di Gesù, e grandi capacità comunicative: parlano, persuadono, conquistano. Scribi e farisei, viceversa, sono alle corde. Il brano che viene proclamato ci mostra un momento importante nella visione dell'Apocalisse. C'è un libro misterioso che nessuno sa aprire. Ma finalmente uno si trova: è l'Agnello.

Il lungo racconto dell'apparizione sul lago di Galilea è proprio del solo Giovanni, anche se Matteo accenna ad apparizioni in Galilea. Molti I segnali lanciati dal racconto: riguardano gli apostoli, in particolare Pietro e Giovanni, e la Chiesa intera.

DICHIARAZIONE DEL CARDINALE FRANK**LEO**

(Pubblicato il: 21-04-2025)

La nostra famiglia cattolica in tutto il mondo è in lutto per la scomparsa del nostro padre spirituale, Papa Francesco. Dal 2013, il nostro pastore ha guidato il gregge con amore e ha svolto il ruolo di ambasciatore globale di pace, speranza e amore. L'umiltà, la compassione e la cura del Santo Padre per gli altri, in particolare per i poveri e gli emarginati, sono state una potente testimonianza e un promemoria della nostra chiamata quotidiana a riflettere il volto di Gesù su tutti coloro che incontriamo.

Invito i fedeli dell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto e tutti coloro che piangono la sua perdita a pregare per il riposo dell'anima di Papa Francesco. Possiamo onorare la sua eredità e accogliere con amore il suo invito a essere missionari di misericordia, condividendo la luce di Cristo in abbondanza, affermando la dignità di ogni vita umana e promuovendo una cultura di cura e di amore. Il nostro servo buono e fedele è stato chiamato a casa dal Signore. Che riposi in pace. Il Conclave inizierà il 7 maggio con la Messa alle 10:00 (ora di Roma) e la Processione di apertura alle 16:00 (ora di Roma). Preghiamo per i Cardinali.

Masses of the Week**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

4:30PM Ettore Siciliano, Zenaida Pagarigan

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:00AM Antonio & Bruno Romano & Vittoria Servello

9:30AM In thanksgiving Edna Jeffherson & Jayson Vega, for the souls of Domenico & Maria Teresa Iozzo

11:00AM Romolo Nota, Benito Marino, John D'Antonio, Dolores & Paolino Di Carlo, Salvatore Sgro, Rosina & Nicola Battaglia, Nicola Cristello, Isabella Plati, Armando Tamburrini

12:30PM Concetta Di Biase

2:30PM **First Holy Communion St. Charles & Other Schools**

MONDAY, MAY 5

8:00AM Siena Morgani

12:05PM For the Intentions of Qeusere Lazimi

7:00PM Rina Bianchi

TUESDAY, MAY 6

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM For the Intentions of Loredana, for the souls of Oscar Bruno, Maria Lopreiato, Joseph Herley, Domiguito Saluna, And for all souls who passed away this day.

7:00PM Confirmation Rehearsal for Sts. Cosmas & Damian School

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

8:00AM Luigi & Marta Di Matteo

12:05PM Luis Pontes

7:00PM Confirmation Rehearsal for Regina Mundi & Other Schools

THURSDAY, MAY 8

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Rafael Cruz, All Souls in Purgatory, In thanksgiving Mike Directo Birthday Blessings

7:00PM Confirmation Rehearsal St. Charles School

FRIDAY, MAY 9

8:00AM Maria Grazia Tantalo & Family

12:05PM Battista Marcuzzi

SATURDAY, MAY 10

4:30PM For All Mothers

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