

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., April 18	Vigil 3rd Sunday of Easter 4:00 pm Frances Ironside from the family.
Sun., April 19	3rd Sunday of Easter 10:30 am For all parishioners.
Mon., April 20	Ferial Weekday 8:00 am Mary Kanarek & Family.
Tue., April 21	Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
Wed., April 22	Ferial Weekday 8:00 am For Maria O'Kane Intentions from Mary Porter.
Thu., April 23	Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
Fri., April 24	Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
Sat., April 25	Vigil 4th Sunday of Easter 4:00pm For all parishioners.
Sun., April 26	4th Sunday of Easter 10:30 am +Marguerite Finnegan from Maria Raposo.

Last Weekend – April 12, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	-	\$ -
10:30 am Sunday	-	\$ -
Online donations:		\$ -
Total	-	\$ -

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,
This weekend we have the passage of the disciples of Emmaus. The main message of this passage is the false expectations the disciples had of the Messiah. And the danger that we might fall into the same way of thinking. I- Psychology of the disciples: ***"They were conversing about all the things that had occurred..."*** The topic was in their minds. They were filled with frustration ***"looking downcast or their face full of gloom"***
II- ***"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him"*** What they saw of Him depended: 1) on Jesus willingness to reveal Himself. 2) and also on the disposition of their hearts. They loved him, but they also doubted him.
III- Jesus acted like a stranger as if He knew nothing of the events. ***"What are you discussing? What sort of things?"***
Now comes the heart of the passage: IV- The false expectations and the reprimand of Jesus. They said, ***"We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel"*** Therefore, for them, Jesus did not redeem Israel.

Why? Because they had a false expectation of the Messiah. They expected a political and earthly Messiah, who through power and triumph will defeat his enemies and establish the kingdom of Israel. And so when they saw Jesus crucified, they concluded: *He failed*. Their hope died because their idea of the Messiah was wrong.

How many times we may have the same expectations: I pray, I believe in God, and therefore, it should go well with me: God should solve all my problems; He should give success to my plans. And when the Cross appears we may say with the disciples of Emmaus: 'we expected Him to be our savior'

V- Jesus' reprimand ***"Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"*** It is not an insult, but a correction born of love. They were slow of heart to believe because they believed only what fit their expectations and ignored what did not. Then Jesus quotes the authority of God in Scriptures: what God expected of the Messiah. ***"Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"*** Then He proceed to explain all quotations from the Bible referring to Himself. ***"Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures"*** After He answered their doubts and exposed their unbelief, He acted as though He would go farther. ***"But they urged him, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over'"*** a sentence that will echo in the following centuries 'mane nobiscum Domine'. And He stayed and while 'breaking the bread' ***"they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight"*** Christ disappears because He wants us to believe in His presence in the Eucharist. Let us ask our Blessed Mother for the increase of our faith in the Eucharist.
Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE

WEEKLY NEWS

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory

All children ages 7 to 10 are invited on Saturdays to join the CMC at St. John the Baptist church at 10 am. For info text Sr. Inmaculada 705 977 6410 or stjohndsacredheart@gmail.com

Bible Study - Gospel of Matthew - April 30th

Join the DRIVEN TO PRAISE prayer Group as we journey now through the Gospel of St. Matthew 7-8 pm at St. John the Baptist. For more info contact Daniel 647 928 6414.

French Boys Choir to sing at Sacred Heart in July- looking for host families.

29 boys and 6 chaperones will visit us this July, and we're looking for host families for two nights (and meals) on July 14 & 15. For each host household, every adult in the home will require a Vulnerable Sector Check, as mandated by the Diocese. The VSC will cost \$20 per adult and will take about two months to complete. The choir, Maîtrise des Hauts de France, <https://www.mhdf.fr> will perform a free concert (a collection will be taken) at Sacred Heart Church on the evening of Wed. July 15. If you can help host two or more of the boys and their chaperones, please contact Randy Mills at rmills44@uwo.ca The choir performed in Peterborough in 2016 and 2019, and it is great that they have included us on this year's Canadian tour!

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Annual Spaghetti Dinner at St. Thomas More

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas More church hall 28 King Street West, Millbrook. Homemade dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad, homemade pie and ice creams and beverages. Price per person Adult: \$20 Senior: \$15 Children 6 and up: \$8 Children 5 and under: FREE!! Family of up to five members: \$50. All are welcome.

GOSPEL Luke 24.13-35 of Sun April 19

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the

third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of Angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. These were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pro - life Corner



RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter In Chains on Saturday, May 2nd, 9 am, to pray for all the atrocities against life... abortion, euthanasia, abuse of children, lack of care and medical carelessness. Please plan on attending and possibly joining together with the walk at the hospital afterwards, from 10 to 11 am.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Ottawa on Thursday, May 14 Bus leaving from the Cathedral at 8:15 am. Cost: \$40 per person, \$10 per student, and children under 10 and clergy/religious, free. To reserve, contact 705-931-7633