



## ST. PATRICK OF THE ISLAND – BULLETIN WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020– 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### This Week's Readings:

*The loss of a loved one causes deep pain in our hearts. Despite the knowledge of the resurrection, we would rather have our loved one's presence on earth.*

**ACTS 2: 14, 22b-28** – David says “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken”.

**1 PETER 1: 17-21** – You were ransomed, not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

**LUKE 24:13-35** – Sometimes we feel alone and isolated. However, Jesus is always with us.



IS ISOLATION GETTING TO YOU?

Do you need to talk to someone? In these difficult times, some days can be stressful and your faith tested. If you need to talk, we are here to listen. You can call Deacon Nic at 514-703-3736 or Anne Coulter at 514-453-8634.



LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

- Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy.
- Anyone affected by the virus.



THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

- All those in isolation



## **REFLECTION FOR 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Luke 24. 13-35**

**This Sunday's Gospel really strikes a chord with me. I love this reading about the disciples on the way to Emmaus. You would think that after everything they had seen Jesus do and say, they would have believed the women when they said, "Jesus is risen". But no, it was too much. They needed to leave. They had to get away. Maybe they felt guilty or ashamed because they like me had not been very faithful followers of Jesus.**

**I don't know about you, but I have felt very challenged by Easter this year. I felt like that anonymous disciple who despite all his personal experience was walking away from Jerusalem with Cleopas. The beautiful thing, the amazing thing is that Jesus did not give up on them, Jesus does not give up on me or on you. Jesus rose on Easter morning and then, after all He had been through, came to find us walking away dispiritedly. This reminds us how merciful and compassionate He is. Even though we know the words, even though we are baptized and confirmed, we still need Jesus to remind us what this wonderful journey of faith is all about.**

**How *foolish* and *slow of heart* I am, how lacking in courage and purpose, but Jesus meets me, meets us as we journey away from Him, away from the Church, the New Jerusalem. Still as He walks and talks and listens to us it is not until He breaks the bread again that I recognize Him. Not until I recognize my own brokenness and need of forgiveness that I recognize Him *in the breaking of the bread* that heals. And then my loving brother vanishes. Then we are left alone, only we are not alone, we have received Jesus in the Bread of Life many times. He is alive deep within us. My *heart is burning*, aflame.**

**Now we must return, reorient ourselves, journey back, repent...Go back to the Church, our home, the New Jerusalem. So that we too can bring life to others, the Word of Life, the life of Christ. We are forgiven, *ransomed*, enfolded again in the arms of our Father, we are with our family, our brothers and sisters, our fellow travellers. *Full of gladness*.**

**"In you I take my refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot." (Psalm 16)**

**Never let me turn from You again, Lord.**

**Deacon Nic**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who, through this difficult time, have reached out to support their parish by continuing their donations through PAD or leaving their envelopes in the church mailbox (which is checked daily). We realize that many of you are suffering financially during this time and we pray that this time of struggle will soon be over. God keep you safe, well and sane.



**Pope Francis' Prayer For These Times:**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*



**GOOD SAMARITANS**

In these extraordinary times, we are finding goodness all around. If you have observed a good deed or have a story you'd like to share - please send it in and we will share as many as we can in our upcoming bulletins. Send to [islandchurch@videotron.ca](mailto:islandchurch@videotron.ca)



*He's got the whole world  
in His hands*

- "Praise to you, Lord,*  
- *through our Sister Mother Earth,*  
- *who helps and leads us,*  
- *and who produces various fruit*  
- *with colored flowers..."*

—St. Francis of Assisi, *Canticle of the Sun*