

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 30, 2017

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Evaristo Pietrantonio
Thelma McDonald
Mary Storey
Nicola Petti
Pasqualina Ciarillo
Andrew Durso
Peter Manuelpillai

Requested by:

Family
Daughter & Family
Heather & Denis Bernard
Linda & Keith Glashan
Donovan Family
Family
Jenni Amato
Thiruchelvoam Family

Special Intention for Lena Nguyen

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HUGE welcome to all our special guests today as we are honoured to be hosting the Christian celebration of the Shoah.

Additional Parking: Please note that we now have additional parking available on Sunday mornings during mass time only in the Diamond Taxi parking lot on the west side of Lajeunesse just south of de Castelnau.

Eyeglasses recycling for the poor: Please bring your old eyeglasses to Church and deposit them in the box at the rear of the Church. They will be sent to the third world. For more information, please visit <http://www.twecs.ca/>.

To those wishing to **donate computers to be shipped to Africa**, please ensure that your computers are **functional**. Several donated computers were found to be either non-functional or missing internal components.

Diocesan marriage preparation course: On-going for engaged couples, the course is offered in English, at the Diocese of Montreal, 2000 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal. We are currently accepting registrations for May 5-6-7 and/or June 2-3-4. The cost is \$250 per couple, payable upon submission of registration, which includes supporting material, two catered lunches, coffee breaks/snacks and dynamic course speakers. For more information, Rita Maisonneuve at 514-925-4300, ext. 229 or rmaisonneuve@diocesemontreal.org

Last Sunday's Collection was \$2281. Thank you!

There's this guy who had been lost and walking in the desert for about 2 weeks. One hot day, he sees the home of a missionary. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. The missionary finds him and nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks the missionary for directions to the nearest town. On his way out the backdoor, he sees this horse. He goes back into the house and asks the missionary, "Could I borrow your horse and give it back when I reach the town?"

The missionary says, "Sure but there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Not paying much attention, the man says, "Sure, ok."

So he gets on the horse and says, "Thank God" and the horse starts walking. Then he says, "Thank God, thank God," and the horse starts trotting. Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God" and the horse just takes off. Pretty soon he sees this cliff coming up and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop.

"Whoa, stop, hold on!!!!"

Finally he remembers, "Amen!!"

The horse stops 4 inches from the cliff.

Then the man leans back in the saddle and says, "Thank God."

Teachable moments...



Cleopas is **our** companion as we travel the road home to Emmaus. In fact, **we** are the companion whose name is never mentioned in the Gospel. On the way home, we meet up with a traveler who told us about the miraculous occurrences involving Jesus of Nazareth.

The disciples travelling to Emmaus were astounded and very upset about the events that had just taken place in Jerusalem. The hopes of a huge number of people were dashed when the Prophet Jesus was condemned to death. Without the travelers realizing his identity, Jesus joined them and opened their eyes to other perspectives about what had caused them so much pain. To ease the disciples' anxiety, Jesus referred to the Scriptures that comforted and revealed a history that brought them great joy.

Is there such hope for us on our journey? We may believe that life was easy for the disciples and apostles, but that is not accurate. Peter had denied Jesus; Thomas doubted his Resurrection; the disciples thought they had seen a ghost on the river bank. Then there was the marvelous catch. The disciples did not immediately recognize Christ and doubt filled their minds. Yet they also, thanks to the Resurrection and the breaking of bread, were able to continue. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they travelled the whole world baptizing and proclaiming that the Kingdom of God was at hand, but not yet completely realized. We are the ones who will build God's Kingdom.

This phrase Stay with us... is still necessary today. From the time that we recognize Christ's presence in the consecrated bread, that is broken and distributed, He joins us. Christ is present in the bread that we eat, a presence that is both mysterious and real. The mystery of faith. These words are repeated at every mass. Remember also that Christ is present in the Word that we hear. Remember that when two or three are gathered together, I am there... Christ's mysterious but real presence!

Just as He was present with the disciples of Emmaus, Christ is here for us to dispel our fear and pain. Just as the disciples' faith, ours is enlightened and affirmed. The pathway of a Christian life is one of witnessing and mission. The proclamation of the Gospel of the Risen Lord unites us with our sisters and brothers: those whom we love and those who may prove more difficult to love.

The experience of the disciples of Emmaus is truly our own since Christ travels with us so that we can discover his Presence and the Holy Spirit in our lives. Happy are we to be invited to share a meal and experience the peace that comes from Christ's Word, fraternal sharing, and communion which strengthens and enables us to proclaim clearly: **The Lord is risen!**

Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c

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