

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27th, 2019, 8:00PM

†Rowena Pilarte by Merly Nunez and Family..

Sunday, April 28th, 2019, 10:30AM

†Teresita Edralin by Amalia Edralin..

Birthday Blessings for John Quarchie by Adriana Appau

Blessing for Nathan Keli Amuzu on the occasion of his baptism by Adriana Appau

Tuesday, April 30th, 2019, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 1st, 2019, 7:00PM

†Pablo Gutierrez by Amalia Edralin..

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, 9:00AM

†Edmund Nerida by Jonas Bolofer and family..

Friday, May 3rd, 2019, 7:00 PM

†Myra Burchell by Gerry and Lynn Barnes..

Saturday, May 4th, 2019, 5:00PM

† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino

Sunday, May 5th, 2019, 10:30AM

†Claire Doherty by St Willibrord Parish

†Rusdi Genest by Carole Wepruk

Called Home to our Heavenly Father

† Fr Jim MacDonald

†David Briffett

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

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April 28, 2019 — Second Sunday of Easter

"Do you love the Risen Lord Jesus above all else?"

The Lord Jesus renews Peter's faith and calling - and ours as well

Why did Jesus choose to reveal himself to the apostles at the Sea of Galilee - and right after they had spent a whole night of futile fishing? The Risen Lord was waiting on the shore for Peter and the other apostles. When their boat drew near the shore, Jesus questioned them and then gave a command to lower their nets into the sea. When their nets began to burst at the great haul of fish, John, the beloved disciple, recognized that it was the Lord who was speaking to them. Peter then immediately leaped from the boat and ran to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord Jesus when you meet setbacks and disappointments, and when your faith is being put to the test? The Lord Jesus is always ready to renew us in faith and to give each of us fresh hope in his promises for us.

Why did Jesus perform this miraculous catch of fish after his third resurrection appearance to the apostles? By looking back to the first miracle of the great catch of fish, we can recognize the significance of Jesus repeating this miracle again for his apostles. The first miracle took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord called Peter to leave all and follow him. After Peter had fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus commanded him to lower his nets (see [Luke 5:4-11](#)). When his nets began to break under the weight of the great haul, Jesus then spoke to Peter and gave him a new calling and mission - from now on he would be "catching people" for the kingdom of God (Luke 5:10). Jesus repeats this miracle for Peter to remind him that he must continue his mission of "catching people" and "making disciples" for the kingdom of Christ.

Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection accounts say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The Gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrected and glorified body of the Lord Jesus. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his physical resurrection - that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or imaginary ghost.

Do you love me more than anything else?

In his third appearance to the apostles, Jesus prepared a breakfast for them and ate with them. Peter's prompt response to draw near to the Lord and eat breakfast with him stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial and distancing himself from his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest and trial. Why did Jesus question Peter's love and loyalty three times in front of the other disciples? It must have caused Peter pain and sorrow since he had publicly denied Jesus three times previously. Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his Lord and Master and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost.

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The Lord wants to renew our minds and rekindle our hearts with his transforming love

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. God's abundant grace (favor and blessing) is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace (unmerited favor) and mercy.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) wrote in his famous confession a remarkable prayer of thanksgiving and love:

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ... You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath... now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace." (Confessions 10:27)

The Lord Jesus wants to personally draw near to each one of us and he knocks every day on the door of our hearts and he waits for our response (Revelation 3:20). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you and do you listen for his voice as he speaks to you in your heart and through the word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? The Lord is ever ready to help us grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and in the exceeding richness of his mercies and goodness towards us. Ask the Lord Jesus to rekindle your love for him and to transform your life

Resurrection Angel Candidates for 2019

Congratulations to this year's Resurrection Angel is Colin Victor Davantes.

Thank you to all Resurrections Angel Candidates, their friends and family and all who supported them. Thank you for helping to keep this wonderful tradition alive and allowing our parishioners and friends to relive that special moment.

- Lexie Anne Castro**, daughter of Edred Castro and Anabic Garcia
- Vanessa Carbonneau**, daughter of Cynthia Credito and Michel Carbonneau
- Gabrielle Chloe Cawaling**, daughter of John Paul Cawling and Roche Martiriez
- Colin Victor Davantes**, son of Marites Davantes and Silver Davantes
- Vanexcel Salmon**, son of Arnel Salmon and Heidi Saul
- Victoria Sanglitan**, daughter of Jocelyn Samulde and Victor Sanglitan

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to all who are celebrating this week.

Thank you to Mike, Cora, Ann, Ruth, Merly, Amalia, Joseph and Ogaga

Thank you to all who gave items during the offertory procession

Alms And Almsgiving (In The Church)

The word alms can be traced back to the Greek word [symbol omitted]λεημοσύνη (pity). This word is found in the Septuagint, a fact of importance since it is especially in Holy Scripture that the divine perspective on alms can be seen. From this point of view, the Christian is led to reflect on his duties in regard to those less favored than himself, and especially on the responsibilities of his Christian stewardship over material goods. St. Thomas Aquinas considered almsgiving the general and principal work of mercy (*Summa theologiae* 2a2ae, 32).

The Value of Alms. Alms assume so large a place in the design of eternal love that Holy Scripture considers a heart attentive to the poor a genuine blessing. "Happy is he who has regard for the lowly and the poor; in the day of misfortune the Lord will deliver him. The Lord will keep and preserve him, He will make him happy upon the earth, and not give him over to the will of his enemies. The Lord will help him on his sick bed, He will take away all his ailment when he is ill" [Ps 40(41). 1-4]. Such blessings are hardly surprising since an alms given to a fellow man is received by God Himself. As the **Old Testament** puts it, "He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed" (Prv 19:17), but the **New Testament** incomparably enhances this value of alms since there it is Jesus Christ Himself who is the recipient of alms. This truth is repeatedly illustrated in the legends of the saints. For example, Christ, disguised as a poor man who was clothed by St. Martin of Tours, was to make Martin a great missionary to the pagans and the founder of the Church of Gaul. The first miracle after Pentecost, which had an enormous effect in Jerusalem, was performed by Peter, who, when asked for an alms, gave not silver and gold, but what he had (see Acts 3.6). <https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/alms-and-almsgiving-church>

DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:

will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Choir Practice with Johanne (rescheduled)

will be held on April 28, 2019 following the 10:30AM Mass.

Acolytes:

Meeting will be held in the rectory, on May 11, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:

The dates for the remaining faith in the family are April 28, May 5, May 19, at 9:00AM

Sacraments

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2019, at the 10:30AM Mass
First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at the 10:30AM Mass

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Flea Market: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall Anointing of the Sick will take place on, Saturday, May 11, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

NEEDED —Driver to pickup furniture donations.

If you have a vehicle that can hold furniture and are willing to pick up donations for our parish, please contact the rectory at 514-769-9678

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and on weekends.

BAPTISM Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite.

Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

MARRIAGE Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration
Flea Market April—
\$3,012.50
April 6-7—\$1,132.45
April 13-14—\$1,094.85
April 18,—\$112.15
April 19 —\$341.65
April 20,—
—\$1,009.25
April 21—\$2,286.15
Resurrection Angel—
\$3,136.25

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PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

(Rector)

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am

(Rector)

Adoration Thursdays

9:30am to 11:30am

(Rector)

Friday: 7:00 pm

**Please note the Mass,
on Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday
will be held in the
Rectory**

***We must restore hope
to young people, help
the old, be open to the
future, spread love.***

***Be poor among the
poor. We need to
include the excluded
and preach peace.***

—Pope Francis