

Last Sunday we found encouragement in the fact that it was not easy for the apostles to grasp the difference the Lord's Resurrection should make in their lives. Today's gospel reading from John tells us of the conversion that brought this difference in Peter, destined to become the fearless leader of the Twelve. According to this account, the disciples have already been in the presence of the Risen Lord more than once; but - still uncertain what is required of them - they are taking up their old life: 'I'm going fishing' 'We'll come with you'. Most are slow to recognise Jesus on the shore of the lake; it is the disciple bonded to Jesus by a special love that is the first to do so. And even when they have joined him they hesitate to interrogate him. The whole account underlines the change of heart they still have to undergo.



Lord you know everything; you know I love you

It is Peter especially who must be converted, if he is to be their leader, when with him they come to know that they are called to be 'fishers of men' - with the Lord at their side. Peter is confronted with his threefold denial as Jesus asks him three times, 'Do you love me?'. Scholars have long discussed the fact that, in this exchange, two different terms for 'love' are used. In his first two questions, Jesus uses the word *Christian faith* came to identify with the New Law brought by Jesus (*agapao*). When Peter responds evasively, using another less demanding term (*phileo*), Jesus asks for a third time, now using this less demanding term - as if to say, reminding Peter of his recent failure, 'Are you really sure that you care for me at all?' Now Peter is 'upset': confronted by his inadequacy he knows that he can only rely on the Lord's decision to entrust him with a role of leadership, and now he used the word he has been avoiding (J. Marsh): 'Lord you know everything; you know I love you'.

We see how well this new trust in the Risen Lord sustains Peter as he faces the Sanhedrin, the very body in the presence of which he had felt intimidated when he betrayed his Master. Unafraid of them now, he has 'filled Jerusalem' with his teaching. Now he sees his life, shaped by the Lord's call, as 'obedience to God' - whatever it may cost. He gives his fearless witness to the God of Israel as the one who raised Jesus to be 'leader and saviour' - confident that he is supported by 'the Holy Spirit whom God ; has given to those who obey him'; and he calls those who unjustly put Jesus to death to 'repentance and the forgiveness of sins'. Now the lessons of the Risen Lord, given on the evening of his resurrection day, have become the charter of his life.

An encouraging memory for each of us in our Easter reflections, as we seek to respond to the call of the Risen Lord in the confusion of our lives. In a trusting acknowledgment of our weakness we shall find our true strength.

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**How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus?
Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person?**

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Archdiocesan Vocations Director
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Readings ~ Revelation 5.11-14 ~ John 21.1-19 ~ Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41 ~

Mass Intentions This Week – April 11–17

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Bert Simpson	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Maureen Keane	Philip Keane & family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Derry-Schreiner family	Sue Derry-Schreiner
Thursday, 9am	✠ Jose Barbosa	The family
Friday, 9am	✠ members of the Mahoney family and ✠ Elizabeth Montrichard	
Saturday, 9am	✠ John Gal	Deirdre Mungovan
5:15pm	✠ Nadia Primerano	The Breault family
Sunday, 8am	☞ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ☞	
9am	✠ Ricardo Diaz	The family
11am	✠ Sam Arrigo	Mom & brother
12:30pm	✠ Brian Hishon	Elizabeth

19th Annual National March for Life™

More than 100,000 preborn children are killed via abortion in Canada every year, costing our healthcare system in excess of \$100 million. More than 25,000 concerned citizens - young and old - will join political and religious leaders on Parliament Hill on a police-led procession through the streets of Ottawa to demand justice and human rights for preborn children and to express concerns about a new law for euthanasia and assisted suicide - death by lethal injection. You can join a coach departing from OLS at 6:30am on Thursday, May 12 and returning later that evening. The cost is \$50. Reserve your spot ASAP by contacting Phil Passarelli at phil.passarelli@rogers.com or 416-219-1814. For more info on this pro-life event, please visit www.marchforlife.ca today!



#endthekilling

Next Weekend Let's 'Bundle Up' for St. Vincent de Paul!



Volunteers will assist with the collection & loading of securely tied or sealed bags or boxes of gently used items (think: shoes, clothing, coats, bedding & draperies) next weekend, April 16/17. Larger items (i.e. furniture & appliances), computer hardware and toys **cannot** be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE Ministry Day of Reflection – Saturday, September 17

If you are in ministry at OLS (or would like to be) you are invited to attend. Details to follow.

Working wonders in our neighbourhoods...

"I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the community of Peel to be a part of the healing journey with Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin (CFSPD). It's a great organization that demonstrates care, support and compassion toward our well-being and healing processes. Since I began with this agency, it has been a transformational experience. I have gained so much knowledge and insight about myself and others and have made great friends and enjoy meeting new people. I would like to thank ShareLife and CFSPD for allowing me this opportunity to be part of their family and am very grateful for all the services they provided for me and the community at large."



—Debbie, a client of the CFSPD sistering program.

Over 39,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs.

ShareLife's campaign continues! Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Congratulations Father Nino!

Our Pastor Father Nino Cavoto celebrates his 39th Anniversary of Ordination on Saturday, April 16. A grateful parish community offers our thanks and congratulations for your years of service to God's people. May He continue to bless you with good health and joy in your work as a priest of Christ! Please keep Father Nino in your prayers on this occasion and always.



Assisted Suicide – Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them!

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience by visiting www.CanadiansforConscience.ca today. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action immediately! **Thank you for helping to protect the vulnerable and those who care for them!**

Mary, Mother of God School – Now Registering for September 2016/2017

Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable, private school (grades K-12), deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition and located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. We have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. For more information, please visit our website today at www.marymotherofgodschool.org or call us at 416-531-7897.

Afternoon Tea at Bloordale United Church Saturday, April 23, 2–4:30pm

Enjoy a selection of fine teas, finger sandwiches, sweets & savouries. Original paintings and crafts by local artists and artisans will be on display for viewing and purchase. Admission is \$15. Free parking, wheelchair accessible. Call if you need a ride. For further information and tickets, call Pat at 416-622-5274 or Nancy at 416-620-5377. Visit www.bloordale.ca

An Evening in Ethiopia – St. Joan of Arc Church, April 28, 7pm



Did you know that Ethiopia is going through its worst drought in 50 years? Join us at St. Joan of Arc Church at 7pm (1701 Bloor St West just east of the Keele Subway) for this evening

where members of Development and Peace who travelled to Ethiopia this past summer will share their experiences. Come hear first-hand how D+P is making a difference in helping communities in Ethiopia overcome the many challenges they face. Light refreshments will be served and fair-trade products will be available for sale. There is no charge for this event. Development and Peace is a ShareLife agency. Thank-you for your support of ShareLife.

Kingsway-Lambton United Church Flea Market – Sat., April 30, 8am–1pm

Mark the date in your calendars, bargain-hunters! You name it & you'll likely find it at this huge sale. Donations of sale items will be gratefully received on Wednesday, April 27 at the west/glass-enclosed entrance of the church. Proceeds will benefit over 20 charities. Kingsway-Lambton is at 85 The Kingsway. Visit www.kingsway-lambton.ca for more info.

"Living Mercy" a weekend of prayer and contemplation

Single women are invited to a retreat weekend, on Lake Simcoe, in Orillia, offered by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph. Dates: May 13–15, May 27–29. Final registration by April 27. Cost is \$150. Subsidies are available. For information and registration contact Frances Harrison-Atell at fharrison-atell@csj-to.ca or call her at 416-467-2642.



"Ten more commandments": 10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.