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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, April 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Greenwood

Requested by Ken and Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, April 26th, 8:15 a.m.

Ruth Murphy

Requested by St. Anselm Meditation Group

Thursday, April 27th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, April 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosetta and Gelindo Dalla Corte

Requested by the Family



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD –

11:00am

Children in the parish who are currently in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 1 are invited to join our volunteers for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass. Registration is not required.

↓ **NOTICE** ↓

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th – 5:00pm MASS

Next Saturday, April 29th, just over 40 young people in our parish who have been preparing since last fall will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This will take place during the regular 5:00pm Vigil Mass so all are welcome. Should you normally attend Mass at this time, please be reminded that there will be an increase in the number of people, the length of time of the Mass, and the number of cars on neighbouring streets. Please plan accordingly.

VOCATIONS

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

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SHARELIFE

A ShareLife Campaign Update

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again. Our parish goal this year is \$95,000 and so far, we are over a third of the way there at just under \$40,000!

If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider a donation to support ShareLife. You may give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or online at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.



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PRAY, LEARN, ADVOCATE, ACT.
Father Lohale explains that "Protecting the environment is a FAITH imperative."**

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting [ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto \(archtoronto.org\)](http://ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto (archtoronto.org)) Boxed donation envelopes are also available upon request. Thank you for your support.*

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pet 1:17-21

Psalm 16

Luke 24:13-35

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia.

My Lord and My God...



German pastor and social activist Christoph F. Blumhardt once said that it is not enough to celebrate Easter by saying, “Christ is risen.” It is useless to proclaim this unless we can also say that we have died with him and that we have also risen with him (“Christ Rising,” from *Bread and Wine:*

Readings for Lent and Easter, The Plough Publishing House, Farmington, Pa.: 2003). Jesus has come from God to live in our midst as one of us. He has endured and conquered the finality of death. He has laid the foundation for a new life and a new world order. In him and because of him, we can be completely transformed in the very depths of our being.

Having said this, the question that remains to be answered is: What does Easter mean to you? The sacred texts for today help us to explore that question by considering how our ancestors in the faith answered it. Peter, who is featured in Luke’s narrative from the Acts of the Apostles, is boldly preaching the Christian Gospel to his fellow Jews in an effort to open their eyes to the truth of Jesus. This is a person who, not too long ago, fell asleep while Jesus needed his support; who denied even knowing Jesus; who went into hiding for fear of the Jews — and he is transformed into an eloquent proclaimer of all that God has done for sinners in Jesus. Calling himself a witness to the risen Jesus, this transformed Peter is fearless. What can account for this transformation? The climactic moment of the Christ-event: Jesus’ death and resurrection.

What did the realization of Easter mean to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus? Luke’s answer to this question has resulted in one of the

most poignant narratives in all of the Christian scriptures. As we follow their transformation, we are grateful for Luke’s profound insights and grasp of the mystery of God’s gift to us in Jesus. Making their way to Emmaus, Cleopas and his companion were downcast and disappointed. By their own admission, they had hoped Jesus would be Israel’s long-awaited redeemer. They could not bring themselves to accept the word of the women who found Jesus’ tomb empty. Nor did they place any credence in their vision of angels. Only when Jesus broke open for them the word of God, and only when he broke bread with them, did a light of recognition dawn. In that moment, they remembered, they believed, and they were transformed. Rather than continue their journey, they returned to Jerusalem, no longer hopeless but full of joy, professing their faith in their risen Lord.

This same opportunity for transformation is made available to each of us every time we gather, in Jesus’ name, to be nourished by the bread of the Word and by the bread of Eucharist. We come as we are, some sad, some wounded, some broken, some full of vigour, some full of doubts, some with lists of needs and desires, some with empty but open hands. As the word is proclaimed, the Spirit enables us to hear with fresh ears so that we can take away an insight or renew our resolve to be better. We keep this challenge with us as we go forth into the week ahead. As the bread of life is blessed, broken and shared, the real presence of Jesus makes our hearts burn within us, nourishing us and nudging us toward a faith-filled life and a devoted service of those in need. Although our transformation has begun, it is not complete. It will be necessary for each of us to return again and again to the table of the Lord. There we will find the food to feed all our hungers. There we will also find forgiveness and healing, as well as the motivation to continue the lifelong process of transformation until Jesus comes again.

For a deepening of our love and hunger for the Word of God, that through reading and praying the scriptures, our hearts may be set on fire, and our knowledge and love of God grow...for the mind of Christ...We pray...

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