

### Account of Disciples on Way to Emmaus a Treasure Chest of Divine Truths

Today, we hear in the Gospel, "The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

The account of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus is a treasure chest of divine truths. It teaches us (and reminds us) of Lord's initiative toward each of us. The account helps us to understand the presence and goodness of the Risen Christ as he turns confused, scared, and distracted hearts into peaceful hearts. He turns sorrowful hearts into strong hearts that burn with hope and a sense of mission.

Truth be told, the two disciples had given up. We are told they were leaving the holy city Jerusalem. They wanted to leave behind the place where Jesus died, but in reality, they were leaving the place where the Lord rose from the dead. They had been told that Jesus had risen, but they didn't believe it.

They were leaving the holy city in desolation, saying, "We thought that he was going to be the one." They had lost their confidence in the Lord Jesus. They had no hope, no faith, no willingness to hear the testimony or to believe in the power of the Resurrection.

The two disciples were so distracted in their disappointment that they couldn't see the mighty works that were already happening in Jerusalem. They could not recognize Jesus when he began to accompany them. We also get so distracted by our own emotions, disappointments, sorrows, loneliness, and anxiety that we can't even see the mighty works of God happening right in front of us.

In our lives, we have to allow ourselves to have the eyes of faith. The two disciples had abandoned belief in the Lord Jesus, yet he sought them out. What a powerful display of love. The Lord went to them, searched for them, sought to walk with them. He began a journey with them.

The Lord Jesus seeks us out, even in our darkest hours. While we can be unfaithful, he is always faithful to us. He wants to journey with us. He wants to walk with us, to be a part of our lives and make us strong. He seeks to fill us up with immense hope and a zealous sense of mission.

As the two disciples reached Emmaus, they asked the Lord to stay with them, since the night was coming. The Lord who sought them out and taught them was now being sought out. Their hearts had been converted. They had been given new strength. With their hearts now burning, they said to Jesus, "Stay with us."

As we seek to live in peace, this should be the petition of our hearts: "Lord, stay with me. Help me!" Such a petition nurtures and fuels our spirits. The disciples asked and the Lord Jesus stayed. Then he disappeared from their presence after the Breaking of the Bread. As he disappeared, the disciples were reborn and ran to Jerusalem to announce what had happened. They were new creations. The sorrow had given way to purpose.

As they arrived and told the account of the Lord's presence with them, the Gospel tells us: "While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

The joy and mission of the two disciples is now shared with the entire Christian community.

Such a return to mission reminds us that - in the Risen Christ - we will get through the difficulties that are a part of our fallen world. The heaviness and hardships of our lives are not the end, and they do not define us. Try as they might, they do not define our world. The sorrows and sufferings of the world have no power over us.

We will walk through this valley of the shadow of darkness, knowing that the Risen Christ, the strong and powerful Lord, is with us, guiding us and giving us his strength.

Reflection taken from: [www.cruxnow.com](http://www.cruxnow.com)

### National March for Life

26<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: *Stand Firm*



WE STAND FIRM for the pre-born, mothers in crisis pregnancies, those targeted due to disability and the elderly in hospitals and care homes. We march in solidarity with the vulnerable

**COME MARCH WITH US On May 11, 2023**

Bus leaving for Ottawa at 630am from St. Francis Xavier Parish ♦ \$40.00

Contact: [stephengomes@hotmail.com](mailto:stephengomes@hotmail.com) ♦ 905-8679197

### Mass of Welcome

Mass of Welcome for Toronto's New Archbishop

**His Excellency Francis Leo**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm ♦ St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga

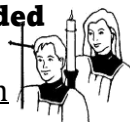
### Recruiting Altar Servers

**Volunteer Hours will be Provided**

*Must be in grade 5 or higher*

**Next meeting: April 29, 2023 at 3pm**

Instagram: [@sfx.altarservers](https://www.instagram.com/sfx.altarservers) ♦ [Sfxaltarservers1@gmail.com](mailto:Sfxaltarservers1@gmail.com)



### CWL Mother's Day Flower Sale

**Catholic Women's League Council 3067**



**MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
AFTER ALL MASSES.**

**\$5.00/Single-Stem Bouquet  
Assorted Colours Available**



**The CWL would like to  
wishes all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!**

*Let us appreciate the wonderful women in our lives while supporting the CWL*

### Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS**

Come take this opportunity to deepen and renew your relationship with God, the Church and family.

**SIGN UP FOR:**

- ♦ ACTS Retreat (Women) May 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ ACTS Retreat (Men) May 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>

**CONTACT:**

Women's Retreat: 416-857-7269 ♦ [samliu001@gmail.com](mailto:samliu001@gmail.com)  
Men's Retreat: 905-755-9166 ♦ [agostinocg@gmail.com](mailto:agostinocg@gmail.com)

### The Catechism Corner



**Q: Why is there no contradiction between faith & Science?**

**A:** Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and faith. CCCB 159

**Confirmation Masses**

April 24, 2023 at 7pm    May 1, 2023 at 7pm  
 April 27, 2023 at 7pm    May 4, 2023 at 7pm  
 April 29, 2023 at 10am    May 6, 2023 at 10am  
 April 29, 2023 at 1pm

**KINDLY ARRIVE 45 MINUTES PRIOR  
 TO HOLY MASS - THANK YOU!**



**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday April 24, 2023**

8am †Wong Yak Tian  
 7pm Special intent. Amelia & Robert Rodrigues

**Tuesday April 25, 2023**

8am †Maria Anjana Tugade  
 7pm †Lina Micallef

**Wednesday April 26, 2023**

8am Special Intent. for the priests & staff of SFX  
 7pm Thanksgiving CWL  
 Thanksgiving Roger & Myra  
 Thanksgiving Vincent  
 Thanksgiving Sylvia  
 Thanksgiving Patricia Lobo  
 Thanksgiving Keanne Lee  
 Thanksgiving for favours received  
 Special Intent. Sarina & Warrren Miranda  
 Special Intention Roel Postanes  
 †Deceased members of Leonardo family  
 †Lourdes Barneto  
 †Mary Quyen  
 †Florentino Reyes Jr.

**Thursday April 27, 2023**

8am †Rosalina Ong  
 7pm †Aloysius Perera

**Friday April 28, 2023**

8am †Abelardo P. Sapinoso  
 7pm †Msgr. Terence D'Souza founder of SFX  
 †Jonathan Braganza & Deceased of the family  
 †Zeena D'Cunha  
 †Ann-Gertrude D' Souza  
 †Pham Manh Son  
 †Giovanna & Francis Bonello  
 †Michelina & Paul Camilleri  
 †Lucita Fabay  
 †Varghese Antony  
 †Ligaya Alog Olazo

**Saturday April 29, 2023**

730am †Lawrence Caetano Fernandes  
 5pm Pro Populo  
 †Sunil Mudalige

**Sunday April 30, 2023**

730am Special Intent. Francis Ogundele  
 9am Thanksgiving Fernandes Family  
 1030am Special intention Ivan Menezes  
 12pm Thanksgiving Kulkarni Family  
 130pm †Adela Chua

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**Religious and Cultural Tour in India**

**14 Days of Pilgrimage & Tour Under the Leadership of:  
 Fr. James Cherickal  
 January 15, 2024 to January 29, 2024**



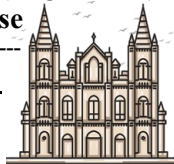
**Early Bird Prices Until May 15<sup>th</sup>**

\$4980.00 CAD (double occupancy) or \$950.00 CAD (single room)

**After May 15<sup>th</sup> - \$300.00 price increase**

**A FEW HIGHLIGHTS of the TOUR INCLUDE:**

- ★ Visit the Taj Mahal in Agra
  - ★ Pray by the relics of St. Francis Xavier (Goa)
  - ★ See the beauty of the Santa Cruz Cathedral & *many other churches*
  - ★ Visit the Tomb of St. Alphonsa (India's first saint)
  - ★ Visit Our Lady of Velankanni (optional extended tour)
  - ★ Enjoy the Alleppey boat cruise (one of NY Times Must Go Places)
  - ★ Experience Mattancherry & it's famous Jewish Town & Synagogue
  - ★ Be thrilled by the Elephant Safari (Munnar) & Desert Safari (Dubai)
  - ★ Four/five Star hotel accommodations & all meals included
- Pick up a flyer by the parish office for more details*



**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.

Thus far we have raised \$25 315.50 toward our goal of \$141 400.00 Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Thank you for "living the Gospel"  
 through our parish ShareLife campaign.**



I believe,  
 in order to understand;  
 and I understand,  
 the better to believe  
*St. Augustine*