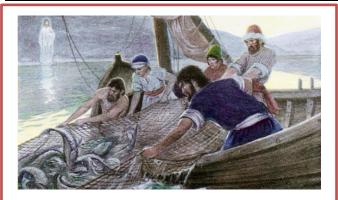
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING:

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 5:27-32,40B-41

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 5:11-14

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

GOSPEL:

JOHN 21:1-19 (SHORT FORM: JOHN 21:1-14)

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after His Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not? Observe that today's Gospel tells about a meal that Jesus shared with his_disciples after his Resurrection. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 21:1-14. Reflect on the Gospel reading using the questions above. Talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation. Pray together that Jesus will make his loving presence known in your family life. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



Saturday MAY 3, 2025

9:00 AM - EDWARD SENG (†)

-ARCADIA ESTEBAN DIZON (†)
- NELLY & ALFREDO SINGZON (†)

- VICTORIA NORONHA (†)

- SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF FILOMENA LAM (†)

5:00 PM BEN PINTO (†) **Sunday MAY 4, 2025**

9:30 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

11:15 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF

SHEILAH & WINSTON D'SOUZA

Monday MAY 5, 2025 WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY Tuesday MAY 6, 2025

8:30am IN THANKSGIVING OF CATHERINE SANTOS

Wednesday MAY 7, 2025

8:30am MARTY JHOCSON (†)

Thursday MAY 8, 2025

8:30am GERONCIO CADAWAS (†)

Friday MAY 9, 2025

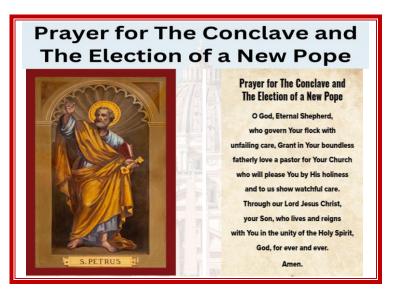
8:30am -GREGORY & MONICA FERREIRA (†)

-ANTONIO RESTITUTO (†)

BURNING THIS WEEK: SANCTUARY LAMP:

IN THANKSGIVING OF YVONE ECHAVEZ ON HER

BIRTHDAY





3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

From the Pastor's Desk

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is here, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. Here at Saint Bartholomew, we begin our day with the recitation of the Holy Rosary followed by the celebration of the Mass.

I vividly remember the call of the late Pope Francis to pray the Holy Rosary for the end of the pandemic wherein we gathered at our parking lot to humbly ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Indeed, by the end of May 2021 we were able to once celebrate the Sacraments in person and to gather again as a community that belongs to Christ.

At the beginning of this month, we as Disciples of Christ once again humbly ask the intercession of the Mother of Church to guide the cardinals as they gathered to choose the next successor of Peter.

Contemplating the glory of the Risen Christ with the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians will make us even more united as a spiritual family with great anticipation to welcome the next Pope. Let us keep all and each other in our prayers, in particular the children of our parish who receive First Holy Communion and young adults that will receive the Gift of the Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing. - Fr. Serrano



MARY DOBELL ESSAY AND POETRY WINNERS:

DWAYNE GRIFFITHS, 1st prize for intermediate poetry from St Ignatius of Loyola,

NATALIE SEQUEIRA, 1st place for senior poetry from St. Francis Libermann High School,

JEAN MCCANN SERVICE AWARD goes to NATASHA SEQUEIRA of Francis Libermann High School , recognizing her roles in schools, parishes, and communities.





SL ShareLife May 4 & June 8, 2025

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



During Catholic Education Week (May 4-9, 2025), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee, as pilgrims of hope, let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

If there are errors or mistakes in the bulletin we are humans too. Nobody is perfect. –FZS