



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 05 MAY 2019

**“He said to him a third time. ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’  
... Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’”**

(Today’s Readings: Acts 5:28-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19)

## Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., May 04 5:00PM Mass – Helen Hanniman+
- Sun., May 05 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
9:30AM Mass – Mr. Cecil Gleason+  
Epah Fonkeng+  
John Flynn+  
11:15AM Mass – Tanya Heney+
- Mon., May 06 **NO MASS**
- Tues., May 07 9:30AM Mass – Vince Chung (Ivg)  
Holy Cross School celebrating their Easter Mass
- Wed., May 08 12:15PM Mass – Barbara Enright+
- Thur., May 09 9:00AM Communion Service held at  
Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass – Felicito Madamba Sr.+  
Fri., May 10 12:15PM Mass – Gilles Patry+  
Joel Galano+  
Nadia and Roger Milan+
- Sat., May 11 5:00PM Mass – Lucie Gardner+
- Sun., May 12 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MOTHER’S DAY**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
9:30AM Mass – John Fernandez+  
Helen Hanniman+  
Agnes & William Nugent+  
11:15AM Mass – Joyce Hooper+  
Jean Ndah+

## Events Calendar ...

- Sun., May 05 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
11:15AM **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – during the Mass  
Education week -- speakers at all the Masses
- Tues., May 07 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., May 08 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church  
7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
- Thurs., May 09 12:45PM Club 55 – Hall  
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Rm. A
- Sat., May 11 9:00AM Cursillo/Ultreya – Church/Hall  
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., May 12 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
Riverside Grannies - Loonie / Toonie collection

## COLLECTION REPORT

28 April 2019 – \$4,053.65 (env) / \$849.45 (loose)

**~ Thank you for your generosity and support ~**

Please note: Our Parish is operated only by your donations!

**†Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of Ken Burgess+ (father of Ricki Armitage)

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## Deacon’s Column...

### JESUS FILLS OUR EMPTINESS

In our gospel this weekend we find an empty boat, something was missing. The apostles had set out in the boat, but they set out without Jesus. Isn’t that sometimes the case with all of us? We want to trust in ourselves, we don’t want to have to rely on God. Yet, at the same time, deep down we really do want to rely on God. We want to know that someone is in charge, that all these wayward paths converge upon a goal. But, far too often we get confused and turn to what we’re most comfortable with. The apostles do exactly that.

They go fishing, but they are fishing without the Lord and so they don’t catch anything. Sometimes God allows our best-laid plans to come crashing down around us. He doesn’t do this to torment us, but to teach us to trust in him.

Their embarrassment and frustration must have been overwhelming. Fishermen tend to be proud of their skill set, and when they’re skunked it’s humiliating. Then, to make matters worse, Jesus shows up on the shore and asks if they’ve caught anything. This is like rubbing salt in an open wound.

You can only imagine the way they growled, “no, we haven’t caught anything,” in response while probably thinking to themselves, “and mind your own business.” The apostles needed to recognize their own weakness. They needed to vocalize their own inability to do anything without Jesus, and when they do that, Jesus acts. It is the same for us when we give our lives over to Jesus and recognize our need for him. He fills our emptiness with his friendship and gives us meaning and purpose, by filling our lives with His wonder and His love.

**DIVINE MERCY:** Many asked about the book on the story of Divine Mercy I referred to last Sunday. A good series on it is available on FORMED at <https://formed.org/l/z7KrnK9D>. If you do not have an account with FORMED, you can create one for free at [holycross.formed.org](http://holycross.formed.org)

God bless,  
Deacon John

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### A NOTE ON PASTORAL LETTERS

People ask for pastoral references for various purposes. A pastoral letter is an affirmation of your active commitment to the parish on various levels. It obviously means that you are a registered parishioner supporting the parish in its sacramental and communitarian faith journey and the pastor of the parish affirms it.

## Pastor's Message...

### MARIAN DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



The month of May is a special time to show our love and affection to Mary, Mother of Jesus and for all of us. Please make an effort to pray the Rosary or say a prayer to Mary with your families.

Along with the regular recitation of the Rosary during the weekdays, I encourage you to join us on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. to recite the Rosary before the Mass.

We will recite the Memorare prayer at the end of all weekend Masses during the month of May. Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us!

### GOOD NEWS FM RADIO RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE!!



Do you have a problem of hearing the Mass, or the homily, or announcements? Here is a practical solution for you. You can own your own FM Radio Receiver for \$20 which will be tuned with our sound system so you can hear the entire Mass etc. Call the office at 613-731-7834 if you are interested in purchasing one.

## Parish News and Community Life...

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children who celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 05: **Makayla Alifo, Maya Alifo, Paul Alifo, Lael Benoit, Madison Francis, Landon Hopwood, Pippa Johnson, Nathan Lacasse-Brazeau, Bianca Monari, James Ryan, Lukas Singlehurst, Simone Stratford, Hiabel Teare, and Tiarra Walker.**

*"May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts!"*

**CURSILLO/ULTREYA:** We look forward to seeing you all for our Cursillo/Ultreya on **Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.** What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course". A Cursillo weekend is 3-days during which you live and work together, listening to talks given by priests and laypersons. See the bookrack for more details. All are welcome.

### PASTORAL CARE

Our trained Pastoral Care workers are available to visit and bring Holy Communion to our sick or housebound parishioners. Please contact Pat Jackson at 613-421-0091.

## Social Justice...

### PRO-LIFE NEWS

The Diocesan Week for Life starts with Pro-Life Sunday on May 05. The Diocesan Week for Life pamphlet is available on the tables at Church entrances. Please pick-up a copy and read the letter from our Archbishop and the article about slogans used by the pro choice side. The Diocese gives us this quotation and comment: *"What harmed the victim most was not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the*

*bystander."* Elie Weisel, *Concentration Camp Survivor*. Babies die every day because of our silence. The Diocesan Week for Life is a time to focus on Pro-life and reflect on where we stand on this issue.

**NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND FAMILY - (May 12 - May 19).** This year, in the Church in Canada, the Week will focus on the theme **"Listening to the Gospel as a Family"**. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared a letter to all Catholic families about the theme. Copies of this letter will be available in all of the Bulletins next weekend (May 11/12).

**FELLOW PARISHIONERS...** Let us all meet at the **Eternal Flame** this **Thursday, May 09 at 12:30 pm** for the **22 Annual National March for Life on Parliament Hill**. The Rally begins at 12:30 followed by the March at 1:30 pm. This year marks 50 years of abortion on demand in Canada. Join thousands of pro-lifers marching in memory of the 4 million+ children killed before birth by abortion since 1969, and who will not look the other way and allow this injustice to continue any longer. *"The Gospel of Life must be proclaimed and human life defended in all places and at all times."* St. Pope John Paul II



**RIVERSIDE GRANNIES** will hold a free will offering for the **Stephen Lewis Foundation. Loonies and Toonies will be collected after masses on the weekend of May 11/12, Mother's Day Weekend.** The SLF supports African Grannies who are the primary care-givers for their orphaned grandchildren. We suggest a Loonie for each grandchild and a Toonie for each great-grandchild. Your contribution will directly help the children who have already suffered much loss and pain.



**SOLES4SOULS** is an award-winning international charity that collects and distributes new or gently-used shoes to improve the welfare of the poor around the world. In many countries, shoes are required to attend school, have a job, to travel, and to stay healthy. Let's all step up and support this worthy cause by donating footwear for young and old on the weekends of **May 18/19 and May 25/26 only.** Please drop off your donations in the collection boxes located in the Church entrance on those weekends, and help transform lives.

### Other interests...

Please see **FRIDAY FACTS** posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.

**SISTER+HOOD PRESENTS SINGER/SONGWRITER & EVANGELIST MARK MALLET:** Day Retreat, St. Philip Parish, 127 Burke St., Richmond, Sat., June 01, 9am - 3:30pm with Mass at 4:30pm as it celebrates its 200th anniversary. Includes devotions, performances/talks by Mark: "An Encounter with Jesus", "Watch & Pray", Mass & Confessions. Brown bag/local restaurant lunch. Freewill offering to cover speaker expenses. Also at St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Rd., Fri., May 31, 7 - 9 pm & Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay Dr., Sun., June 2, 2:30 - 4:30pm. All are welcome to all 3 events. Info: Karen 613-806-0377; livesisterhood@gmail.com; www.sisterhood.live.