

## Masses and Intentions—

Masses celebrated privately by  
Fr. Christopher



### Tuesday, April 28th

†Maria Peltier (3A) Irene & Denis & Fam.  
†Janet McKeon Ed McKeon & Family

### Wednesday, April 29th

†Adelard Tellier Family  
†Monique & Felix Rivard Dale & Michelle  
Int. Eileen Sylvestre Dcn. Tim & Margaret

### Thursday, April 30th

†Aline Blain Clare Bulley  
†Jeanette Boulley Clare Bulley  
†Elain Paulin Clare Bulley

### Friday, May 1st

†Dec. Relatives Fran  
†Souls in Purgatory A Parishioner  
† Int. CWL Living members CWL

**Sunday, May 3rd**— 4th Sunday of Easter  
10am webcast [tilburycatholic.ca](http://tilburycatholic.ca)

### Please pray for the sick in our faith community

Katherine Moon, Oliver Reed, William Reaume, Rose Duquette, Christopher Powers, Pauline Quenneville, Irene Vella-Zarb, Shirley Houle, Lawrence Salive, Megan Patrick, Earla Zemmicky, Bernice Labonte, Sue Cabral, Shirley Mailloux, Jim Brosseau, David bellemore, Evelyn Gore, Ernestine Demers, Eileen Sylvestre, Laurence Marchand, Cheryl Renaud, Fr. Jack Hurley



Act of Spiritual Communion—My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually inot my heart. I embrace you as if you have already come and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. St. Alphonsus

## Weekly Offerings

When we offer our financial support to the parish—given from the heart it is a true act of worship. We offer the fruit of our labour in thanksgiving to Him who sustains us in all things. When we give we are making a tangibly difference in someone's life through the ministry that is provided to them. Jesus. There's no better investment in the world than your local parish.

### St. Francis Xavier—April 19th, 2020

Regular	\$1870.00
T.A.	\$1925.00
Share lent	\$100.00
Good Friday	\$5.00
Easter	\$110.00
Gen. Main.	\$125.00
Candles	\$12.00
Total	\$4147.00

### St. Peter's

Regular	\$990.00
T.A.	\$250.00
Save a Family Plan	\$100.00
Total :	\$1340.00



Mon 27 April—Monday of the 3rd week of Eastertide  
Tue 28 April—Tuesday of the 3rd week of Eastertide  
or Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr  
or Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest  
Wed 29 April—Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor  
Thu 30 April—Thursday of the 3rd week of Eastertide  
or Saint Pius V, Pope ( In Canada—St. Marie de L'Incarnation  
Fri 1 May—St. Joseph the Worker  
Sat 2 May—St. Athanasius

Their eyes were downcast and the pace was slow.  
Why these things had happened they did not know.

On their shoulders they bore grief's heavy load  
as they walked that long Emmaus Road.

A stranger joined them as they walked that way.  
Slowed His pace to hear what they had to say.  
Step by step He walked along with them there  
and from the scriptures He began to share.

Grief stricken and saddened they did not know  
who it was that joined them walking so slow.  
In fellowship sweet He expounded God's word  
and their hearts glowed at everything they heard.

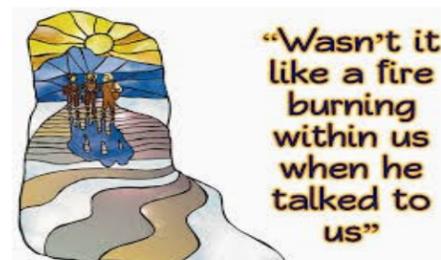
From Moses through the Prophets He made known  
of an open tomb and a heavenly throne.  
They listened carefully while this Man talked  
as together the Emmaus Road they walked.

“Did not the Christ have to suffer, ” He said  
“and after to be raised up from the dead? ”  
As they approached the place they were staying.  
He acted as though He would not go in.

“The day is far spent, stay with us, ” they said  
and He entered their house and broke some bread.  
At once their eyes were opened and they knew  
it was Jesus, but He vanished from their view.

“Did not our heart burn within us, ” they said  
and up they got and off to Jerusalem sped.  
Found the disciples and said “It is true.”  
“The Lord has risen and we've seen Him too.”

By Royston Allen



Third Sunday of Easter Homily  
Year A—The Road to Emmaus.



As we continue our Easter journey, our walk with the Lord we are presented with two figures this weekend—Cleopas and his companion. On a walk of sorrow they head for the town of Emmaus with heavy hearts. We too after six weeks of social isolation and distancing may also have heavy hearts. We see on the TV, hear on the radio, read on the internet the massive effect that the COVID-19 virus is having on humanity. From cautious optimism to dire predictions we too can have heavy hearts—but we are not alone.

Cleopas and his friend are leaving the metropolis of Jerusalem after witnessing events that shook their beliefs to the core. Jesus of Nazareth—their Rabbi, whom they had placed such hope and faith in was displayed to them like a common criminal as he hung upon his cross. “ We had hoped”, a phrase that comes up in our Gospel this weekend according to St. Luke, is so telling to us of their dashed hopes and present fears. Jesus joins these sad companions on their journey, though they are unaware . Jesus asks them “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

Imagine if someone asked you today, why are you wearing a mask, while are you staying at home? You would probably respond, where have you been these last six weeks? So to Cleopas and his companion look stunned at Jesus as he asks this simple question. “Are you the only stranger....who does not know the things that have taken place?”

Jesus clearly knows what took place but he wants to hear their story, how they felt, to bring that to him—to tell of their grief and loss. “What things”, Jesus replies. Jesus, as we make our walk through these difficult times wants us to bring him our fears, our sorrow, our anxieties.

Hopes dashed, Jesus calls them to faith by opening the scriptures to them. They listened and are nourished. As they reach Emmaus he makes to leave them and they urge him, “stay with us, for it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over”. That particular way was fraught with danger and they are concerned for their mysterious companion.

Jesus stays with them, Jesus stay with us. The guest becomes the host and he takes bread, blesses, breaks, shares it with them and their eyes are opened—it is the Lord ! It is in the breaking of the bread that Jesus is revealed to them. Then looking back they begin to realize that even in the journey before they reached their destination, their hearts were burning within them as he opened the scriptures. It was after the fact. We at times can get so caught up in the whirlwind around us that we don't recognize the activity of God in our lives. They make haste back to Jerusalem to announce Good News to their fellow believers—on the dark and dangerous road from Emmaus. As we make our daily way during these difficult times, let us pray for the grace to recognize Jesus—our mysterious companion along the way.

Prayers, be safe ! Father Christopher