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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Welcome

Third Sunday of Easter — April 14, 2024

Why are you troubled? And why do
questions arise in your hearts?

Look... that ***it is I*** myself.

Luke 24:38-39



MISSION STATEMENT:

***To follow Jesus Christ and to
invite others to do the same.***

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My dear Parishioners,

Why did Jesus, the innocent Son of God die on the cross? This is the central question addressed in today's liturgy. From a purely human point of view, the suffering and death of Jesus is an unrelieved tragedy. But it is part of the good news of salvation, that God can transform tragedy into triumph. "*You put to death the author of life*" Peter declared in our First Reading today. However, no sooner had he stated this tragedy, he announced its reversal: "*But God raised him from the dead*"!

The Gospel tells us that the suffering and death of Jesus, the Messiah is not an unrelieved tragedy. "*Jesus Christ*", we heard in the Second Reading, "*is an offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world*". The truth that the voluntary offering of his life by Christ on Calvary makes up for the sins of the whole world, is a great mystery. On a lesser scale, however, we experience a similar transformation of evil through suffering whenever people give their lives in the struggle against the forces of darkness.

Recent history and events in our world gives us an example in Martin Luther King Jr. who while leading the nonviolent struggle for freedom and equal rights for Black Americans was struck down by an assassin's bullet in 1968. He died but his death did not save or overcome all prejudice. His assassination shocked thousands by revealing the depth of racial hatred which still exists in the world today. Many who were formally complacent or indifferent were so moved by Martin Luther King's death that they joined the struggle for equal rights for all people, regardless of race or color.

But only the death of Jesus saved the world, and only the blood of Jesus washed away the sins of the world.

Today, we are commissioned by the risen Lord to be witnesses both of his suffering and of his resurrection. The empty tomb of Easter shows that the worst of humanity, the worst things we do apart from God and against God can be and *is* overruled by God's power.

May God grant us the grace and wisdom to be courageous witnesses of his death and resurrection through our words and actions.

Fr. Augustine

*Our Lady,
Star of the Sea,
Pray for us!*



Sunday Mass Readings:

Reading 1: [Acts 3:13–15, 17–19](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–9](#)

Reading 2: [1 John 2:1–5](#)

Gospel: [Luke 24:35–48](#)

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The context of today's Gospel is of this appearance of the risen Christ shortly after his revelation of himself to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. That famous story where he takes the bread, blesses the bread, breaks it and then disappears, and it says that they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus then appears to the disciples as standing among them, saying: "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36). Notice their reactions: "they were startled and terrified" (v 37). Why? Because they think he's a ghost! So, in order to allay their fears and to also prove to them that he's

not a spirit, but that he's been resurrected from the dead, Jesus shows them his hands and his feet. He is giving them evidence of his crucifixion - that it's the same body that was crucified on Good Friday.

This is a very important point because in the First Century, there were all kinds of beliefs about the afterlife... so what Jesus is doing here is he's distinguishing all those ideas. This is not just the immortality of his soul. It's not a ghost appearing to them, like maybe a loved one who's died coming to you in a dream; it's also not the reincarnation. **It is resurrection!** And not resurrection at the end of time; Jesus' resurrection has

now happened in the middle of time. His soul and his body have been reunited in a new state, in a new glorified state, where he can appear whenever he wants to, where he can pass through walls, where he can hide himself, he can veil his appearance; that's the characteristics, or the nature of Jesus' resurrected body.

Jesus says to them: "Have you anything here to eat?" (v 41), proving to them that he's not just a spirit and that his body is a real body made of flesh and bone, he actually takes a piece of fish and eats it in their presence. Which is as much proof as you need because ghosts with no bodies or stomachs can't eat. This is a sign to them that Jesus is actually risen. **The Christian gospel is not just about the immortality of our souls after death, it's about the resurrection of our bodies—the reunification of the body and soul in a new state for all eternity in our bodies.** And, that's what Jesus is trying to

reveal to the disciples in this resurrection appearance, the nature of his risen body as a real body.

Then Jesus goes on to make another point to them – He tells them that not only did I tell you I was going to die and rise again, but the Scriptures, the law, the prophets, and the Psalms, they all spoke of this, they all prophesied this, they all prefigured this: that He would suffer, that He would rise on the third day, and that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be preached to all the nations.

Jesus says something fascinating here that cannot be overstated: "he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (v 45) **Reading and studying Scripture is not something that is just an academic or intellectual exercise. It's something that actually needs grace for**

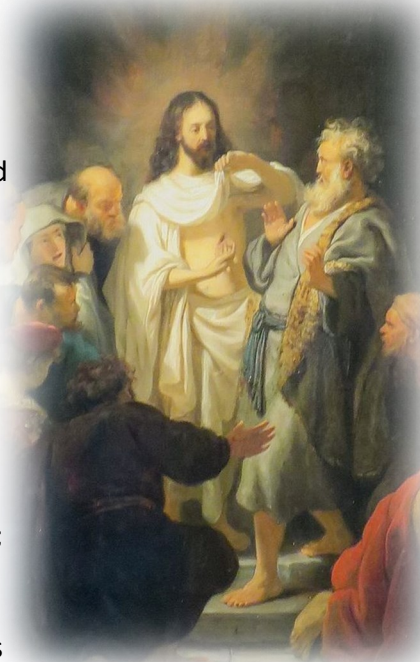
us to be able to see and understand fully. Everything was in the Scriptures for the apostles to read but they still didn't understand it, they still didn't grasp what was going to actually take place. Even once it happened, they still needed Christ to open their minds, to understand the Scriptures.

This is why at the proclamation of the Gospel texts at Mass, when we respond "Glory to you, O Lord" and place a cross over our foreheads, lips and hearts, **we are recognizing that we need God to open our minds if I'm going to understand the Scriptures. You can learn a lot in the Scriptures on your own power, but not enough - If they really are what the church claims them to be,**

namely, divinely inspired, then you need God's help to see the full depth of their meaning.

So Christ opens their mind's to understand the Scriptures and then the second thing he does is he says: *you are going to be witnesses to this gospel* (v 48). **To bear witness to the truth - not just to the truth of Scripture, but to the truth of the fact that Christ is the one who died and has risen again. That's the good news that they're going to bring to the nations, and that's the good news that he's exhorting us to bring to those whom we love, to our family, to our friends, to our coworkers, to people we encounter in our lives, the good news of the resurrection.**

That's what Easter is all about.





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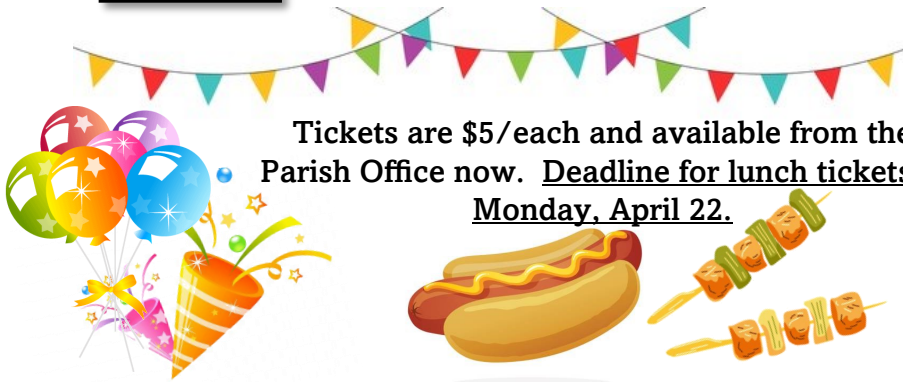
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Sunday, April 28
11AM Mass

Good Shepherd Church

Main celebrant:

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB
followed by a lunch celebration in the
School Gym.



Tickets are \$5/each and available from the
Parish Office now. Deadline for lunch tickets is
Monday, April 22.

Please pray for

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Marin Robertson,
Ivan Felipe Aragon,
Jean Guy Tardif, Trudy Bishop,
Theresa Desrochers,
Margaret Benoit, Maria Lee,
Givon Santos, Rose Cruz,
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Susie Bencherif, Marci Nunez,
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Amelia Solomon, Lydia McGrann,
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Great was the love that caused Jesus to desire to forgive mankind and to desire to drink the bitter chalice of suffering which our sins prepared for Him. His Divine heart opened for us on the cross. Now He waits for us with kindness and love to receive us into His tender mercies.

Hours in need of a weekly adorer:

Monday, 9:00am-10:00am

Monday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Friday, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm

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Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Hours in need of a Substitute:

Mon., Apr. 22, 29 – 9:00-10:00am

Fri., Apr. 19 – 3:00-4:00pm

For more information or to schedule any hour of adoration please call:

Donna Sali 604-542-3070



CWL Bake Sale is next weekend, April 20 & 21 at ALL MASSES at both churches. Please support the CWL's charitable initiatives and enjoy some home baking!

Caffein & CONVERSATION

A Men's Small Group



"Iron sharpens iron; and one man sharpens another."

Prov 27.17 RSV-CE

Meeting on the first and second Monday of the month starting on May 6th and 13th in the Star of the Sea School Lobby from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

The group is to be a process that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, transforms members' lives and then equips them to be transformative agents in the lives of others. The group is limited to 12 members. Keeping within that number allows the group to build trust and intimacy based on humble, honest and vulnerable conversations. Once it grows close to that number, members will be encouraged to consider starting their own groups. The purpose of the group is, God willing, to eventually reproduce another men's group that is also making and growing disciples of Christ - having a mission orientation - that will spawn other groups making and growing more disciples of Christ.

For more information about the format and content resources for the sessions and to register for the group, please contact Mario Ylanan, the Group Facilitator, at mario.ylanan@gmail.com

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Profile of a Solo Parent:

1. Widow or widower
2. Divorced
3. Single with child/children (natural or adopted)
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5. Married with a spouse who is incapacitated
6. Married with a spouse working abroad

For registration or inquiries:

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Next **SENIORS & FRIENDS CAFÉ**

is on **Friday, April 19** after 9am
Mass at Good Shepherd Church



Everyone welcome!



MARCH FOR LIFE VICTORIA

THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024

We are very excited for the upcoming March4Life this year. It will be a full day, beginning with 9:15am Mass with Archbishop Miller at Sacred Heart Parish (3900 Arthur Drive, Delta). From there, we will catch the 11AM Ferry to Victoria, where we will participate in the march and return on the 5PM ferry. We have an exciting lineup of speakers at this years even— visit : www.M4LVictoria.ca

Bus transportation is being arranged from some parishes - please contact Jim Canil jrcanil@telus.net Deadline for bus transportation is April 25th.

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The following are upcoming Parish+School events:

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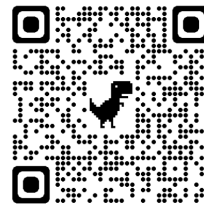
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Stella Maris Gala 2024 Committee Request

Since its inception, the Stella Maris Gala was an event held annually in the Fall. Due to the Covid-19 school shutdown and subsequent restrictions in the months thereafter, the Gala was moved temporarily to the Spring. With the blessing and guidance of Fr. Augustine, the Gala has been moved back to the Fall. Our next Gala will take place in the Fall of 2024.

The success of this event is all in thanks to our wonderful Gala Committee and their team of volunteers. Without the amazing volunteers who shared their time, talents and expertise through the years, our Parish and school would not be the places of worship and learning they are today.

For Gala 2024, we are looking for new committee members for the following positions:

- ◆ Chair
- ◆ Décor
- ◆ Acquisitions Team Lead
- ◆ Acquisitions Team Members

The planning for this event will begin as soon as the committee can be assembled.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful team, and contributing to the legacy of our Parish and school, please email the school office: school@sosschool.ca

BAKERS NEEDED for Tuesday King's Banquet Soup Kitchen

We are in need of 2 bakers for the **2nd** Tuesday of every month to either share or alternate baking needs. Bake at home and drop off to Star of the Sea Hall in White Rock. Dessert ingredients are reimbursed. If you can help, please call RoseMary 604 538 6058 or Carolyn 778 277 2533



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