



Third Sunday in  
**Easter**

YEAR B

APRIL 22, 2012

**EYES WIDE OPEN**

Only Saint Luke tells the story of two disciples walking to Emmaus, and it is full of puzzling gaps. While all the other disciples and Jesus' mother were in Jerusalem trying to understand the amazing fact of the Resurrection, why were these two hurrying out of town? Only one is named—Cleopas. Who was the other? A friend, a brother, a cousin or, perhaps, Cleopas' wife? The two were going over the terrible events in Jerusalem during the previous days when they were joined by a stranger who asked what they were talking about. He listened intently to their story, and then explained what had happened to Jesus in the larger context of the Jewish scriptures. But these two were too blinded by grief to realize who the stranger was. When they reached the village it was late, so they persuaded him to come into the house, which we may guess was either this couple's home or a relative's. The culmination of the story occurs when they sit down for a meal and Jesus breaks bread and gives thanks, at which moment "their eyes were opened" and they knew their guest was the Lord (Luke 24:31). It was not just that they opened their eyes, but they were awakened to a whole new reality. Perhaps that is just the point. God's grace falls on us in the midst of dinner or as we hurry down the road, trying to get away. God's grace falls on us smack dab in the everyday, ordinary moments, in the plain and simple struggles to understand, through conversations in the checkout line, at the bedside of a sick relative, during phone calls and driving the car to pick up or deposit the kids. The Emmaus story says that God is alive, right now, in every moment.



**Wake up and see!**

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**Many men in the past have been loved with extreme intensity – Socrates by his disciples, Julius Caesar by his legionnaires, Napoleon by his soldiers. But today these men belong irrevocably to the past; not a heart beats at their memory. There is no one who would give their life or even their**

**possessions for them even though their ideals are still being advocated. And when their ideals are opposed, no one ever thinks of cursing Socrates or Julius Caesar or Napoleon, because their personalities no longer have any influence; they are bygones. But not Jesus; Jesus is still loved and still cursed; men still renounce their possessions and even their lives both for love of him and out of hatred for him.**

**No living being is as alive as Jesus.**

Ricciotti, Giuseppe, *Christian Readings*, edited by John E. Rotelle, Catholic Book Publishing, New York, 1973, p. 33.



**DO YOU KNOW ? The First Seven Words after The Resurrection**



We all know the seven last words:

**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do; today you will be with me in paradise; woman behold your son; my God why have you forsaken me; I thirst; Father into your hands I commend my spirit and it is finished.**

All these words explain the purpose of the cross and the character of Christ. These words are a message from God to the whole world.

The first seven words of the Risen Christ on the first Easter Sunday is a message from God to the Church—to his people.

The first word of Christ is to a woman in a garden: **“Woman why are you weeping?”** He did not take away her tears but he was there as an answer to her tears. “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” (Rev. 21:4).

The second word is simply **“Mary”**. Jesus called her by name. He had called his disciples by name. He will call us by name to be his disciples and every disciple knows the Lord’s voice. “My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:3).

The third word is **“Go tell my brothers”** (John 20:17). Mary had a message for the disciples and then they had a message for the world. The cross gives a message “God so loved the world” and the resurrection gives us a message and a power to deliver it.

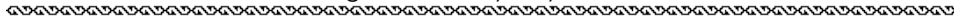
The fourth word is **“Peace be to you”** (John 20:19). The promise of peace—peace with God and the peace of God is given as the fruit of the resurrection. The old order of sin has passed away. Sin takes away peace but now shalom—God’s peace—is given and righteousness is possible.

The fifth word is **“As my Father has sent me so I send you—receive the Holy Spirit”** (John 20:21-23). Here is the call to service and the power to serve. We have work to do that is why he left us here instead of taking us home with him. He did not leave us orphans or powerless. He put his power inside us through the person of the Holy Spirit.

The sixth word is **“Stop doubting and believe”** (John 27). Jesus calls Thomas in the midst of the community and says be not faithless but believing. Thomas was missing at Jesus’ first meeting but met him the second time. We too can meet the Lord in the community with faithful people and through our open hearted prayers.

The seventh word is **“Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed”** (John 20:29). He is speaking of us today saved by faith in the Son given up for us and raised up for us.

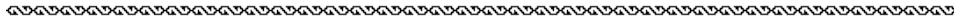
May the blessings of the Risen Lord continue to be with us and our loved ones throughout the fifty days of Easter.



**WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS**

Next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, we Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call which began at our baptism, and to pray for vocations especially to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations.

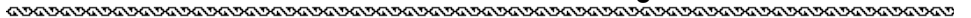
**LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS !**



**24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COLLECTION of the Church of Montreal-**



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**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012  
2:00 p.m. @ THE PRESBYTER BLUE ROOM  
HOSTS: PSG/ CATECHETICAL MINISTRY/  
SECULAR FRANCISCANS**



❖ **PISTA'Y DAYAT 2012 - (Our Lady of Manaoag Fiesta)**

The FCMM will once again be the venue for this year's celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary of Manaoag on **SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012**. Sponsored by the Pangasinan Association of Quebec Inc., the celebration will start at **11:00 a.m.** with the Recitation of the Novena to Our Lady of Manaoag followed by the Holy Mass.

The Mass will be highlighted by a Floral Offering to the Virgin. Come and join us !

❖ **STEWARDSHIP – "Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled?**

**And why do questions arise in your hearts. Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself."**

- Luke 24:38-39

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when He sacrificed His entire body for us?



Your Offerings for the week ending April 15, 2012 totaled **\$ 1, 197. 00**

Thank you for your continuing generosity !  
God bless you always!!!



- ❖ To the New Arrivals from the Philippines
- ❖ To the Visitors from other places;
- ❖ To those who have been away and are back;



❖ We join in the Thanksgiving Intentions of:

**GLORIA AQUINO, ROMEO AQUINO, RODRIGO & LYDIA DAIT, FLOR ACURANTES, PATRICK-JAMES ALCAIDE, CLEO FEDERIZO, GARY ABARQUEZ.**



❖ Please join in lifting up the Special Intentions of :  
**MR. & MRS. CRIS ESTOQUE & FAMILY, BUTCH ARACENA, MR. & MRS. LARRY PANADO & FAMILY.**

❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the Sick and Suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: **FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JESS ALCAIDE, ELECITA ARACENA, ANNIE MOJADO, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, ANTONIO FOZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, WILFREDO DARIO, TRANQUILINO BIGCAS, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ADRIANA BACQUIAL, JOSEFINA CALDITO RAQUIZA, NIDA VIERNES, RODOLFO KAHULUGAN SR..** May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our Deceased Relatives and Friends, especially **TOMASA AGUBA, GENERIOSA AQUINO, AGUSTIN SR., AGUSTIN JR., NELSON MALABUYOC, ABRAHAM CELEBRADOS JR., CATHERINE CELEBRADOS, DOLORES ACURANTES, ERNESTO BRIONES, RAQUEL TATON, GREGORIA DIAZ MANILING, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 387 – 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.**



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING** offered by **TONY and NORMA FOZ.**



**They knew him in the Breaking of the Bread**