

**April 18, 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

While they were still speaking about this, [Jesus] stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you . . . Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."  
Luke 24: 35-48

"Peace be with you." No, really . . .

Keep peace in the family — so better that she say nothing. Over the years, whenever she would confront him about his drinking, he would laugh it off as her worrying, but, over time, he would get angry at her nagging. So she's found it easier to let him sleep it off, telling the kids that Daddy has a headache. Daddy is having more and more headaches — but there's peace in the house.

Quiet has been restored in the neighborhood — at least for now. The police were called when the kids' taunting escalated into an ugly brawl. They were called again when obscene graffiti was spray-painted on one family's garage door. Families of color have endured all kinds of verbal and physical abuse; in these difficult days of the pandemic, an Asian family one street over has been a constant target. Right now, everyone is keeping pretty much to themselves, avoiding any more conflict. So there's peace for now — but a very tense and unstable peace.

Business as usual — kind of. The folks on the line carry on with their usual skill and professionalism to produce a good product; the sales team hustles to keep the orders coming in. But at the corporate level, it's another story. The company is in the process of being sold. Attorneys are in and out of the building; mountains of sales and expense data are being generated and analyzed. And rumors are flying through the building, but, of course, no one is saying anything. Anxiety and fear hang over every aspect of the company — and not just at the conference table in the corporate suite but at the family tables of their employees, as well. Business as usual? Hardly.

***In the Easter Gospels, the Risen Jesus appears, greeting the disciples with "peace" — but the "peace" of Easter is nothing like our understanding of "peace." We often settle for peace that's merely the absence of conflict, peace that settles for nothing bad happening, peace that is equated with the status quo — but too often fear and tension lie just below the surface of such "peace." True peace is rooted in the Gospel of justice and mercy; lasting peace is possible only when the reasons for fear and doubt are confronted. Peace — Christ's peace — is realized when all are respected and honored as sisters and brothers in the light of the Risen One. Thomas Merton wrote that "instead of loving what you think is peace, love other[s] and love God above all. And instead of hating the people you think are warmongers, hate the appetites and the disorder in your own soul, which are the causes of war. If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed — but hate these things in yourself, not in another." May we become "witnesses" of Christ's peace in our families and communities, our churches and workplaces — and may the work of peace begin within ourselves.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

***To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.***

**Reconciliation:**

By request

**Mass During Week:**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm  
Friday at 10 am.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Discontinued until further notice.

**Marriages:**

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**FACE MASKS: *These masks should be worn at all times. (as per newest Government Regulations). Always remain 2 meters distant from others.***

## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1482.90
Envelope Cost Contribution	5.00
Building Fund	85.00
Lenten Folders	60.00
Votive Candles	34.00
Sunday Missals	10.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Development & Peace	15.00
Good Friday/Holy Lands	35.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Deceased Members of the Gallant and Companion Families
Wed. 7pm	Late Laura Wells
Thu. 7pm	Late Austin McCarthy
Fri. 10am	Late Doris Moore
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Mary Wheeler & Late Brian Griffin
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks from Calvin & Isabel Gillis.

## PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – April

**Fundamental Rights:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Continues this Sunday at 7pm. All are welcome.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The parish has purchased flowers for Easter. We welcome anyone's donations towards the cost of these flowers. This can be done simply as a donation or as a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. Thank you to Barbara Neville who donated in memory of Jack Neville.

**MASSES - COVID ALERT LEVEL 2:** Effective, Saturday, April 17, at 12:01 a.m., we can return to a maximum of 100 people if physical distancing can be maintained. That means if there are larger bubbles, we can accommodate larger numbers. If attendee numbers are one or two persons, then we can only accommodate 30 to 60 people in any one of our venues (**we can only accommodate the number of people that the building can hold under physical distancing protocol**). Contact tracing lists are to be kept which means you still have to call and register for Saturday and Sunday masses. Masks are to be worn throughout the masses by all those in attendance (new rule for indoor gatherings as per Government Regulations).

**EASTER SEASON:** The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing. (GNLY, no. 22)

The Easter candle is a reminder of the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God. It remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo until the end of the day on Pentecost Sunday. It is lit in all of the solemn liturgical celebrations during the Easter Season.

By ancient tradition, the Old Testament is not read during the Easter Season. When there are three readings, the first is taken from the **Acts of the Apostles** or **Revelations**, the second from the Epistles.



**FIRST COMMUNION:** The children of Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the 11 a.m. mass.

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Bart will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people of Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 11 a.m. mass. Confirmation for the young people of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish will take place Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the 6 p.m. mass.

**LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING:** Now is the time to get your donations in for the April draw. Parishioners with last names beginning with A through E will be asked for a donation, but anyone can donate at any time. For each donation of \$10 you get one entry for the draw. You may drop off your donation in my mailbox at 86 Allen's Road or to Pat Jones at 11 Noseworthy's Lane, or to the parish house. Please stay safe, follow the medical guidelines. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy Easter from Sacred Heart Ladies group. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN – ARISE:** Arise Catholic Ministry for Women is offering a retreat for all women throughout Canada. The retreat takes place on May 1<sup>st</sup> but can be enjoyed any time afterwards, if needed. Small groups of women (usually bubbles of three to five) are encouraged to meet in someone's home and engage with both the presentations and one another for spiritual enrichment. A pamphlet is available at the parish office or go to **arisecatholicmovement.ca**. Thank you for spreading the news to women who might be looking for spiritual enrichment.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations on the weekend of April. That is April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Society continues to be very active, despite the pandemic and the challenges it presents. People still need help with food and furniture. Our members have been picking up and delivering groceries to people's homes. Our van has not stopped, picking up household items that are donated and delivering such goods to those in need. It has been an amazing experience that when our supplies go low, people donate to fill the needs. So, we want to thank all those who give so generously to our Society and to commend those who work so tirelessly to address the needs of those in need. God bless you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting at All Hallows' Parish, Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 P.M. Masks will have to be worn during the meeting.

## HUMOUR:

Why did the farmer bury all his money?  
Because he wanted to make the soil rich.

Why was the baby strawberry sad?  
His mom was in a Jam!

What flower does everyone have on their face?  
Two-lips

What are trees favorite drink?  
Rootbeer!

Why are frogs so happy?  
They eat whatever bugs them!