

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



**“Let me taste the goodness of resurrection, so I shall not want for anything more than the miracle of what is.”** I think this phrase perfectly captures the essence of the Easter season. On Ash Wednesday, we descended with Jesus into the fatal vortex of Lent with a confident expectation of Easter. Now we can taste God’s goodness in the sunshine of spring. This joyful season is not coincidentally springtime. Those many forms of life that have been dormant are even now stirring with fresh vigor. The sacred celebration, extending from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost, should revive us. If we were content to hibernate in our grievances all winter, the sunshine, warm air, and gentle breezes would call us to come out and live again. There is this deep well of abundance that runs through creation, for every morning the sun rises and every evening it sets, often with spectacular beauty, if we show up to notice it. So in a sense, Jesus says to us, *“Excuses don’t cut it anymore: you are either in or out.”*

A simple man with a simple name, as someone once described Pope Francis, wrote this profound phrase about Easter, *“They see a springtime in human affairs – new heavens and a new earth. Things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. All changed, changed utterly: A terrible beauty is born.”* Perhaps this is why the body achieves what the mind believes, because we must choose whether we shall live our lives as mere admirers of Jesus, living a safe and sterile semblance of Christianity that is politically correct and acceptable to the world, or whether we shall follow him along the less traveled road in the words of Robert Frost:

*“I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.”*

**P.S. But if you say YES to the Risen Lord, don’t take shortcuts, or fail to do the heavy lifting of prayer during this exciting journey to the solemnity of Pentecost.**



Fr. Slawek

**APRIL 07, 2024**



**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
*Turning concern into action*

We are called to follow Jesus, by being of service to others with humility, gentleness, compassion and love.

We can be true followers of Jesus' message by reaching out to the people who ask us for help, people who depend on us for their material and spiritual needs—our neighbour in-need.

As a community, let us commit ourselves to reach out to those in need.

**Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 9**

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Lina Montanari req. by Toni Frattaroli.

**Wednesday, April 10**

9 a.m. Intentions of Pearly Badali req by Lucy Hugh Chin.

**Thursday, April 11**

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Victoria Carlos Salamat req. by the Salamat family.

**Friday, April 12**

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

**Saturday, April 13**

4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Biason family req. by the Dunst family.

**Sunday, April 14**

9 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners .

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Fransisco Sr. & Francisca Anchuelo req. by Lourdes Anchuelo.

**MESSAGE OF THANKS**

Reverend Frederick Foley has moved to a new place and needs more rest.

Thank you for the 3 years of assistance at Holy Spirit Church for all the Masses, Baptisms, Funerals and Spiritual counselling to the parishioners of Holy Spirit.

I would like to ask the parishioners to keep Rev. Frederick Foley in their prayers.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, fill your life with His joy and sustain you by His grace.



**Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre**  
2325 Liverpool Rd. Pickering, Ont.  
Phone: 905-839-2864

**April 12 @ 6:30 pm - April 14 @ 1:00 pm**

**IS FAILURE AN OPTION?**

**MEN & WOMEN IGNATIAN** – “Failure is not an option!” was the supposed mantra of the engineers who built the Apollo Moon rockets. But in fact, science progresses precisely by failing. What insights to ourselves and our faith can we derive from how science learns from its mistakes? Facilitated by Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ

**\$275.00 Suggested Offering**

**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan**

Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.



**COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL**

The Social will resume  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**  
After the 9 a.m. Mass  
in the Parish Basement



**ARE YOU MOVING?  
OR  
HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?**

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.

