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If We Invite Jesus to Stay

As we read about the two despondent disciples of Jesus on their way to Emmaus, we can ask ourselves, "What road am I travelling at the moment? Am I heading where God wants me to go?"

Though the two disciples were walking away from the community of the close followers of Jesus, Jesus himself came to walk with them. Although we may turn our backs to God, God will never give up on us. We might not be on the right path; God nonetheless will remain with us.

The two disciples did not recognize Jesus when He joined them. Often, we do not recognize God's presence with us: we may not be looking for him; we may not be expecting Him; we may have closed our eyes to His presence, our ears to His voice, and our hearts to His urgings. God is always with us, walking alongside us, even if we are unaware of his loving presence.

It is consoling to know that Jesus takes time to find what the disciples were discussing. Jesus met them and meets *us* where we are. Just as He asked the two what they were talking about, He invites us to share with him where we are and what is going on in our lives, the good things as well as the bad. God is interested in everything in our lives. He is greatly concerned with every aspect of our lives.

Jesus pointed out to the two disciples what Scripture had said about the Messiah: slowly He led them to see that death was part of God's plan of salvation. The challenge for us is to learn to listen to what God is telling us. This requires we keep open our communication with God, in prayer, in quiet reading and reflection, in teachings from and dealings with others. Hopefully, we are able to listen to God speaking to us, just as the two listened to Jesus.

Enraptured by their conversation with the stranger, the two invite Him to be their guest. What would have happened if the two had not asked the stranger to stay with them? They would never have known and recognized the Lord.

In the home of the two, Jesus "took the bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight." (Luke 24: 30 - 31)

Tuesday April 25 **St. Mark, Evangelist**

12:05 +Ryszard Milewski

Requested by The Milewski Family

Wednesday April 26 **Our Lady of Good Counsel**

12:05pm +Elenor Brunelle

Requested by Brian & Marie Lemieux

Thursday April 27

12:05 +Joe & Marie Caddell

Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

Friday April 28 **St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr** **St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**

11am – Holy Hour

12:05 Intentions of Richard Milewski

Requested by the Milewski Family

Saturday April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

10 am +Joe Diduch

Requested by Carol Diduch and family

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vigil Mass – Saturday April 29

5 pm +Cathy Fitzgerald

Requested by The Woods Family

ShareLife
Sunday

Sunday – April 30 **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

9am Mass for the People

11:30 am +Eugenio & Caterina Moscon

Requested by John and family



The Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

The two recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. And looking back at their journey with the stranger, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24: 32)

The two were transformed by their encounter with the Risen Jesus. If we are open to God, we too can experience the same change, discover renewed purpose, hope and joy in our lives, knowing that Jesus, who has conquered death, shares our journey bringing us new faith and hope.

As we journey through life, we are called to walk with Jesus. The road to Emmaus is a symbol of Christian life enabling us to see that the Risen Lord gives hope and joy and that we are never alone. The Risen Jesus always walks with us. As we walk with Him, our road becomes a great journey of companionship and conversation, of faith and hope

Grace and peace,

Fr. R C R A

CWL News

Wednesday April 26th is the feast day of our patron, Our Lady of Good Council. All members of the CWL and our parishioners are encouraged to attend the noon Mass, and to join us after Mass for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

CWL is asking for donations of foods and /or cash to support the needs the St. Vincent de Paul.

Knights of Columbus Laurier Council 2004 – Spaghetti Dinner

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Please remember the following people in your prayers : Gord Thompson; Gerard Lyons; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenau; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome; Marshal Laurin

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Stella Maloney; Norma Jivcoff; Verna Marchand

Please contact the parish office with your prayer requests for so we may add them to the prayer list and respond.


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