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MAY 4, 2025 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Fire of Love:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a "charcoal fire" is mentioned. One is in today's Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread



and fish warming on the fire. The other is in the scene in the High Priest's courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside. At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted. Today's charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter's repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus' thrice repeated command, "feed My sheep," shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord's entire flock, the head of His Church. Jesus' question, "Do you love me more than these?" is a pointed reminder of Peter's pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken. Jesus then explains just what Peter's love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter's death by crucifixion ("you will stretch out your hands"). Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered. We see the beginnings of that persecution in today's First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave "rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer." Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their "mourning into dancing," as we sing in today's Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before "the Lamb that was slain," a scene glimpsed in today's Second Reading.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MAY 3RD TO MAY 10TH 2025

- Sat May 3rd 5:00pm - Filomena Rodrigues †
- Sun May 4th 7:30am - Alana Maurica Gerardine
- 9:00am - Georgina Da Costa †
- 10:30am - People of the Parish
- 12:00pm- Gloria & Federico Gatila Sr.†
- Mon May 5th 8:30am - Birthday Thanksgiving for Ken Wright
- Tue May 6th 8:30am - Georgina Da Costa †
- Wed May 7th 7:30pm - Anniversary Blessings for Xavier & Tiffany Da Costa; Filomena Rodrigues †; Lloyd LaBorde †
- Thu May 8th 8:30am - Georgina Da Costa †
- Fri May 9th 7:30pm - Athanasius Bernard Diast
- Sat May 10th 8:30am - Open



OUR SICK:

Leonard Rodrigues, Jean Foulkes, Romeo Florentino, Anne Dyer, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Donna Mesic, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly Macinnis, Randeer Kumar Hulooman, Norma Dulnuan, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Shirley Ecclejton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum.

DEAR INACTIVE PARISHIONERS WE MISS YOU!

Psalm 122.1 says "I rejoice when they said to me, let us go to the Lord's house."

We were overjoyed to see many of you our beloved parishioners during the Holy Week and especially Triduum. To those who missed the beautiful celebration of the Triduum for whatever reason, the Lord has put in our heart, the prophetic mission to reach out to you this Easter season and to invite you to come back home. We want to lovingly remind you that St. Boniface Parish is still your spiritual home. A place of worship and deep encounter with God through his life-giving word and the sacraments of the church.

Our church doors remain wide open, ready to welcome you into the house of your heavenly Father. We are happy to share that the Good News is still good, because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

As your pastor, we extend a heartfelt invitation to all who have drifted away; come home. Come back to your parish. Come back to the truth, the beauty, and the mystery of the Catholic faith. We want you back. We have missed you dearly. Our Parish is not the same without you. We love you. We miss you. Welcome home.

Fr. Alex Osei, Cssp.

Fr. Percy Acquah, Cssp.

FIRST COMMUNION

Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion are reminded that the Sacrament of First Communion will be on:



Saturday, May 10 at 5 pm
Sunday, May 11 at 12 noon

Saturday, May 24 at 5 pm
Sunday, May 25 at 12 noon

Saturday, May 31 at 5pm
Sunday, June 1 at 12 noon

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT!

Please join us for a fun-filled evening of games and laughter on **Saturday, May 10th after the 5pm Mass in the church hall.**

Bring your family and join us for board games and great company.

Light refreshments will be served.

PARISH FACADE RESTORATION

Our Parish has worked with the Archdiocese of Toronto to determine to proceed with Façade Repairs to the front of the church to address the water leaks coming from the south wall of the church.

To date, the Archdiocese has approved the hiring of an architect to lead this project and to prepare a tender document in order to determine the cost of the needed repairs. We expect to have this information in June, at which time a further update will be made.

Thank you for your continued support.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH FEAST PICNIC— SAVE THE DATE

Our St. Boniface Parish feast picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 8th after the 12 noon Mass.**

Tickets are available at the back of the church after all Masses. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

If you are able to help volunteer for the picnic, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you.



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