

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2010

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

(Acts 4.13-21, Mark 16.9-15)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010

Acts 5.12-16, Rev 1.0-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John 20.19-31)

10:30 Patricia Taylor by her daughter, Andrea
Patrick Wickham by Dorothy Wickham & family
Lorraine West & family (Estate)
Justin De Four by June De Four

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010 - NO MASS

(Acts 4.3-31, John 3.1-8)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

(Acts 4.32-37, John 3.7b-15)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

For the intentions of the staff at l'Emerite by Kathleen McAuliffe

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

(Acts 5.17-26, John 3.16-21)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

Ed & Kate Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010

(Acts 5.27-33, John 3.31-36)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

(Acts 5.34-42, John 6.1-15)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

(Acts 6.1-7, John 6.16-21)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

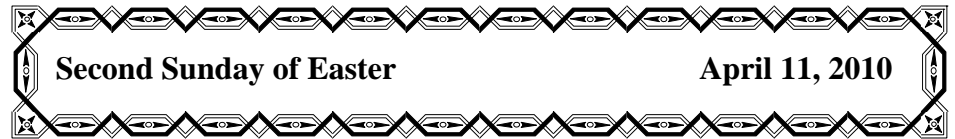
SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

(Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41, Rev 5.11-14, John 21.19)

10:30 Lorraine West & family (Estate)
the Superales family
the Julien family

This Week at Ascension

- Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room for information call 931-5536.
- Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- Saturday: **Faith Fist Children's Gathering** at 1:30 p.m. in the church. Parents of First Communion children meet with Mrs. Joan Chiz from 2 - 3 p.m. in the church.



Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2010

2nd Sunday of Easter 1John 20:19-31

In the resurrection stories in John's Gospel, the author emphasizes the physical characteristics of Jesus' resurrected body. He does so because some early Christians questioned the idea of a bodily resurrection and said that what the apostles really saw was Jesus' spirit or ghost, not his physical body. Responding to these beliefs, the author of the fourth Gospel was careful to point out that the resurrected Jesus had flesh and bone and that he ate and drank. He wanted to make it clear that the resurrected body was none other than the crucified one.

Today's Gospel begins with all of the apostles except Thomas hiding in a locked room in fear that they would be arrested and killed just as Jesus was. Without warning, Jesus appears in their midst even though the windows and doors are bolted shut. The apostles cannot believe it! They saw him crucified and they saw him die but now he is alive once again!

When Thomas returns, the apostles excitedly tell him all about their experience with the risen Jesus but he refuses to believe them without first putting his fingers in the nail marks in Jesus' hands and in the wound in Jesus' side. Notice that Thomas doesn't say anything about nail marks in Jesus' feet, possibly because the Romans may have used ropes instead of nails to affix a criminal's feet to the cross. Therefore, there wouldn't have been any nail marks in Jesus' feet for Thomas to examine.

Thomas didn't accept what the other apostles told him until he saw Jesus himself. The nail marks and the other wounds were the proof he needed to believe the resurrected Jesus was neither a ghost nor the product of someone's imagination but rather the same Jesus who died on the cross.

Although we will always remember Thomas as the one who doubted, he was actually one of the bravest and most loyal of the apostles. In John 11, there's a story about how Jesus was on his way to Bethany even though he knew there were some men in that city who wanted to kill him. Thomas recognized the potential danger but didn't back away from it; he suggested that he and the other apostles go with Jesus so they could die with him. Whatever Thomas' faults were, cowardice wasn't one of them.

For Reflection: Many times we are like Thomas, wanting to see before we believe. Is there anything about your religion that you have difficulty believing? Take your doubts and questions to Jesus in prayer and ask him to help you believe.



A note of appreciation to all who contributed to our Easter Celebrations through their dedication to their various ministries, and to all who participated with such prayerful spirits. May the promise of "new life" be a source of grace to us all.

Msgr. Sean & Fr. Pat

Faith First Children's Gathering

Faith First families are reminded of the Children's Gathering on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. We begin our gathering with a prayer service. Parents are reminded that they are to remain with their child/children until they meet with the catechist. The gathering ends at 3:15 p.m.

Parents of children who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time are requested to remain in the church following the prayer service for an information meeting with Joan Chiz. This session should begin about 2:00 p.m.

Event: WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
Place: St. Willibrord's (325 Willibrord Ave., Verdun)
Date: Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Clothing, housewares, plants, books, tapes, jewellery, dishes, books. snack bar on the premises. Bargains for everyone!

Awakening to Earth

A Day for Internal Renewal featuring guest speaker Kathleen Deignan, CND, founder and director of the Iona Spirituality Centre - author, composer and artist in residence with SCHOLA Ministries will be organized by the Social Action Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal. Saturday, April 17th, 2010 9am-4pm at the Biosphere of Montreal, Ile St-Helene. Contribution to cover costs is \$10 (includes boxed lunch). To register, phone (514) 925-4300 ext. 206 or abourdon@diocesemontreal.org.

Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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