

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2010

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

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 - NO MASS

(Acts 6..8-15, John 6.22-29)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

(Acts 7.51-8.1a, John 6.30-35)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010

(Acts 8.1b-8, John 6.35-40)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

(Acts 8.26-40, John 6.44-51)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

(Acts 9.1-20, John 6.52-59)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

(Acts 9.31-42, John 6.53, 60-60++)

FEAST - ST. MARK

5:00 Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family

Lorraine West & family (Estate)

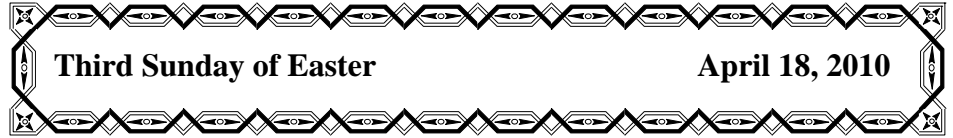
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

(Acts 13.14, 43-52, Rev 7.9, 14b-17, John 10.27-30)

10:30 Gilles Tremblay by his family

This Week at Ascension

- Monday: **Faith First - Preparation for First Reconciliation** at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Room.
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 First - First Reconciliation** at 10:30 a.m. for children who will be making their First Communion on May 2nd.



Third Sunday of Easter (*John 21:1-19*)

One thing that makes the fourth Gospel different from the other three is its rich symbolism. To appreciate what the author wanted to say it is necessary to understand the meaning behind the symbols he chose.

The Gospel story begins with Peter announcing that he is going fishing and Thomas, Nathanael, Zebedee's two sons (James and John) and two other disciples deciding to join him. These men fish all night but catch nothing. Just after daybreak, the resurrected Jesus appears on the shore and calls out to them to lower their nets on the other side of the boat, which they do. Immediately, their nets fill to the breaking point with a total of 153 fish.

Because people in Jesus' day believed there were 153 different types of fish in the world, St. Jerome once suggested that the fish caught in today's Gospel are symbolic of all people and that the net stands for the Church. Just as the apostles found all the different types of fish in their net, we find all the different types of people in the Church, excluding no one.

The story goes on to tell us that six of the disciples haul in the net but Peter alone drags it onto the shore. The Old Testament often portrays biblical heroes as having superhuman strength (e.g. Samson) because they possess God's spirit. Therefore, the author of the fourth Gospel used this little detail to symbolically show that the Spirit of God was at work in Peter.

When the disciples reach the shore, Jesus offers them some fish and bread, two symbols the early Christians used for the Eucharist. While they are eating, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him and three times Peter responds affirmatively. Some biblical scholars suggest Jesus asked this question three times to symbolically undo the three times Peter denied him.

We find such symbolism in just about every chapter of the Gospel according to John. Taking the time to learn the meaning behind the symbols makes the stories even richer than they already appear.

For Reflection: Jesus gave Peter a second chance. Are you willing to do the same for someone who has wronged you? Pray today for the grace to forgive others.

A DAY AWAY FOR CAREGIVERS

(sponsored by the Dept. for Family Life & Pastoral Home Care)

A day of reflection to help renew the spirit of those providing care for others. If you are providing long term care to a special needs child, a spouse, a family member or friend, please join us for an opportunity to share, pray and reflect together.

When: Saturday May 1, 2010 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Archdiocese of Montreal, 2000 Sherbrooke St. W.,
Rooms 130 – 135
Cost: \$12 incl. lunch.
Contact: To register contact 514-931-7311 ext. 219

You are not Forgotten: If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Father Pat

St. Mary's Hospital Spring Bridge and Card Party

will take place on

Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 12 p.m.

at St. St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish

105 Beaconsfield Ave. (cross street - St. Charles Blvd.)

Bring your own cards. Cost: \$20. Door Prizes.

To reserve a table please call Francine Rebetez at 345-3511 ext. 3031.

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!

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: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____