



CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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RADIATING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY AND BEYOND

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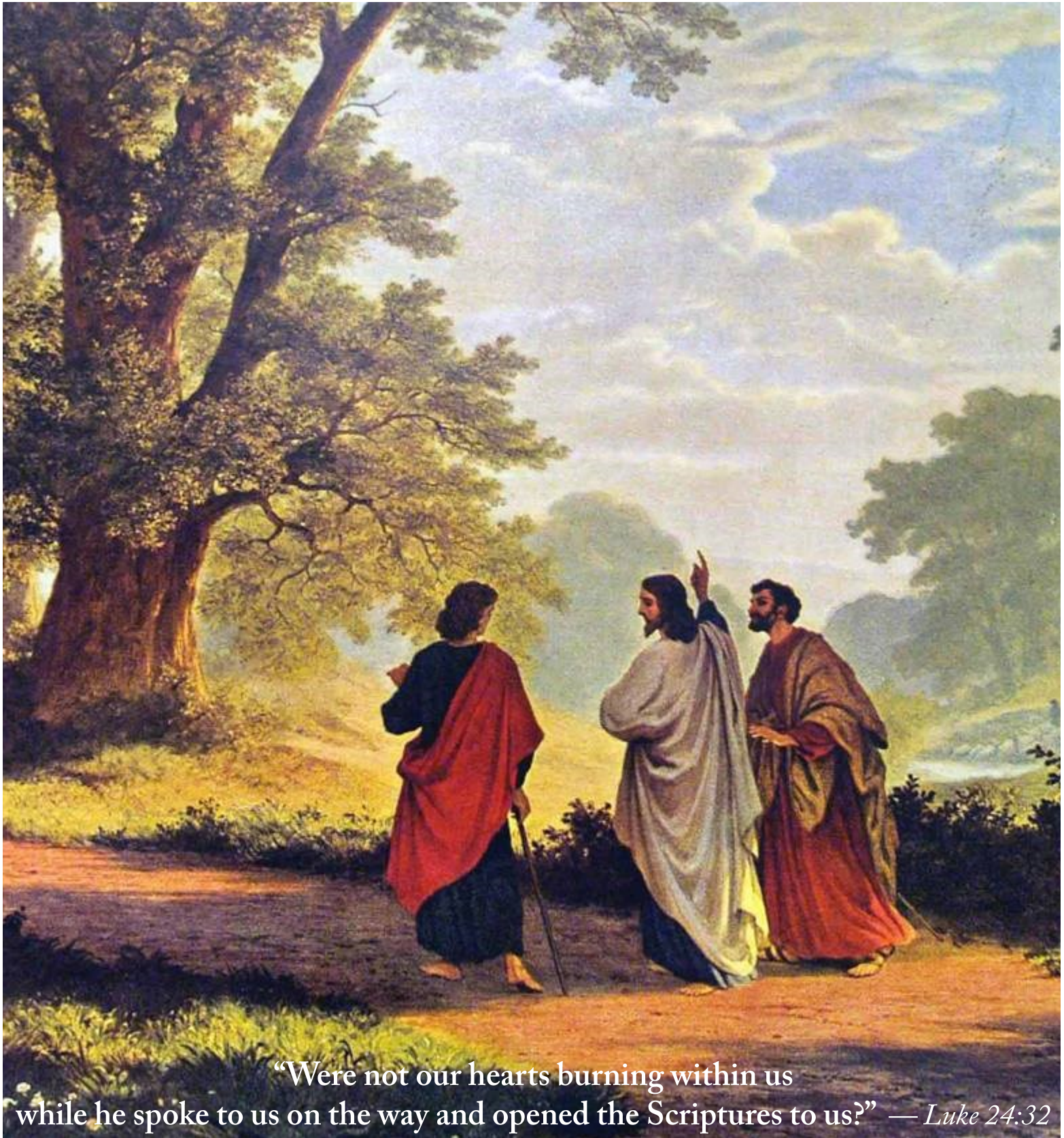
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3rd Sunday of Easter—April 26, 2020



“Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” — *Luke 24:32*

A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

#ChurchNeverStops—For more information on getting involved email us at office@ctrwestvan.ca.

Today	April 26	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass LIVE	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
Tuesday	April 28	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A.	Zoom
Wednesday	April 29	10:30 a.m.	Lectio Divina Posted	rebrand.ly/lectiodivina
Thursday	April 30	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Chat with Fr. Jeff	RSVP at rebrand.ly/lunchchat
Friday	May 1	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Zoom
		2:45 p.m.	Knitting for Charity	Zoom
		3:00 p.m.	Adoration and Lectio Divina LIVE	rebrand.ly/lectiodivina
Sunday	May 3	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass LIVE	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
		7:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry—Anchor	RSVP at bit.ly/rsvpmay3

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Watch online liturgies at rebrand.ly/ctrmass.

Sun Apr 26	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	Ruth Oliver † <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>
Mon Apr 27		Humberto Bustamante & Ines Ondarza †
Tues Apr 28		Peter Fensslein †
Wed Apr 29		Hank Giefing † <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Thu Apr 30		Cardinal George Pell (int) <i>St. Marie de L'Incarnation</i>
Fri May 1		Connie Dwyer † <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>
Sat May 2		All priests (int) <i>St. Athanasius</i>
Sun May 3	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	Carlo, Fadia, & Rahal Family (int) <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>



It's Easy to Give!

Well, it may *not* be that easy to give when many of us are feeling the serious financial consequences of the current crisis.

We've appreciated the many parishioners who've taken the trouble to drop off their envelopes at the rectory—and you're welcome to continue. However, there is a simple and easy way to make your weekly gift and your Easter offering: the Archdiocese has setup a 'digital offertory basket' collection for our parish! You make your contribution (one-time, weekly, or monthly) just by clicking [here](#) or rebrand.ly/ctroffering.

Of course, we're always happy to help you out by phone if you would prefer. Please call Catherine Davidson at 604-922-1371. Thank you all so much for your sacrificial support at this difficult time.



Confession Schedule

Sundays: 4:15—4:45 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:30—10:00 a.m.

To ensure adequate distance, do not approach our outdoor confessional screens until the area is completely clear—and please stand well back from the screen. We ask you to leave immediately as soon as you've made your confession and not to visit with others in the parking lot.

Please Pray For

Kathy Barcenas

All those affected by the Nova Scotia tragedy

All those affected by the COVID-19 virus

&

Ken Beesley, Helen Bush, Ron Buziol, Noel Callahan,
Stephanie Cameron-Antil, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank,
Mireille Farwagi, Marylin Goulet, Germaine Guay,
Gemma Konar, Vicki Lupton, Annie Mackenzie,
Peggy McCormick, Mary Menescardi, Juanita Nazareth,
Eduardo Peralta, Graham Ridsdale, Breda Sheehan,
Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask, Molly Waechter, Ed Wild,
and Terry Zweng

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Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Zoila Soto de Rodriguez (*mother of Mariliam Rodriguez*)

Gelso Vittorio



Mass Cards

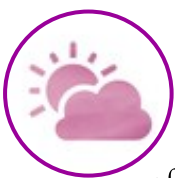
Our parish's Virtual Office can now send out an electronic Mass card for you to forward to someone, or will mail an actual card to an address you provide to us. To request a Mass, please email Mary at office@ctrwestvan.ca with details and your contact information and she will call you. If you do not have email, please call the office at 604-922-1371 to connect. Please note: if you want Mass said on a particular date, the first available dates are in **August**.



Youth Ministry

CTR Youth is moving online, beginning with **Anchor!** Teens **Grade 8-12**, join us on **Sunday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.** for some time to catch up with one another, pray with our music ministry, play games, and more. We'll be meeting on Zoom (a video conferencing platform) so teens and their friends will need to **RSVP for Anchor** bit.ly/rsvpmay3 by **Friday, May 1** so we can email them the link and guidelines for joining the Zoom call.

To be added to the Youth Ministry newsletter list so you can stay up to date with everything happening at CTR Youth, go to <https://ctrwav.flocknote.com/YMTeens> or email Krista at youthministry@ctrwestvan.ca.



Discovery Faith Studies

The passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus at Easter is for *you*—rediscover the joy of the Gospel and Jesus' personal love for you through a Discovery faith study! We'll be running small-group faith studies virtually via video conferencing. If you are interested in joining us for one of these studies, please email discovery@ctrwestvan.ca. You will be able to begin as soon as a group is formed, so contact us at any time.

The parish is also offering virtual Discovery studies to St. Thomas Aquinas High School parents during this time, continuing from the study that began in February. The group currently meets on Monday evenings by Zoom. If you are an STA parent and would like to join, contact Krista at kgreig@ctrwestvan.ca.



Prison Ministry

Request for Letters

Chaplains still working at prisons and correctional institutions have agreed to post any letters of prayer and encouragement during this time. It is a tough time for many, and in the BC prisons there are no visits from volunteers or family and friends at all. If you would like to write a letter of prayer and support, please send them to the office at office@ctrwestvan.ca for forwarding to the prison.

Please continue to pray for the inmates at Mission Prison who have COVID-19, the repose of the soul of the inmate who died last week, and for God's peace and mercy to reign over them.

One prisoner prayer request: J. said that he was spared a life sentence last week, which he is very thankful to God for. Please pray for him during this tough time of no visitors.



The Parish Bookmobile!

We're launching something new—one of the priests will deliver a good Catholic book straight to your door! We'll offer a couple recommendations each week (see below), but if there's a book you've seen at the library just let us know. The book will be dropped off at your doorstep in a sanitized package and collected at a time convenient for you three weeks from now.

If you prefer to purchase a book to read, we will deliver from the parish gift shop as part of the Bookmobile service. Please email all Bookmobile requests to office@ctrwestvan.ca.

Recommended Books This Week



FROM THE LIBRARY

• *Fr. Jeff's Recommendations:* "Forgiveness: the Glorious Face of Love" by Frances Hogan, who spoke in the Archdiocese some years back. Matthew Pinto's "Did Adam & Eve have Belly Buttons?" is a collection of

questions from Catholic teenagers that may be helpful to parents!

• *Pastor's Recommendations:* The two books Msgr. Smith spied this week were the charming "Something Beautiful for God" by Malcolm Muggeridge, whose documentary on the future Saint helped introduce Mother Teresa of Calcutta to the world, and Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Jesus", which the parish gave to visitors one Christmas. We have multiple copies in the library.

FROM THE GIFT SHOP

• "Searching for and Maintaining Peace" by Fr. Jacques Philippe is a first-aid kit for the soul. We also have a number of titles by Fr. Jacques Philippe, including his latest, "Eight Doors to the Kingdom: Meditations on the Beatitudes."



Project Advance 2020

Please note that the Archdiocese has placed Project Advance 2020 **on hold** until further notice. All donations already made have been recorded. Thank you for your generosity to the Church during this time.



Catholic Women's League

The deadline for the **CWL Bursaries** has been extended to **April 30, 2020**. For application and more details, please contact Maria at maria.law@telus.net.



Pastor's Message

As you can see below and elsewhere in this bulletin, we continue to look for ways to connect with the Lord, the Church, and each other in these unusual times. As a book lover myself, I'm excited about the "Bookmobile"

and hope we are able to exchange at least a well-distanced wave during the deliveries.

First Friday this week will be the occasion of the re-consecration of Canada to Mary, Mother of the Church. We need her prayers more than ever. We will also have a live *lectio divina* prayer time at 3 p.m. in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

And I know Fr. Jeff—who has faithfully kept contact with the parishioners with whom he used to visit each week when bringing Holy Communion to homes, hospitals, and care facilities—will enjoy connecting with many of you through Thursday's "Lunchtime Chat". I look forward to doing the same in a week or two.



Lunchtime Chats

The parish is starting a series of chats with our priests over (a digital) lunch online via Zoom. Come join the priests and catch up with fellow parishioners during this half hour.

The first Lunchtime Chat will take place with **Fr. Jeff** on **Thursday, April 30 at 12 p.m.**

To receive the Zoom link, RSVP in advance by filling in our Google Form at rebrand.ly/lunchchat. Fill out the form by **4 p.m. on April 29**—the Zoom link will be sent shortly after that deadline to all email registrants.

You will need to have an internet connection to access the chat.



First Friday

Join Msgr. Smith this **Friday, May 1** in a special *lectio divina* prayer time at **3 p.m.** in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You can access the live-stream at rebrand.ly/lectiodivina. Beginning next week, weekly *lectio divina* will be recorded and posted at the same link above at **10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

The Bishops of Canada have called for the **re-consecration of Canada to Mary, Mother of the Church**, also occurring on **May 1.**

The time is to be announced—the stream will be available on Holy Rosary Cathedral's page at <https://www.holyrosarycathedral.org/live-stream/>



Archbishop's Message

As the great "Alleluia" is proclaimed in our empty and silent churches this Easter, we both rejoice and lament. In our hearts we sing of Jesus' victory over the power of sin and death, but we weep because of the continuing devastation around the world provoked by the coronavirus pandemic.

Never before in our lifetime have we had to celebrate the Sacred Triduum without participating in the Church's ancient Liturgies with crowded congregations. Stripped of our false sense of control over life and death, we nonetheless walked with Jesus the arduous path to Calvary. There we clung to the Cross raised above the earth, through which the Lord draws all people and all history to himself (cf. Jn 12:32).

Yet into the thick darkness caused by the insidious virus that engulfs our world, the radiant glory of the Risen Lord shines upon us. We are not doomed to despair, for He offers us even now a share in His eternal life.

During these past few weeks, we may have become weary and disheartened, afraid that we won't be able to cope with the pandemic. But let's not forget that from the darkness of the tomb, the Lord rose triumphant. Let's not lose confidence. Let's never give up.

Because Jesus is alive, He is with us in every situation of our lives. The Resurrection takes us into the life of God himself. With "the Living One" (Lk 24:5) we, too, are raised up to new life: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20).

In the words of Benedict XVI, "through the wounds of the Risen Christ we can see the evils which afflict humanity with the eyes of hope. In fact, by his rising the Lord has not taken away suffering and evil from the world but has vanquished them at their roots by the superabundance of his grace." He entered into the glorious life of God with our humanity, opening us to a future of hope.

The Cross leads us beyond our crushed expectations to the reality of Christian hope: hope in the power, love, and mercy of God, who gives life to all things and makes them holy. The Cross is our "only hope" because it leads to the glory of the Resurrection. Our life does not end before the empty tomb but goes beyond with hope in Christ who is risen from that very tomb.

The joy of knowing that Jesus is alive fills our hearts with a hope that is contagious and must be shared. We are called to be joyful servants of hope, who announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love.

Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB



Digital Offertory

As explained elsewhere in this bulletin, we're passing the collection basket online, on our parish donation page on the secure Archdiocesan website. You can use your credit card, or direct debit to your bank. Just click here: rebrand.ly/ctroffering. If you have any problems, don't hesitate to give Catherine Davidson a call at 604-922-1371.



This Week's Online Ideas

- Check out *The Way* (2010) - A father heads overseas to recover the body of his son who died while traveling the Camino, and decides to take the pilgrimage himself. Available for rent on [Amazon Prime Video](#) or [YouTube Movies](#).
- Join Fr. Nick Meisl for *The Gospel of Mark* - an online study by video call on **Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.** The event is free, but registration is required: go to https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Kd236aErTbqFmrYHWcxBg

Staying Connected One-on-One

Our 'Virtual Office'



The parish staff are working from home to meet your needs and committed to respond to you in a timely fashion—although the office is physically closed.

If you don't have internet access, use the priests' cell phones.

- Email: office@ctrwestvan.ca
- Website: www.ctrwestvan.ca
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctrwestvan
- Msgr. Smith's Cell Phone: 604-657-3715
- Fr. Jeff's Cell Phone: 1-416-882-0310

For emergencies, always call the priests' phones directly.



Our Facebook Community

Find community, fellowship, and share resources on our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ctrwestvan>.

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NATIONAL PRAYER FOR CANADA



IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19

COMPOSED BY

RABBI DR. REUVEN P. BULKA & ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE PRENDERGAST

O God,

We gather together separated by life-saving distancing, but united more than ever in spirit;

We know we are in a war against COVID - 19 together, and the more together we are, the better and stronger we will emerge:

We know the challenges are enormous, yet so are the opportunities;

That whether we are in isolation with loved ones, or alone, we will have abundance of time;

We commit to using that time to the max, to help those in greater need in whatever way we can;

We know we all have the opportunity, and time, to be life savers and life enhancers;

We give thanks for those who are on the front line taking care of those who are not well;

We give thanks for the researchers who are working at breakneck speed to find cure and vaccine;

We give thanks for our leaders, federal, provincial and local, for their dedication to all of us;

We give thanks for the providers of our daily needs who go to work in spite of the risk;

We give thanks for those who have ramped up their ability to produce life-saving supplies.

We pray for the well-being of all our life savers; For those who are not well, that they recover fully;

For those enduring difficulty, that they may overcome their challenges.

We pray that a cure and vaccine will soon be available,

And that we all – family, friends, all Canadians, the entire world may be healed in body and spirit.

We ask you, O God, to bless our leaders, our front line care givers, our life savers and life enhancers.

We ask you, O God, to bless Canada, to bless the world, to bless everyone.

Amen.