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Peace be with you!

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Easter. We continue to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

As I reflect on the readings, I sense that Christ is giving me the opportunity to walk in the shoes of his disciples like when they were on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognize Jesus who was walking with them until he said to them, "Peace be with you!"

In our world, there is so much strife and instability, can we recognize Jesus? How can we find peace?

We can if our hearts and minds are open to Christ.

I had the most difficult Lent of my life recently. I felt that my world was literally collapsing. Easter came and I took comfort in the resurrection of our Lord but things were still heading south. To top it all, I had to send my mum to the hospital last Sunday.

I had moments of despair, anger and fear, just like the disciples. I felt weak and alone. Like how Jesus appeared to them, Jesus sent help to me, to straighten my path. Good counsel, angels, compassionate medical staff members and guidance by the Holy Spirit led me to peace and hope.

Just as Jesus asked his disciples, *"Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves . . ."*, Jesus was asking me the same question.

When I read this part of the gospel, I know that Jesus is telling me to relax and have no fear. I would have all the graces I need from Him and the Sacraments. Jesus lives in us and with us through the Sacraments.

Despite all that I need to manage, I know that He will give me what I need. I continue to ask Him to open my mind to understand the scriptures and the humility to repent when I have sinned.

To "know Him" means to keep His commandments, to obey. And "God's love comes to perfection" with obedience. I know that I will keep trying because this is the only way to joy and peace.

We are Easter people because Christ has redeemed us. Let us continue to give thanks and ask the Lord to fill our hearts with joy!

Reflection by Hope



3rd Sunday of Easter
 Year B
 15 April 2018

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 15 April	Ac 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Jn 24:35-48 Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
Mon, 16 April	Ac 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 They are happy whose life is blameless.
Tue, 17 April	Ac 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Wed, 18 April	Ac 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40 Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
Thu, 19 April	Ac 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51 Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
Fri, 20 April	Ac 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.
Sat, 21 April St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor	Ac 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm
 Mandarin: 2.30pm
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

Novena notes

RCIA English Programme

We are starting our new RCIA Programme. It will be from 3rd July 2018 to 31st May 2019. RCIA is for adults - 18 years and above, who are interested to know more about the Catholic faith. The application form can be obtained at the Church Office. The closing date for application is on 31st May 2018.

RCIA Chinese Programme

We are starting our new Chinese RCIA Programme on 7th July 2018 every Saturday from 3.15pm to 5.15pm. The application form can be obtained at the Church Office or you can download from www.novenachurch.com

Safety and Security in the Church

When the Church is full, please do not enter. For safety and security no standing along the aisles on Sundays and Days of Obligations. Thank you.

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 22th April at 12 noon.

THE WOUNDS OF LOVE

Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds, Only a multiplicity of little ones - A host of scratches, wrinkles and welts. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds: the furrows left on the mind and the heart by hardship, worry and anxiety, disappointments, ingratitude, and betrayal. These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are badges of honour. They are the proof of our love. Jesus didn't hide his wounds. Neither should we. By his wounds we are healed.
(Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)



Donations for our new pews

The pews give us the place to sit in silence, pray and worship. Your gift would be etched on a plaque affixed to the side of the pews.

Brochures can be obtained from the Reception Office.

Vocations Sunday, 22nd April

The Church commemorates the World Day of prayer for Vocations. We invite all of you to join us in praying that more people will be open to God's all to the religious and priestly vocations.

Good Shepherd Sunday

There will be a second collection at Masses on 21st and 22nd April for the on-going formation of diocesan clergy and the expenses relating to the Major Seminary in Singapore.

Maintenance of the new church

Now that our building fund target has been met, all further donations will go towards our Church Maintenance Fund.

You can donate by cheque. You can now also donate via GIRO.

Kindly issue your cheque payable to:

Redemptorist Fathers Maintenance Fund.

Those who wish to donate via GIRO, please obtain the GIRO Form from the Reception desk.

Our credit card machine can now accept donations to the Maintenance Fund via Pay Wave.

Thank you very much for your generous support.



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There will be a second collection at Masses on 14th and 15th April 2018. The proceeds are to fund the many organisations in the Archdiocese involved in families projects and other initiatives. Thank you for your generous contribution.