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RE-READING OUR HISTORY WITH JESUS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 19, 2026

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel narrates the encounter of the Risen Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus (*cf. Lk 24: 13-35*). These are two disciples who, resigned to the death of the Master, decide on the day of Passover to leave Jerusalem and to return home. Perhaps they were a little uneasy because they had heard the women coming from the sepulchre and saying that it was empty... but they left. And while they were walking, sadly talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared beside them, but they did not recognize him. He asks them why they are so sad, and they say to him: "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" (*v. 18*). And Jesus replies: "What things?" (*v. 19*). And they tell him the entire story, and Jesus lets them tell him the story. Then, while they are walking, he helps them reinterpret the facts in a different way, in the light of the prophecies, of the Word of God, of all that had been proclaimed to the people of Israel. To re-read: that is what Jesus does with them, helping them to re-read. Let us dwell on this aspect.

Indeed, for us too it is important to re-read our history together with Jesus: the story of our life, of a certain period, of our days, with its disappointments and hopes. Besides, we too, like those disciples, faced with what happens to us, can find ourselves lost in the face of events, alone and uncertain, with many questions and worries, disappointments, many things. Today's Gospel invites us to tell Jesus everything, sincerely, without being afraid of disturbing him: he listens, without fear of saying the wrong thing, without shame at our struggle to understand. The Lord is happy whenever we open ourselves to him. Only in this way can he take us by the hand, accompany us and make our hearts burn again (*cf. v. 32*). We too, then, like the disciples of Emmaus, are called to spend time with him so that, when evening comes, he will remain with us (*cf. v. 29*).

There is a good way of doing this, and today I would like to propose it to you: it consists in dedicating some time, every evening, to a brief examination of conscience. What happened today within me? That is the question. It is a matter of re-reading the day with Jesus, re-reading my day: opening the heart to him, bringing to him people, choices, fears, falls and hopes, all the things that happened; to learn gradually to look at things with different eyes, with his eyes and not just our own. We can thus relive the experience of those two disciples. Before Christ's love, even what seems wearisome and unsuccessful can appear under another light: a difficult cross to embrace, the decision to forgive an offence, a missed opportunity for redress, the toil of work, the sincerity that comes at a price, and the trials of family life can appear to us in a new light, the light of the Crucified and Risen, who knows how to turn every fall into a step forward. But in order to do this, it is important to drop our defences: to leave time and space for Jesus, not to hide anything from him, to bring him our miseries, to let ourselves be wounded by his truth, to let our heart vibrate at the breath of his Word.

We can begin today, dedicate a moment of prayer this evening, during which we ask ourselves: how was my day? What were its joys, what were its sorrows, what were its monotones, how did it go, what happened? What were the pearls of the day, possibly hidden, to be thankful for? Was there a little love in what I did? And what are the falls, the sadness, the doubts and the fears to bring to Jesus so that he can open new ways to me, to lift me up and encourage me?

May Mary, wise Virgin, help us to recognize Jesus who walks with us and to re-read — here is the word: re-read — every day of our life in front of him.

POPE FRANCIS — April 23, 2023

World Youth Day 2027: Join the Diocese of Hamilton in Seoul, South Korea

The Diocese of Hamilton invites young adults to be part of a truly global celebration of faith at **World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea from July 29th – August 10th, 2027.**

Together with millions of pilgrims from around the world, and in the presence of the Holy Father, we will gather as one Church to witness the beauty, diversity, and vitality of our shared faith.

Information Night, All interested participants are encouraged to attend an upcoming information session: Date: April 23 at 7:30 p.m. [Register here](#)

More information will be found soon on our [Diocesan WYD website](#) and [WYD CANADA](#)

Camp Kumuntome is Hiring - We are looking for two dynamic young people 17+ for the position of co-director at Camp Kumuntome. The Co-Director positions are responsible for creating a welcoming and engaging experience for families. The role runs from Sunday, June 28 to Saturday, September 5, and involves coordinating daily crafts, games, swim times at Black's Lake, and evening family activities alongside volunteer counsellors and a host family. This is a hands-on, full-day leadership position (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in a dynamic, faith-informed summer camp environment. A fair honorarium is paid at the end of the summer. There is a mandatory staff orientation from May 29–31. For more information or to apply, email program@campkumuntome.ca. Full job descriptions can be found at campkumuntome.ca/staffing/

ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 18 **5:00 PM**
+Murray Partridge

Sunday, April 19 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, April 21 **11:00 AM**

Wednesday, April 22 **11:00 AM**

Thursday, April 23 **11:00 AM**

Friday, April 24 **11:00 AM**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25 **5:00 PM**
For Deceased of the Scarfone & Morabito Families

Sunday, April 26 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

HORARIOS EN ESPAÑOL

III Domingo de Pascua

Sabado 18 de abril **7:00 PM**
+Marvin Castillo +Blanca Cervigón +Oscar Rivera +Norma Heredia

Domingo 19 de abril **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 21 de abril **12:00 PM**
+María Elena Quan

Miercoles 22 de abril **12:00 PM**
+Amanda Hernandez

Jueves 23 de abril **12:00 PM**

Viernes 24 de abril **12:00 PM**

IV Domingo de Pascua

Sabado 25 de abril **7:00 PM**

Domingo 26 de abril **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm** in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **Registration is not required.**

Part 1 - 6 week Program-theory and sharing - The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 13 to June 17, 2026 at 7pm** - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. **Registration is required by May 4** by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. **Website:** www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support