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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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This homily is for people who sometimes wonder, "Is Jesus really real?" It's for you if you've ever doubted that God was there. I'm talking to you today if your religion has ever let you down, if you've ever run out of hope. Which means you don't need this sermon if you are 100% sure of your faith all the time. If you never have any doubts about God or Jesus, then God bless you, I'm not talking to you today. Feel free to look at the bulletin. Make a grocery list. Because this sermon, and this Gospel story, are for people who sometimes wonder where God is and if Jesus is real.

For a lot of people, the Christian faith seems disconnected from the rest of how we think and feel and get on with life. Such people aren't atheists for the most part. They may believe, kind-sorta, in a God who is loving and good; they might accept that Jesus lived and died and rose again. But these are distant truths. The problem, for a lot of people, isn't that the faith isn't believable; the problem is that it isn't relevant, it doesn't seem to matter. They affirm the faith in the same way they are able to affirm that the Earth is 149.6 million kilometres from the sun. Trustworthy information, to be sure, but not much help in living every day.

If you are one of those people, or if you know someone like that, then this Gospel is for you – for we journey with Jesus today on the road to Emmaus. But here's the thing: when we journey with Jesus on this road, we don't always know he's there.

The journey to Emmaus is for the disappointed, for those whose expectations have gone unmet.

Surely everybody has walked that road some time. It's the road you walk when you don't make the team; when your candidate loses; your sweetheart won't talk to you; your loved one has died. It's the road you find yourself on when all the ways you used to feel close to God just don't work: That's the Emmaus Road. Surely everyone has been there at one time or another.

But here's the amazing and wonderful promise of the gospel: on your road of loneliness and despair, you are not alone. Oh, you may think you're alone, but you're not. The one who joins you along the way, the one who hears your disappointment and your heartache, the one you complain to about Jesus letting you down – yep, that's Jesus.

Here's another thing about the Emmaus Road: a lot of times we don't know it's Jesus until later, after the fact. Cleopas and his wife walk with Jesus for 11 km. They talk about their faith and about their lack of faith. They share a meal, never knowing, never even suspecting who it is.

It isn't until Jesus takes bread, blesses and breaks it, and gives it to them that they know who he is. These actions, this bread – they've seen this before. They remember. But no sooner do they recognize him, than he vanishes; he's gone again. It's only looking back that they know. Oh, the signs were there all along – Jesus explained the scriptures to them, their hearts burned within them, but only looking back do they put it all together.

So, if you're on the Emmaus Road – the road of doubt and disappointment – take heart, be patient, and keep your eyes open. Jesus is there somewhere. (... *continued on our website*)

PARISH LITURGIES

—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—

April 23 – April 29

Tuesday, April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30 am + Maria Mancini

Wednesday, April 26 - Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:30 am + Bernice Casey

Thursday, April 27

8:30 am + Jose Pinheiro

Friday, April 28 - St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis de Montfort

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

Saturday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

10:00 am *First Communions – St. Dominic School*

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Salvatrice Angeloni, + Denise Snowdon, + Sue Monaghan, + Douglas Messenger, + Paul Goguen, + Eugene Jayasinghe, Carmelo Mugliet

Sunday, April 30 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday, April 29th Saint Dominic School students will receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time at **9:30 am** and **11:00 am**.
We pray that communicants will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy and continue to receive Jesus regularly.



Congratulations to students from St. Nicholas School who received First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 22nd!



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of Alegria Lomibao



We pray for our dearly departed, especially for the repose of the soul of:

Paul Goguen.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the grade 7 students from St. Dominic and St. Nicholas Schools, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. We would also like to thank Most Reverend Fred Colli, Bishop of Thunder Bay, who officiated at the Tuesday evening service and Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, who officiated at the Wednesday evening service, along with the assistance of former pastor, Monsignor Murray Kroetsch.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Children's liturgy program that takes place during the Sunday 11:00 am Mass. High school students who would like to be assistants for this program, you will receive community hours that you can put toward your high school community hours requirement. If you would like to help either as a leader or an assistant, please contact the parish office.

ORDER OF HOLY GARDENERS – OHG



Volunteers of all ages are needed to join this important summer crusade. We need your help!

The OHG will meet regularly, beginning in May, to carry out the important mission of parish beautification. Bring your gloves, hats, & ENERGY

and join this august body as we get down in the dirt to combat the weeds and plant perennials. If you are interested in helping and adopting a section, please contact Peter at ohg@saintdominic.ca

CWL UPDATE

Household Goods Collection – If you are doing your spring clean up, please remember our collection of household goods in aid of the Good Shepherd Venture Centre that will take place next weekend, **Saturday, April 29th (from 1:00—5:00 pm)** and **Sunday, April 30th (from 10:00 am—2:00 pm)**. We will have a truck parked in the Saint Dominic parking lot to accept your donations. A full description can be found on the Saint Dominic Parish website.

DeMazenod BBQ – Another thank you to the wonderful parishioners of Saint Dominic. Last November, the CWL held a Soup and Bun Luncheon to raise funds to sponsor a DeMazenod Door BBQ. Through the generosity of our parish community, we raised \$1500, which was used for the BBQ sponsorship and to support residents of Eugene Place, another DeMazenod initiative that provides transitional housing for a group of men trying to get back on their feet. The DeMazenod BBQ took place on April 14th. It consisted of a team of 8 volunteers who helped prepare and serve food to 300 - 400 of Hamilton's most vulnerable. Thank you again for your generosity and please keep Fr. Tony, the DeMazenod Door Staff, volunteers and their clients in your prayers. These wonderful people are definitely doing God's work.

Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel – Come and celebrate after the 8:30 am morning Mass with coffee and cake on **Wednesday, April 26th**. All are welcome!

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, April 24	Rev. Alberto Ferreira
Tuesday, April 25	Rev. Khalid Karomi
Wednesday, April 26	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)
Thursday, April 27	Rev. Gary Schlack
Friday, April 28	Rev. Bradley Markus
Saturday, April 29	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler

THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, May 02, 2023 at Liuna Station. Tickets are \$90. Please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through life, which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

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