

Ladies' Guild Spring Bazaar 2019

The Spring Bazaar will be held on 1 June (Sat) & 2 June (Sun)
at the covered car park.

They are appealing for donations to support the Bazaar.

Acceptable donations include

English books, CDs & DVDs;
Good quality adult & children's clothing;
Paired shoes & handbags; &
Good quality Bric-a-brac & unwanted gifts.

NO electrical items, furniture items, men's winter suits,
used underwear, socks & tights

**Please deliver your donations to the Church on 1 June (Sat) morning
or contact the Parish Office (2522-3992)
to make prior arrangements before the delivery of the donations.**

Thank you for your support.

Adult Confirmation Classes start on 5 May 2019 (Sunday)

Classes on 5 consecutive Sundays:

5, 12, 19 & 26 May and 2 June

From 2.30-4pm at Upper Hall

Please submit the completed application form to
the Parish Office with your baptismal certificate.

3rd Sunday of Easter



Gospel - John 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "All is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekdays: 7:45 a.m., 12 noon & 6:00 p.m. Anticipated Sunday Masses: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Tagalog Masses: 1, 2:30 & 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School Mass at St. Joseph's College, 7 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong 9 a.m.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

Our belief in the Resurrection comes from the witness of the apostles. The risen Jesus appears to them, who had run away from him during his Passion, and calls them back to be "fishers of men." In particular, Jesus rehabilitates their leader Simon Peter. Jesus asks of him a threefold confession of love to make up for his threefold denial at the Passion. Simon Peter, who trusts no longer in his capabilities but in the Lord who knows the human heart, is then entrusted with the care of the Lord's flock. Are we continuing to witness to Jesus each day? We ask God for forgiveness... *I confess...*

HEADINGS FOR READINGS

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 - Peter and John are ordered not to speak of Jesus. Peter replies saying they must obey God.

Revelation 5: 11-14 - The Risen Jesus is worshipped and glorified.

John 21: 1-19 - The Risen Jesus helps the disciples to catch fish. Also Peter is told to feed the Lord's sheep.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a "charcoal fire" is mentioned. One is in today's Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire.

The other is in the scene in the High Priest's courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside.

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted. Today's charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter's repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus' thrice repeated command, "feed My sheep," shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord's entire flock, the head of His Church.

Jesus' question, "Do you love me more than these?" is a pointed reminder of Peter's pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken. Jesus then explains just what Peter's love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter's death by crucifixion ("you will stretch out your hands").

Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered. We see the beginnings of that persecution in today's First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave "rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer."

Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their "mourning into dancing," as we sing in today's Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before "the Lamb that was slain," a scene glimpsed in today's Second Reading. (Scott Hann)

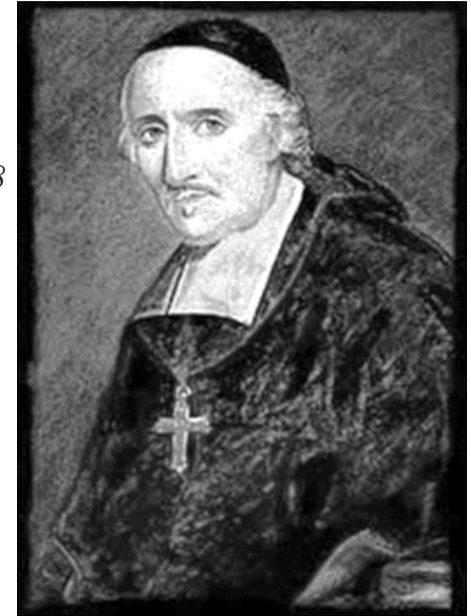
The
WORLD
by name
is Jesus Christ

Calendars

Monday, 6 May: Saint François de Laval

François de Montmorency (1623-1708) was the first bishop of Quebec City. Born in France to a noble family, he was educated by the Jesuits and ordained in 1647. Despite controversy, he was made bishop in 1658 and arrived in New France the following year. In 1663, he founded the Seminary of Quebec – now Laval University – to supply priest for his vast diocese, which extended to all the French-speaking territory of North America. He later established a minor seminary and an industrial school. His pastoral concern for the settlers and the Native people often resulted in conflict with civil authorities.

François was an outstanding educator and administrator, a generous benefactor, a caring bishop and a pious man whose spiritual influence was widespread. He well deserved his title of "Père of the Homeland" (Father of the Homeland) and was canonized in 2014. Saint Françoise Laval is the patron of the Bishops of Canada.



Wednesday, 8 May: Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

Catherine de Longpré was born in France in 1632. At the age of 12, she entered the convent of Hospitallers of Bayeux, a branch of the Augustinians, the first order to send missionaries to Canada. In 1648, she asked to go to Quebec City to help the sisters in the Hôtel-Dieu hospital, the first established in Canada. She contracted the plague on her voyage, but recovered. In the following years, she worked with the poor through famine, conflict and illness, even as other members of her community returned to France. Catherine was graced with several mystical experiences, but the people of New France remembered her great love for them. She battled poor health all her life and died in 1668 at the age of 36. Counted among the founders of the Canadian Church, she was beautified in 1989.