



Paróquia de Nossa Senhora de Fátima

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HORÁRIO DAS MISSAS:

Terça-feira à Sexta-feira: às 9h (Português) - **Sábado:** às 17h (Português)

Domingo: 9h (Português) 10:30 hs (Inglês) 12h (Português)

Baptizados: Preparação para os pais e padrinhos na 1ª Sexta-feira do mês, às 18:30 hs – Por favor, contactar o Ofício Paroquial de segunda à sexta-feira, das 9:00 hs às 17:00 hs.

Confissões: Após as Missas ou com hora marcada no ofício

Matrimónios: Os noivos devem contactar a Paróquia 12 meses antes do casamento e antes de alugar a sala/lugar da festa. Devem participar do Curso de preparação para o matrimônio.

Aluguer da Sala (Hall rentals for church events) - Mariano Dâmaso 780- 474-5130 Office for others events-780 474 2805

Decoração da Igreja para Casamentos (Church Decorations for Weddings) – Fátima Brinco 780-479-3182

DOMINGO II DA PÁSCOA ,ANO A, 19 ABRIL, 2020

Versão em português

LEITURA I ACTOS 2, 42-47

Os irmãos eram assíduos ao ensino dos Apóstolos, à comunhão fraterna, à fracção do pão e às orações. Perante os inumeráveis prodígios e milagres realizados pelos Apóstolos, toda a gente se enchia de temor. Todos os que haviam abraçado a fé viviam unidos e tinham tudo em comum. Vendiam propriedades e bens e distribuíam o dinheiro por todos, conforme as necessidades de cada um. Todos os dias frequentavam o templo, como se tivessem uma só alma, e partiam o pão em suas casas; tomavam o alimento com alegria e simplicidade de coração, louvando a Deus e gozando da simpatia de todo o povo. E o Senhor aumentava todos os dias o número dos que deviam salvar-se.

Palavra do Senhor.

EVANGELHO DE NOSSO SENHOR JESUS CRISTO SEGUNDO S. JO 20, 19-31

Na tarde daquele dia, o primeiro da semana, estando fechadas as portas da casa onde os discípulos se encontravam, com medo dos judeus, veio Jesus, apresentou-Se no meio deles e disse-lhes: «A paz esteja convosco». Dito isto, mostrou-lhes as mãos e o lado. Os discípulos ficaram cheios de alegria ao verem o Senhor. Jesus disse-lhes de novo: «A paz esteja convosco. Assim como o Pai Me enviou, também Eu vos envio a vós». Dito isto, soprou sobre eles e disse-lhes: «Recebei o Espírito Santo: àqueles a quem perdoardes os pecados ser-lhes-ão perdoados; e àqueles a quem os retiverdes ser-lhes-ão

retidos». Tomé, um dos Doze, chamado Dídimo, não estava com eles quando veio Jesus. Disseram-lhe os outros discípulos: «Vimos o Senhor». Mas ele respondeu-lhes: «Se não vir nas suas mãos o sinal dos cravos, se não meter o dedo no lugar dos cravos e a mão no seu lado, não acreditarei». Oito dias depois, estavam os discípulos outra vez em casa e Tomé com eles. Veio Jesus, estando as portas fechadas, apresentou-Se no meio deles e disse: «A paz esteja convosco». Depois disse a Tomé: «Põe aqui o teu dedo e vê as minhas mãos; aproxima a tua mão e mete-a no meu lado; e não sejas incrédulo, mas crente». Tomé respondeu-Lhe: «Meu Senhor e meu Deus!». Disse-lhe Jesus: «Porque Me viste acreditaste: felizes os que acreditam sem terem visto». Muitos outros milagres fez Jesus na presença dos seus discípulos, que não estão escritos neste livro. Estes, porém, foram escritos para acreditardes que Jesus é o Messias, o Filho de Deus, e para que, acreditando, tenhais a vida em seu nome. **Palavra da salvação.**

Oração em tempos de coronavírus

Senhor Jesus, Médico dos médicos, que curastes com amor os enfermos, e nunca deixastes de acolher a todos, vinde em nosso socorro, neste momento em que o medo nos aprisiona. Libertai-nos do mal da pandemia, que avança sobre o nosso Brasil e todo o mundo. Acreditamos, Senhor, que tudo pode ser mudado pela força da oração.

Olhai por todos aqueles que estão infectados com o coronavírus. Acolhei junto a Ti as almas de tantas vítimas desse vírus em todo o mundo, e libertai do medo os que se encontram catalogados como casos suspeitos. Concedei-nos a sabedoria para seguirmos as orientações necessárias neste momento em que caminhamos lado a lado com o medo do contágio. Amado Jesus, que não nos falte a fé nem o discernimento para nos prevenirmos contra o mal que, rapidamente, tende a crescer a cada dia. Auxiliai com Tua graça os profissionais da área da saúde, para que descubram a vacina contra o coronavírus. Dai-nos Tua mão e concedei-nos a paz diante desta tempestade que nos rouba a serenidade. Em Ti confiamos, e em Teu Sagrado Coração nos refugiamos neste momento em que o mundo clama por Tua infinita misericórdia. Assim seja!

LIMPEZA DA IGREJA

A limpeza da igreja está a cargo do grupo #3

ENGLISH VERSION:

FIRST READING ACTS 2.42-47

They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the Apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread in various houses and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. **The word of The Lord.**

Holy Gospel John 20.19-31

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his

side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. **The Gospel of The Lord.**

Prayer for protection in time of Pandemic

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,

to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. **Amen.**

The reason for Hope by Archbishop Smith

I gather from news reports that many people are chomping at the bit right now to have medical restrictions eased so that life can begin to get back to some degree of normalcy. It has been about a month since directives from the Chief Medical Officer have placed rather strict limits on our movements and activities to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In their press conferences, political leaders and medical experts strongly encourage us to have patience, stay the course, and remain faithful to the measures imposed upon society for our own individual and collective good. They are right to do so, and deep down we all know it. Ignoring these limitations would place ourselves and others in peril.

There is an important lesson for us in this. Indeed, there is broad recognition that we should pay close attention to many things we are learning throughout this difficult process. Often I hear people speak of the “reset” that will need to happen as we come out of this pandemic. Now that we have time to reflect upon experience, our perspectives on what is important, and thus on what could change in the way we live, are shifting. I propose we take a good look our relationship with limit. We are feeling keenly right now that we don’t like limit – not one bit! We much prefer to do whatever we desire whenever we want, so we recoil – often in anger or even rage – when it happens that we cannot.

The peaceful acceptance of limit has been at the heart of God’s call to humanity from the very outset. Just think of the famous tree from which Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat. That prohibition is of enormously significant symbolic value; it represents the invitation from God to accept the fact that, precisely because we are creatures, we are limited and dependent. From

this acknowledgement arises the further invitation to trust in the wisdom and providence of God, whose kindness and power know no limits.

As we look to the post-pandemic era, and as we reflect upon the necessary limits within which we have had to conduct ourselves, we would do well, I suggest, to consider other kinds of limits that we typically try to resist or overcome, so as to learn to live peacefully within them once again. For example, respect for the inherent dignity of every human life has been abandoned in favour of unbridled access to abortion, and is being increasingly cast aside as we remove safeguards against the establishment and expansion of assisted suicide and euthanasia. In the world of science, ethical considerations and moral imperatives are not always accepted as boundaries beyond which experimentation must not proceed. The rights of the poor – both individuals and nations – can get overlooked when we are seized with a desire to accumulate wealth.

The irony is that the more we strive to move beyond limit in the pursuit of personal freedom, the more we are held bound by our self-centered pursuits. I think here of the famous teaching of Jesus; “The truth will make you free” (John 8:32). Truth is the limit that liberates; the truth about God and ourselves. Reaching beyond this limit leaves us enslaved – at great peril to ourselves and others – to the illusion of self-sufficiency.

As we struggle with the limits currently imposed upon us by the necessary medical directives, let’s focus, too, on our contention with the limits that arise from the truth of things. By God’s grace, may that struggle be changed to acceptance in a “reset” that enables us to live peacefully and joyfully as the children of God.

We are hearing a lot of reference made to the “invisible enemy” that has been wreaking great havoc in the lives of people all over the world. This term refers, of course, to the COVID-19 coronavirus. It has done damage to physical health and psychological well-being for some months now. Researchers are working hard to find a vaccine to protect us against this disease, and an antidote to cure it in those who are infected.

As we enter the blessed time of Holy Week, the sacred liturgies focus our attention upon another invisible enemy, namely, Satan. The damage he seeks to create is far worse than any disease. COVID-19 attacks the body; the devil targets our soul. Unlike in the case of the virus, we know both a vaccine and a cure for the devil's work; he has been definitively overcome by the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like a virus, that can remain in existence and communicable even when science has found remedies for it, Satan continues to prowl, seeking to worm his way into our minds to seduce us away from Christ. This means that, as we celebrate this week the definitive victory of Jesus Christ, we recognize the need to stay always vigilant against the evil one's treachery.

This vigilance of soul requires that, first of all, we keep in mind how evil contagion spreads so that we can be inoculated against it. Since the very beginning of humanity's sojourn on earth, Satan has operated by means of the lie. Adam and Eve were the first to hear him say that God is not to be trusted, that He is a threat to our freedom, and that we need to – and can – take control of our own lives. When our first parents chose to believe the lie rather than the promises of God, sin – separation from God – entered the world. The evil one continues to tell us the same lie. To prevent this from having damaging effects, we can best inoculate ourselves by receiving the vaccine of truth. Here we see why a regular pattern of reading Sacred Scripture is vitally important for the health of our soul. There we encounter the Truth, which by its own radiance and splendour shields us from diabolical deception. And what about a cure? We are still anxiously awaiting one to be announced for the coronavirus. The healing of sin was announced by God immediately after the original transgression (cf. Genesis 3:15). The antidote is divine mercy, which exploded into the world when Christ rose from the dead, and which is communicated to us now through the ministry of the Church. In our weakness, we regularly fall prey to the wiles of the devil. Yet we need never despair, because the cure is always available. When a remedy is found for COVID-19, it would be foolish for those infected not to avail

themselves of it. When the far worse disease of sin weakens our soul, it would be all the more foolhardy not to call upon Christ to be healed by his mercy and forgiveness.

We continue to pray – fervently – for an end to the pandemic and the discovery of both a vaccine and antidote to the virus. We rejoice that these are already ours to protect and heal us from the infernal invisible enemy. They are given in the Cross and Resurrection of Christ. As we celebrate this Holy Week Christ's victory over the devil, let us pray for his grace to keep us inoculated by attentive listening to his Word, and to be healed by his mercy of any sin infecting our souls.

Volunteers for Church Cleaning

Our Parish needs more volunteers to clean the Church. We have currently 5 groups, with a small number of volunteers. If you have the time, please call the office in order to register and support the maintenance. It will be very appreciated.

New to Our Lady of Fatima Parish?

Wish to register? Please fill the registration form near the entrance, and leave it on the Collection basket during mass, or call the office **780-474-2805**, or email us: olfchurch@shaw.ca. You will receive a donation envelopes box, with your member number and we will record your donations for Tax receipts.

Grace of the week

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You took pity on St. Thomas in his doubt. (John 20:24-27)

All: Show us your loving mercy, Lord, and be our strength.

OR

Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You call those blessed who have not seen you and yet still believe. (John 20:29)

All: May we believe in you now, Lord.

Saints of the Week

April 18th – St. Corebus

April 19th – St. Expeditus

April 20th – St. Francis Page

April 21st – St. Anselm

April 22nd - St. Milles

April 23rd - St. George

April 24th – St. Benedetto Menni

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENT ON THE
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