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**Rev Fr Peter Tammearu, Pastor**  
**Rev Fr Peter Gitendran, In Residence**



## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm  
Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

## **CONFESSIONS**

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am  
Saturday at 4.30 pm

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm  
Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**(Baptism, First Communion,  
Confirmation, RCIA)**

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## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Alice Warford

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH**

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544  
Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)



This week the Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated:  
In memory of Sonny [Santos] Sevilla & family  
by the Christina & Erik Copplestone & family

**Monday April 29**

*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

12:05 pm † Rev. Peter Tammearu  
*requested by the Germain family*

**Tuesday April 30**

12:05 pm † Gregoria Dizon Laxamana  
*requested by her daughter, Esperanza*

**Wednesday May 1**

12:05 pm † Richard Sequeria  
*requested by Alice & Brian Warford*

**Thursday May 2**

*St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12:05 pm

**Friday May 3 [1<sup>st</sup> Friday]**

*[Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament]*

*St. Philip and James, Apostles*

12:05 pm † Michele Morra  
*requested by his children*

**Saturday May 4 [1<sup>st</sup> Saturday]**

*[Followed by Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima]*

9 am † Cristiano Medeiros & Jose Botelho  
*requested by Jorgina Medeiros*

5 pm † Clara Carrasco

*requested by her granddaughter, Rachael Yung*

**Sunday May 5**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

9 am † Felix Hipolito  
*requested by the Hipolito family*

11 am *[1st Holy Communion Mass]*

**Upcoming Events**

Thu. May 2	7:30 pm	Legion of Mary meeting
Fri. May 3	3:45 pm	Children's Choir practice
Sat. May 4	8:30 am	Confirmation Retreat
	9:35 am	Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima
Sun. May 5	11 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion



God's divine mercy is for all.  
Jesus is God, and his mercy is both divine and eternal. His love is upon us for our sake and we, in turn, should grow in trust in our Savior.

Dear Parishioners, Clergy & Friends:

We would like to thank you for your support and outpouring sympathy that were evident in your attendance at the Visitation, the Funeral Mass & the Reception.

Also, thanks to those who have helped in anyway – organizing and assisting; your generous donations for the stained glass window in memory of Fr. Peter Tammearu; Mass Offerings and the beautiful floral arrangements.

Please continue to keep Fr. Peter Tammearu in your prayers!

Peace & God Bless,  
Clergy & Staff



**ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, 2019 as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. Our parish prayer initiative is for **endurance in committed vocations**. Check poster for details. If you are unable to attend this event, please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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**WELCOMING NEWCOMERS TO CANADA**

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in



Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

**Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

## EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

**Of Jesus did not actually rise from the dead, why did the disciples go from frightened, timid followers of Jesus before his death, to bold evangelists willing to die preaching his resurrection if they just really made the whole thing up and he was still dead?** Remember, before Jesus was crucified, the disciples were, for the most part, cowards. Peter denied even knowing Jesus three times before the crucifixion. What event changed them from cowards to courageous?

**Answer:** They must have actually seen the risen Jesus.

**Why were the disciples willing to be tortured and killed for a known lie?** You don't need a degree in human psychology to know that people do not die for a cause they **know** to be false. People do certainly die for false beliefs all the time, but they **think** they are dying for the truth. If the disciples faked the resurrection, they would know Christianity is a lie. History records they were tortured and killed for their faith, and not one of them said, under torture *"okay, okay, we made the whole thing up"*? Why is that?

**Answer:** They must have actually seen the risen Jesus.

**Why would they make up the resurrection story if Jesus turned out to be a fraud?** Remember, Jesus told them he would rise after three days. If he was still dead on day four, that means he wasn't who he claimed he was, he wasn't the Messiah and certainly wasn't God after all, so why would the disciples worship a dead guy who lied to them and was exposed as a fraud?

**Answer:** They must have actually seen the risen Jesus.

**What was their motive?** Lies or deceptions are typically done for some selfish motive. Preaching the resurrection of Jesus would not bring them wealth, fame, status or popularity. It would only cause them to be hated, scorned, persecuted, excommunicated, imprisoned, exiled, beheaded, tortured and crucified, as history records, so again, what could possibly be their motive? Just to save face? That's certainly not logical. No one is going to go through what the disciples went through just because they're too embarrassed to say *"I guess we were wrong"*, so what was their motive?

**Answer:** It was the TRUTH. They must have actually seen the risen Jesus.

**How do the disciples, twelve ordinary people pull off such a hoax?** Remember, this "hoax" would trigger thousands of skeptics per day to convert to following their scam as well as redirect the entire world to even eventually change their calendars and establish their hoax character, Jesus as the best known religious figure in all of humanity. How could they pull something like this off without ever getting exposed, offering a death bed confession or even admitting it was a hoax under torture?

**Answer:** It must not be a hoax. They must have actually seen the risen Jesus.

**Why would thousands of people immediately convert if Jesus didn't actually rise from the dead?** Think about it. History records that thousands upon thousands were instantly

and immediately mass converting to be followers of Jesus, as many as 3000 in a day. It is recorded that after the crucifixion, Jesus appeared alive over a span of 40 days and to "500 brethren". (Back then, only men were counted in crowd totals, so factoring in women and children, Jesus most likely appeared to safely 1500 to 2000 people over 40 days). If that many people saw Jesus alive, it would explain how so many were converting because even the most hardened skeptics would have crowds and crowds of former skeptics saying *"yes, it's true, we all have seen him too"*, but if no one saw him alive and the crowds had only the words of the disciples to go by, why would thousands convert? Remember, the disciples were preaching to many who didn't want to believe Jesus was the Messiah, so what words could they speak to hostile crowds to convince them Jesus really did rise from the dead? "Trust us"? That might convince some of the disciple's closest friends, but not thousands upon thousands of skeptics. So why did thousands convert?

**Answer:** Crowds must have actually seen the risen Jesus.

**Why did the disciples make themselves look bad in the Gospels?** Think about it, if you were going to make up a story, wouldn't you present yourself in somewhat of a positive light? The disciples painted themselves as sniveling cowards lacking in faith. Why?

**Answer:** They must have been telling the truth.

**How did Saul of Tarsus, the chief persecutor of Christians convert to become the Apostle Paul, the chief follower of Jesus if he didn't really have an encounter with a risen Jesus?** Logically, if Jesus didn't really rise from the dead, Saul would just gloat in his victory, exposing Jesus as a fraud who couldn't conquer death after all, so what event could have caused him to convert?

**Answer:** He must have actually encountered the risen Jesus as recorded.

**How could the disciples even steal the body in the first place?** The body was encased in a tomb with a 24 hour watch by Roman guards trained to kill. The punishment for breaking a Roman grave seal, or attempting to steal a body or overpowering a Roman soldier was death, so how did timid, cowardly disciples muster up the courage to try this? And as stated before, for what motive?

That's a big risk for absolutely no payoff. Some will say *"maybe the guard was asleep"*. First, dereliction of duty brought death to a Roman soldier, so I doubt they would "fall asleep" and secondly, the stone covering the tomb weighed 2 tons and was rolled into a stone groove which would have been flush against the stone opening of the grave. Think about how loud a 2 ton stone scraping against stone would be as several disciples tried to move it. I don't think Rip Van Winkle could sleep through that, so, how could the disciples have stolen the body?

**Answer:** They didn't. Jesus actually rose from the dead.



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