



***“... for our God is a consuming fire.
Let brotherly love continue.”***

(Lazarus Saturday - Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8)

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“The crowd that had been with Him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign.” (John 12: 1-8)

Welcoming Jesus today with branches in our hands is not a mechanical religious act. We do not repeat what we did years before over and over again. It is an act of freedom and love shown to Him who saved Lazarus. He saved him as He can save us now as well. We believe this in Truth and we rush to take the branches, and rush to see Him who wept before the tomb of Lazarus. We want to see the One who loves us. We want to see Him because we experience within our heart the love that Jesus showed for Martha and Mary's brother. He shared that with us. Today, the love that Jesus felt in his heart for Lazarus, is flooding the gathering of the people like a consuming fire. The love that does not let us die, it is for us to witness, because we have seen it and tasted it: the brotherly love that moves us beyond our death. The love that resurrected our brother.

***“Is this your youngest brother whom you spoke to me about? God be gracious to you, my son!” Then Joseph made haste, for his heart yearned for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there.
(Wednesday reading - Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16)***

This is the only thing we try to come closer to through everything we do at the mission and, hopefully, in our lives. It is everything that is testified to us by those who come our way. We struggle and fail too many times, and yet everything moves us closer to that: the love of our brother and sister. It is about eating together or welcoming the stranger, working together or listening to those who are not allowed to speak. Even when we pray, we try to come closer to Jesus who sheds tears for Lazarus by his tomb. We try to stay longer within this mystery so that our hearts can be changed. In everything we do, with more or less success, we try to understand, to comprehend, to come closer to the mystery of being a brother to each other. To learn to care for the one that is more perfect than me because he is the least.

***Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends
(John15:13)***

Many times we see and experience a life without healing, a death without hope, a human spirit that lost its gentleness, becoming rich in violence. However, even when everything is lost, there is something to be gained, to be deepened, to be perfected, in life or in death. This is the limit of our sins. This is where the course of the Jordan reverses.

This love is manifested within the community by the tomb of Lazaros. A community without hope, but gathered around the one who was lost. Their love and pain is not indifferent to God. Here the resurrection is prefigured, here the gathering of people begins to recognize without doubt the One who comes to save us.

"But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "

We hear many times at the mission that a brother or a sister is associated with a certain condition. We cannot be brothers and sisters in Christ if we do not speak the same language, share the same quality of life or belong to the same economic and social class ... if we are not on the same medications and so on ... Somehow, brotherhood is conditioned by possessing something else. What we see today is that this "something else" does not allow people even to gather together around the ones they lost. Death somehow is not enough for the evil doers, the separation and segregation has to continue even after. Death for them is only the beginning. Greater than death, for evil, is the segregation from the brothers, the scattering of the community, the disunity among those who care. To isolate the one who is abandoned. To forget to weep for the one who died. To pretend there is no resurrection.

Evil always presents itself as something good, but eventually the betrayal of the brotherhood happens because of money. So when we see people condemning unity around human loss because of greater causes, these greater causes do not exist.

The entering into Jerusalem gathers people together around the One who saves us. When He is on the cross, the evil reaches its peak. He is abandoned, however He does not forget his brothers. After His resurrection they are gathered together so the brotherly

love can be expressed, lived and manifested visibly. The community becomes the church and the church the heart of the world because it welcomes, receives and cares for the stranger who becomes a brother for all. *"Let brotherly love continue."*



Community life

- On Lazaros Saturday Elisha was chrismated. We were given to witness the gospel at the mission. She chose yesterday the "life and the resurrection" in a time where our culture tempts us with death. Her choice is not a temporary one, but one that gives us a glimpse of what Christ prepared for those who love Him. In general, we suffer today because of a lack of commitment to good things. We do it for a little while and then we forget until the pain reminds us about it. Her choice becomes a living witness for us. Her prayer guides us because she knows the One she prays to.

- Please keep Zachary in your prayers during the week. He will be chrismated during the liturgy on Holy Saturday.

- Peter St. sends us more and more people who mistake us for a shelter, Joanna realised during the week. The

system is working perfectly. However, on Thursday, a homeless couple decided to stay and work with us. One of them even came for confession. It is rarely given for the priest to witness such a great faith.

- We have a new cook. He can do carpentry and plumbing as well. All work is welcome at the mission. Please let Scott know how you like his food.
- Do not miss the calendar for the Holy Week. It happens once a year. There is no prayer like the prayer that is given to us now. We need to pray together during these times, so we may not end up scattered and disunited.

Mission church collections of 2 Sunday April 3/10 2022: donations \$950, Candle box \$209.5, wine/candles 90

For those who are sick: Maria .She was experiencing heart failure last Thursday while she came to the food bank. We called the 911. She been treated at the hospital. Binja. She will be giving birth to her first child any day. She is alone in Canada. Her husband is in India. She sponsored him and waiting for immigration.Mike; Luke;

Please pray for Anusia. She is losing her hair unusual way. Some part of her head is bold due to a hair lost.(alopecia)

please pray for Lavalin's son. He is at sick kids due to a covid

Please pray for Sana. She is not well due to a kidney infection

Dominique and her daughter (Dominique has cancer and her daughter was born with heart conditions).Mike; Luke; Arjuna; Joy; Susie; Alex; Lynn; Molly'; Varghese; Delia; Leela; Mary; Tanya; Basma;Fatima;Debbie; EK Thomas; Alex;Hawa Bibi's sister Fathima; Frank; Chris; Evlokia; Mikayla and her brother Luca; Karunawathi, Gloria, Vijekumari, Ronda, and Regina; Delia; Valerie; Tom; Traian; Peter; Marco; Kim (knee surgery); Tihomir; Kate; Payton Clark (back surgery); Sana, and her family in Egypt. Isaiah; Mary; Sydney; Peter Christine; Stephanie; Iulia; Jason; Sophia; Alexander; Charles; Tom; Paul; Phillip Hadler and his wife Juliet; Cristeena; Ann brown's daughter; Silvia, Jincy; Shiron Crisreen; Allain;Levalin and the family;Seena Colin and her husband; Waheeda and children; Faizah; Shirin and her family; Eva; Frank, Cristina; Daniela, Jerry; Delia ; Ragaie; Victoria; Mike.Farida; Roselyne and family ; Ana, Cornelia; Leon to Jerry; Nikitha, Ocean;Gloria, Anne, Marina, Marie, Edemene; Joanna and family GN; Rejoice;Romana, Coline, Michael, Peter, Henry, George, Kelly;Tom; Marina;Sandra and her son Chris;Kumari;Susan;child James; Aaron; Sylvia;Fr Jonathan;Tharshini and her two children; Ann Tyron and her family; Sandra Gomaz's children; Sameen; Sophia;Amy;Swetha and children ;Charitha; Jitesh's parents ;Demene;Carol; Gloria; Hawa Bibi; Vimaladevi; Lynn;

Michelle;Emanuel(Mani);Stefanie;Geoff;Joey;Evangelia;Sophia;Melanie;

Césare;Tanya;Piper;Darius; Zamalk; Nelly; Nahla; Mira; Sandral ;Brenda;Anna Avairo's daughter Vol Gomaz; Levlin's two children Sri' ; Helen; Paul; Wafaa

Please pray for health and salvation:

Thomas; Susan ;Anna; Cyril; Lori; Lisa; Jaidyn; Tasiya; Melanie ; Evangelia; Stefanie; Michelle; Césare; Donald; Basma; Sophia; Piper; Daniel; Darius; Larry; Monk Seraphim

Community in Goma and the children in their care: Neema; Rosine; Justine; Miriam; Chance; Jemyrna; Patricia; Alliance; Nice; Dorcas; Justine; Agnes;

Muhindo Dorcas.

George, Connie, Nick, Fennie, Theodore, Chris, Nick , Toula, Steven, Nicole, Tony, Sam, Sophia.; Prayer for Mary Mcgee.She lost her grandmother.; Fr. Michael and Pani Karen; Anthony and the family.He lost his brother in Trinidad.He is hoping to make a visit to Trinidad; Ramanand and his families in Gayana, USA and here in Canada (Ramanand lost three of his family members including one of his brothers, suddenly within two months); Paola; Elizabeth; Matthi; Dave and his family; Jai's family; Anne Tyran; Joseph to find housing; Lito; Mauro, Prayers for Ted's family (incarcerated son to be free)

Dameal asking prayers for his future wife Fathima to be free from addictions
Liz Gibicar asking prayers for her mother; Tejasree and her mother; Prashastha; Maria and Dingo; Crisent; Helen; Greta; Elizabeth; Dean; John; Liz; Crisent; Ann Brown; Elizabeth; Sifie; Allen; Leon; Ricky and his family from back home for the hope of reuniting; Aaron, Anastas, Olivia, Gelly, Frank, Eva, George, Rebecca, Andreas, Cathyann, Reigan, Stephanie, Peter, Christine; Christian family from Bangladesh, Sandra, Peter, Angel, Bless, Grace, Swetha family; Atlaw single mom at shelter, Vernevil family; the family of Kenide; Saathiya; Sena; Vinothiny Yvienne; Abdul; Sakanthalathevy; Jumke; Naimi; Anish; Joshua DanielJMaria Lolita Soliman Torres, Jonathan , Richard, Richard, Mary , Elizabeth, Michael, Bill, Robert, Alan, Joanne

Please pray for the deceased: Andre; Andree: Akhir - died this last week in Scarborough (killed in front of people who come to Good Neighbours); Arjuna Dillon; Elena; Pani Mary; Rejoice`s mother ;Edmund; Pani Eleanor; Fr John; Alexandru; Constantin; Robert; fr Aurel; Georgi; Rada; Petre; Stela; William; Samuel; Debie; John; Amy, Willie; Dave's wife; Ana; Shirin 's cousin in Jordan; Father Lawrence; Dave; Anne Tyran's father; Edith, Sr. Mary Magdalene, Joice, BettyAnn, James, Pauanasuy Kamthasang, Maria (Covid), Andrei, Agostina, Carminda, Vimaladevi's sister; Sri's mother, Carol's Mother and 23 year old nephew passed away in Haiti. Demene's mother; Dalalzaki.