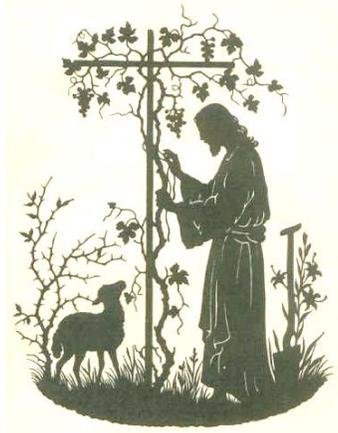


Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: APRIL 28 TO MAY 6

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Saturday	Apr. 28	Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Fernand Froment	Estate
Sunday	Apr. 29	
9:00 am	Diamante Della Rocca & family	Rina Della Rocca
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Apr. 30	
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli	Estate
Tuesday	May 1	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho & Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
Wednesday	May 2	
8:30 am	Vincenzo Parise	Family
Thursday	May 3	
8:30 am	Nina Kojoian	Family
Friday	May 4	
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson	Audrey Poisson & family
Saturday	May 5	Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Peggy & Jack Scully	Donna Ellis Bernier & Beverley Wiltsie
Sunday	May 6	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mabel Oliveira	Family

THE FUNERAL MASS FOR HILDEGARD BRUES, mother of former warden Heinz Brues, will be held on **Monday, May 7 at 10:00 am** at St. Thomas à Becket Parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

April 29: Sean Richardson, requested by Dawn, Gerry & family

May 6: Mary Carroll, requested by Joanne & family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Patricia Peebles, mother of Dawn Peebles

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FAITH FIRST CHILDREN who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday April 28.

Morning: Liana A., Kennedy B., Noah B., Charlotte B., Joseph C., Isabella C., Sabrina D., Sophia D., Simon D., Tristan K., Aidan K., Emma L., Matthew L., Daphne L-S., Gabriel L-S., Liam M., Mitchell P., Danica S., Nicolina T., Jordan V.,

Afternoon: Tyler A., Juliana A., Stella B., Annette C., Valentina C., Gabriella C., Cristian D. Giulio D., Isabella D., Chelsea G., Dante I., Luca L., Sofia L., Bianca M., Brody M., Marissa M., Emilia P., Nicolas R., Justin R., Ella S., Jesse S., Tristan S., Riley S., Jullian S., Samuel V.

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES (May 3)



Philip was born in Bethsaida in Galilee and was one of the 12 Apostles that Jesus called. Immediately, Philip began to convert others, finding his friend Nathaniel and telling him that Jesus was the one whom Moses and the other prophets had foretold. **James the Lesser** is called "Lesser" because he was younger than the other Apostle by the same name, James the Great. James, a cousin of Jesus, and after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, he became the head of the Church in Jerusalem. He was martyred in the year 62.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR BODIES



During this Easter season it is fitting to reflect on the resurrection not just of Jesus' body, but also of our own bodies at the end of time. Many see the body as a shell they're anxious to get rid of, as if death were the moment in which our souls were finally "liberated" from the "prison" of our bodies.

This was Plato's idea, but it is not the Christian view of things. The Apostle's Creed concludes: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen." The Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] observes, 'On no point does the Christian faith meet with more opposition than on the resurrection of the body.' It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life" (CCC 996)? What a mystery!

We often speak of the "souls" in heaven. But the souls currently in heaven remain in an "inhuman" state until the resurrection of their bodies. Since God created us as a union of body and soul, the separation of the two at death is entirely "unnatural." Our bodies will certainly be different in their resurrected state. Recall that the disciples didn't readily recognize Jesus after the resurrection. . . . The difference is that in the resurrection our bodies will be perfectly "spiritualized", i.e., permeated entirely by the power of the spirit. And because the "spirit" that will permeate our bodies is not only our own human spirits, but the divine Holy Spirit, our bodies will also be "divinized." . . . We will participate, body and soul, in the divine nature.

What is this "divine nature?" "God has revealed his innermost secret. God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (CCC). And this "great mystery" is prefigured right from the beginning in our bodies as male and female and the call of the two to participate here on earth in an "exchange of love": the two become "one flesh" (Gen 2:24). So will there be sex in heaven? It depends what we mean by the term. Sex is not first what people do. It's who people are as male or female. Bl. John Paul II insisted that we will be raised as male and female. So, in this sense, yes, there will be sex in heaven. But Christ points us to an entirely new dimension of human sexuality and our call to union when he says that "in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage".

Marriage and the "one flesh" union exist from the beginning to point us to the "Marriage of the Lamb", to the union of Christ and the Church. In the resurrection, the sacrament will give way to the divine reality. In other words, if God created the union of the sexes as a foreshadowing of heaven, Christ is saying, "You no longer need a foreshadowing to point you to heaven when you're in heaven. You're there. The ultimate union has come." And this is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come, Lord Jesus, come!" And the Lord responds, "Surely, I am coming soon" (Rev 22:17-20). Let us pray that we are ready.

From an article by Christopher West, international speaker on Theology of the Body, and who will be giving talks in Montreal in May. See church bulletin boards.



OTTAWA - THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

Come and join Archbishop Christian Lépine, Bishop Tom Dowd, and more than 20, 000 others in support of the voiceless – unborn

children, at the 21st annual National March for Life. This is a yearly gathering on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, that demands protection for children before and after birth. Two 7:00 a.m. chartered buses leave Montreal with a pick-up at Fairview Shopping Center (near Réno-Dépôt & Trans-Can service Road). Round-trip fare is \$40. RSVP before May 4, 2018, at (438) 930-8643 or (514) 344-2686.



SPONSOR A STUDENT IN UGANDA: Fr. David Kiyingi, Assistant Priest at St. Luke Parish, is appealing to you to sponsor a student through the Foundation for the Education of children in Uganda (FECU). Full sponsorship is \$540.00 a year and covers tuition, room and board and other school requirements. A partial sponsorship of \$300.00 a year, covers tuition and food. You will receive the photo and profile of the student you choose, and his report card every three months. Info Fr. David at 514-213-5778; or Suzanne Brosseau: 514-634-1833 Education is the greatest gift you can give to a person. It's a gift for life! Fecu is a federally registered charitable organization.

WHAT IS CREMATION? IS IT PERMITTED?

Cremation is the process in which the body of the deceased is reduced through heat and flame to its **basic elements** (the “cremated remains”). **Cremated remains** are placed in a container called an **urn**. Since 1963, cremation has been **allowed** for Catholics as long as it was not chosen as a sign of denial of Christian teaching on the Resurrection. The following teaching is rooted in the Church's belief in the **sacredness** of the human body, the **dignity** of the individual person, and the **resurrection** of the dead.

† *Although cremation is permitted, Catholic teaching continues to stress the preference for burial or entombment of the **body of the deceased**.*

† *Families choosing cremation should avail themselves of the full Christian **funerals**: the Vigil Service, the Funeral Liturgy, and the Rite of Committal.*

† *The Church clearly **prefers and urges** that the body be present during the funeral rite and cremation take place following the Final Commendation and before the Rite of Committal (burial or entombment).*

† *Cremated remains must be treated with the **same respect** given to casketed remains, including the manner in which they are carried and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport.*

† *The cremated remains of a body are to be **buried or inurned**, preferably in a Catholic cemetery or mausoleum.*

† *Scattering cremated remains, dividing cremated remains, or keeping cremated remains in the home are **not the reverent disposition** the Church requires. Combining cremated remains is unacceptable.*

† *A **worthy container**, such as an urn, is required for cremated remains. Jewellery, dishes, statuary, and space capsules are unacceptable. It is also unacceptable to have cremated remains made into jewellery, dishes, or the like.*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish." ~ Pope St. John Paul II

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

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