

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 5 TO MAY 12

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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
Monday	May 7	
8:30 am	Len Bocarro	Nelson & Griba Furtado
Tuesday	May 8	
8:30 am	Stanley Szuszkowski	Linda & family
Wednesday	May 9	
8:30 am	Giovanni Albanese & family	The family
Thursday	May 10	
8:30 am	Len Bocarro	Audrey & Ernie Cassidy
Friday	May 11	
8:30 am	Ida D'Souza	Atwell D'Souza & family
Saturday	May 12	The Ascension of the Lord
4:30 pm	Jane & George D'Lima	Atwell D'Souza & family
Sunday	May 13	
9:00 am	Maria & Victor Kozlowski	The family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 6: Mary Carroll, requested by Joanne & family

May 13: Emelia Reda, Rosemary & Joe Furina

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

Edna Soares, wife of the late Zenon Soares, mother of Trena and Jason.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FAITH FIRST CHILDREN who made their First Holy Communion on **Saturday May 5.**

MORNING: Sophia C., Emma C., Keira C-D., Luca D., Nicholas Noah D., Gabrielle Elise F., Shawn H., Ema I.A., Kingston I., Mathieu Austin I., Jessie K., Rowan K-M., Luca M., Prinze Kiersten M., Matthew N., Lucas P., Maya P., Alexa R., Jacob R., Gabriel R., Nicolas R., Joshua Pacey T., Travis V., Anthony W.

AFTERNOON: Flavio A., Kimberly A-S., Luca B., Emily B., Alexia C., Kyree F., Marlie F., Mena F., Gabriella G., Justin G., Thomas G., Jonathan J., Ashley K., Samantha L., Keira M., Sebastian N-M., Sheila P.T., Fabio R.E., Luciana R.M., Valeria R.M., Eva R., Jayden S-F., Melina S., Philippe S., Gabriel S., Dhan Kendrix V.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 29/30

Offerings: \$ 5,014.00 First Communions: \$ 1,477.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,387.70

Next special collection: May 13 - Helping Others

“BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”



Over the coming weeks, almost 100 of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. What does the Church teach about Confirmation?

“Baptism, the Eucharist and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptised] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit; his whole life and his whole mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives him "without measure."

This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn.

"From that time on the apostles, in fulfilment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. For this reason in the Letter to the Hebrews the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction. The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church." Catechism of the Catholic Church

See Catechism #1285-1321 www.vatican.va/archive/ccc/index.htm

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

In preparation for Pentecost (May 20), when the Church celebrates her beginnings with descent of the Holy Spirit, we are suggesting you join us in praying the Holy Spirit Novena each day from May 11-19. It's very simple: Just take a moment each day to say this prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love. Grant us the Spirit of Fear Of The Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You. the Spirit of Piety that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others; the Spirit of Fortitude that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the

obstacles that interfere with our salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness; the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth; the Spirit of Counsel that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom; Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever; Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen.

THE MONTHLY WIDOW(ER) SUPPORT GROUP will meet on May 7 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish. Our guest this month will be Fr. Mike Shaw. This is an open group and all those who have lost a spouse are welcome to attend. For more information contact Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183.

CANADA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK, MAY 7-13

Good physical and mental health is what everyone hopes for. Some are blessed to have both, some live with an illness. When illness is present some of us get the necessary treatment, others don't. Many suffering from mental illness often avoid diagnosis and treatment, hoping they will get better on their own. And so, slowly but surely, the illness gets progressively worse. Left untreated, the person's life can become negatively affected in many ways (e.g., loss of job, loss of family relationships, loss of friends, loss... of life). Jesus calls us to help the sick, including those with a mental illness. You can help by asking how they are, listening, offering support, encouraging them to seek help. These things, and others, can turn a person's life around, at least enough to make life worth living. Share your love with at least one person who has a mental illness this week, and maybe continue afterwards as well. God bless you and those among us suffering from mental illness.
By a parishioner



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. Two 7:00 a.m. chartered buses leave Montreal with a pick-up at Fairview Shopping Center (behind Réno-Dépôt) Round-trip fare is \$40. RSVP (438) 930-8643 or (514) 344-2686.



PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

Heavenly Father, Lord and Maker of all that is good, fill our hearts with joy before the wonders of Your creation. Open our eyes to the presence of Your beloved Son Jesus in all those we encounter and especially in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Where we see life threatened, at its beginning or at its end, or by poverty and deprivation, inspire us with love and mercy, so that, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, we may work together to defend human dignity. Help us to build a culture of life: a culture in which each and every person is loved and valued as Your child, from conception to natural death, and in every circumstance of life. Amen. Mary, Mother of the living, pray for us!

LIVING KIDNEY DONATION: A special appeal is being made to help a new father who needs a kidney donation. Diagnosed when he was 18 years old, Gregory struggled with kidney disease until he needed a transplant. Fortunately, Gregory's mother was a good match, but 12 years later Gregory's body is rejecting this kidney and no one in his immediate family is a suitable match.

Gregory has been placed on the transplant list, but the wait can be up to six years. During this time, he has to undergo daily, exhausting dialysis at home. Living kidney donation would be a solution. If you feel that you could help Gregory, or for more information, please contact Debbie Harmidy, the Renal Transplant Living Donor Coordinator at the Royal Victoria Hospital at (514) 934-1934 ext. 36003.