

May 23, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 22 TO MAY 30

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Saturday	May 22	
4:00 pm	Colin Noronha	The family
5:15 pm	The people of India	
Sunday	May 23	Pentecost
9:00 am	Our parishioners	
11:00 am	Salvatore & Provvidenza Battaglia	Josie & Nancy
Monday	May 24	
8:30 am	Lucie Bellemare	Patricia Christie
9:30 am	Oreste Pulice	Pierrina Reda-DeMarco
Tuesday	May 25	
8:30 am	Guy Taillon	Barbara Percival & family
9:30 am	Cyril Colford	Angela Colford
Wednesday	May 26	
8:30 am	Murilla Horobin	Ron & Joan Henry
9:30 am	Ignacio, Antonio & Assunta Buscemi	The family
Thursday	May 27	
8:30 am	Mary Theresa Ratneya	Bernard Ratneya & family
9:30 am	Egardo Aure Urbano	Merlita Urbano
Friday	May 28	
8:30 am	Kathleen Rush Heald	Charlotte Martin
9:30 am	Jeanette, Francis & Geris Makhlof	Marie Makhlof
Saturday	May 29	
4:00 pm	Our Parishioners	
5:15 pm	Peter Maddocks	Letitia Floriani
Sunday	May 30	The Most Holy Trinity
9:00 am	Dawn Richardson	The Robertson family
11:00 am	Rosa Di Lollo	Renata & Angela Di Lollo

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 23: Clayton Demers, requested by the Demers family

May 30: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by the family.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Peter Maddocks, brother of Letitia Floreani.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

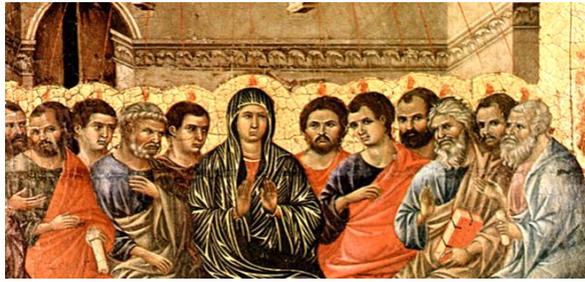
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 15/16

Offerings: \$4,465.00

Helping Others: \$2,163.85

Next special collection: May 31 – Building Maintenance Fund

PENTECOST SUNDAY



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

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructed the

hearts of the faithful, Grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

"Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord. The term "Spirit", from the Hebrew ruah, means breath, air, wind. "Spirit" and "Holy" are divine attributes of the three divine persons. By joining the two terms, Scripture, liturgy, and theological language designate the inexpressible person of the Holy Spirit. Jesus calls him the "Paraclete," literally, "he who is called to one's side," advocatus. "Paraclete" is commonly translated by "consoler." The Lord also called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth." Besides the proper name of "Holy Spirit," most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St. Paul the titles: the Spirit of the promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God.

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Monday after Pentecost



Pope Francis, whose devotion to Mary is well-known, on March 3, 2018, established a new feast for the Catholic Church devoted to Mary as the "Mother of the Church," to be celebrated by the universal Church on the Monday after Pentecost. **Here, at St. Thomas a Becket, we will be celebrating this memorial on Monday, May 24, at the 8:30 and 9:30 Masses.** The Vatican decree observes that the veneration of Mary as Mother of the Church has ancient roots in Catholic tradition, reaching back to St. Augustine and St. Leo the Great. The title, the document says, is rooted in New Testament accounts about Mary. "She became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross, handing on the Spirit," the decree said. "Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection." In 1964, at the close of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), Blessed Pope Paul VI formally declared Mary as the "Mother of the Church," and invited Catholics to invoke Mary's help under that title. "This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God," it said.

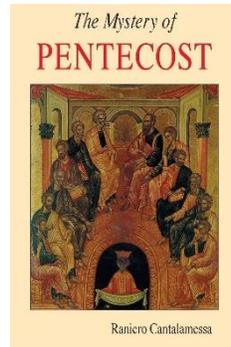
O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Please note that registration for Faith First, our children's faith formation and sacramental preparation program, will begin later this spring. Rest assured that we are working hard to prepare a wonderful program for our families, and hope that we can all learn and pray again together soon. Please stay tuned to this weekly bulletin, BecketMail, and the parish website for updates. ~ *Faith First Team*

WORTHWHILE READING



The Mystery of Pentecost by Father Raniero Cantalamessa O.F.M.

These meditations present the mystery of Pentecost, from Luke in Acts, John in his Gospel, and Paul in his Letters. By placing these diverse but complementary points of view together, Cantalamessa provides priests, students, and interested lay people with a three-dimensional image of the coming of the Spirit, particularly suited to promote catechesis and devotion. Cardinal Cantalamessa originally presented these meditations in his capacity as preacher to the papal household since 1980.

WHY DO WE PRAY?



If the life of faith is to remain fresh, vibrant and alive, then it will find its most necessary nourishment in the practice of prayer. On no other source does the maintenance of belief so completely depend. To lift the mind and heart to God, which is the very essence of prayer, remains the mainstay to the life of faith — lacking which, it will sooner or later fall away, blown apart, as it were, by the repeated refusal to speak to God. And what else does God wish of us, but that we

should speak to him, so that he may listen and thus speak back to us? “To enter into the presence of him who awaits us,” is how the Catechism puts it (2711). . . If God is Creator and Lord of the universe — the great I AM WHO AM of Exodus 3 — why on earth should he need to await anyone? What have we got that he needs? “It is he,” the Catechism tells us, “who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God’s desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him” (2561). . . As the wise old peasant, who spoke so confidently to St. John Vianney, once put it, “I look at him and he looks at me.” To bring about, as St. Teresa of Ávila tells us, “a close sharing between friends.”

Prayer, then, is the lifeblood of the soul, the connecting link between ourselves and God. And, to be sure, he is the one who empowers us to make it happen, grace kickstarting the mechanism by which we find ourselves drawn ever more deeply into an unending intimacy with him. What an amazing array of options we’ve been given, too, the moment grace stirs the juices that cause the life of prayer to flow. But none so necessary, in the judgment certainly of the ordinary sinner, as petitionary prayer, which reveals unmistakably the nakedness and need we have when facing God. Why else would Jesus have invented the Our Father? It is the perfect formula for overcoming our abject poverty. “Give us this day our daily bread...” What else does that mean if not the bread of meaning, of the truth for which we most hunger and thirst, evincing a desire greater than the universe itself? . . . But meaning, a reason to soldier on, despite all the fears and failures that can leave the soul sullen and dispirited. . . What then is prayer but the language of hope, the virtue most applicable to our creaturely state, as beings on the way but not yet there? . . . And, of course, he listens. Because he too is a hoper, hoping that we’ll spend some time together and thus grow in love, prelude to a life of joy that has no end.

~ *By Regis Martin, Franciscan University of Steubenville*

PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021)	620-6643	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	626-4111
Children's Liturgy	Parish Office	626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters:	Norma Cook	620-2019
Ushers:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Lectors:	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Weekday Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator:	Lino Viegas	626-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Seniors:	Audrey Cassidy	626-3586
Social Club:	Rina Callard	695-6995

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line)	935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath