

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 13 TO MAY 21

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	May 13	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
4:30 pm	Irene Kecskes		Anna Donald
Sunday	May 14		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Al Alexander		Elinor & Ed Gallagher
Monday	May 15		
8:30 am	The Albanese family		
Tuesday	May 16		
8:30 am	Julia Principe (L)		Anna Donald
Wednesday	May 17		
8:30 am	Jack Scimone		Mary Scimone
Thursday	May 18		
8:30 am	Jim & Millie Ross		Their daughter
Friday	May 19		
8:30 am	Thanksgiving from the Bardil & Villacorta families		
Saturday	May 20	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
4:30 pm	Eva Schanz-Kuppek		Terri & Joe Bastone
Sunday	May 21		
9:00 am	Giovanni Ambrosio		His Daughter & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

May 14: *Jean Mack*, requested by the Richardson family

May 21: *Mary Carroll*, requested by Joanne & Pat Carroll

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL 6/7

Offerings: **\$5,446.00**

Next special collection: **May 21, Papal Charities**

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

Gerry Poisson, husband of Audrey Poisson

Nina Kojoian, mother of Anna Donald

Deacon Romeo Joseph Babin, husband of Jean Babin

Marie Nef, sister of Julie Baillargeon

EVERY DAY, MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day was the worthy idea of Anna Jarvis of West Virginia, but it took the promotion of Philadelphia's department store king, John Wanamaker, to persuade Woodrow Wilson to give it official cachet in 1914. Miss Jarvis died in 1948, regretting that her original intention of honouring motherhood had been commercialized beyond recognition.

It is ironic that many people who think that Catholics pay too much honour to the Mother of God have set aside a day for their own mothers. The fact is, Catholics have three mothers: our biological mothers; the mother Christ gave us as He was dying

on the Cross; and the Church.

The Church was shown to the world when our Lord's heart was pierced and there flowed from it the water of Baptism and the blood of the Eucharist. We can no more have Christ without the "institutional Church" than we can have ourselves without our bodies. The Church is an institution, but one instituted by Christ. And the Church is our Mother, nurturing us in the Faith; thus, she is more our "Alma Mater" than any school. We do not call our own mother "it," so we should not call the Church only "it." She is our Holy Mother Church.

The best mothers teach us about our other mothers: the Blessed One who makes her Son our brother, and the Mystical One, into which we were baptized. St. Cyprian said: "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother." God wants every day to be Mother's Day.

~ Fr. George Rutler

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love that is the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

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

DON'T ASK WHY? ASK WHAT?

St. Padre Pio used to say the worst question in the world was "Why?" The Christian's question is "What?"

- What does God ask of me in this situation?
- What can I do to overcome this difficulty?
- What can I learn from this sorrow?
- What can I do to help others with similar sorrows?

Christ has much to teach us all by the Cross. The Saints are those who were always willing to learn. The message of Saint Benedict Joseph Labre is: whatever you are or whatever you have, give it to God with all of your heart.

~ Rev. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R.

EDUCATIONAL BURSARIES are available to YOUTH & ADULT volunteers of St. Thomas à Becket Parish through the Catholic Women's League. Forms upon request. Deadline May 29. Contact Vita or Joy at vitaclewis@gmail.com, vinson.jocelyn@outlook.com

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Two cribs, double stroller, single stroller, high chair, infant clothing, kitchen table and chairs (apartment size), tomato juice, tomato paste, rice, tinned salmon, tinned fruit, jello, jello pudding, cookies, crackers, tea, coffee, KD, toilet paper, shampoo.

FAITH FIRST

Congratulations to all those who celebrated their First Communion on May 13:

Sierra A., Noah B., Elizabeth B., Gabriella C., Julian C., Kyla Mae de V.,
Savana G., Daniel G., Ryan G.,
Matteo G., Isabel J., Mila M., Trinity M., Matteo O., Victoria W., Gabriel Z.
Alexia T., Arya V., Dalyah D., Davide di F., Emma J., Jacob S., Jessica G.,
Matthew G-S., Monica V., Myra D.,
Nathan H., Neel V., Olivia V., Ryan Q., Sara E., Sofia N., Thomas K., Tristan
H., Tyler Q., Zada Rayne J.

May you walk always in the light of Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 MARRIAGE JUBILEE COUPLES

who celebrated a combined 315 years of married life! Thank you to everyone who helped to make our jubilee a success. We wish our couples many more years of friendship, joy, peace and love!

<i>Ernest & Audrey Cassidy</i>	65 years
<i>Carmine & Connie Carpanzano</i>	45 years
<i>Clayton & Maureen Marolly</i>	45 years
<i>Michael & Vita Lewis</i>	40 years
<i>Ron & Lori Lyall</i>	40 years
<i>Darroach & Gina Robertson</i>	35 years
<i>Sylvain & Laura Legault</i>	20 years
<i>Jesus & Patricia Rubio</i>	15 years
<i>Adamo Tozzi & Alicia Marolly</i>	10 years



We also remember Gerry and Audrey Poisson who were celebrating 60 years of marriage this year but who missed the jubilee due to illness. We thank Gerry and Audrey for being such wonderful signs of God's love in the world. May their joy and enthusiasm echo in our parish for many years to come.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS?

Pre-arrangement is often a good idea. Keep in mind that Mass is not permitted in a funeral home. The parish church is the normal place for a Catholic funeral. While Catholics may be cremated, we recommend that cremation not take place until after the funeral Mass. In any case, be sure to let a loved one know your precise wishes and write them down where they can be easily located upon your death (often the will is not read until after the funeral), by the family, the funeral home and even the parish. Many devout Catholics are now deprived of a funeral Mass because relatives choose other options. Our priests are available to advise you on this.

And if you do not have a will, this is the time to make one, preferably a notarial will, which cannot be contested, and does not require the delays of probating a lawyer's will or an autograph will. (And please remember your parish in your will!)