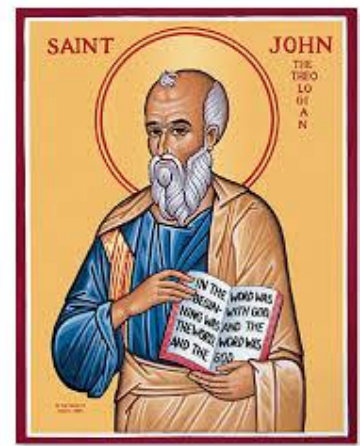


Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 20 TO MAY 28

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Saturday	May 20	Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Eva Schanz-Kuppek	Terri & Joe Baco
Sunday	May 21	
9:00 am	Giovanni Ambrosio	His Daughter & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	May 22	
8:30 am	Richard Dias	Ron & Joy Pinto
Tuesday	May 23	
8:30 am	Rose Martins (L)	Anna Donald
Wednesday	May 24	
8:30 am	Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
Thursday	May 25	
8:30 am	Antonio Cabral	Maria G. Cabral
Friday	May 26	
8:30 am	Kevin Duff	Lise Emsley
Saturday	May 27	Ascension of the Lord
4:30 pm	Ronald & Louise Cassidy	Audrey & Ernie Cassidy
Sunday	May 28	
9:00 am	Giacomo Scimone	Andrea Lupore & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

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

May 28 *Nina Kojoian*, requested by her family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAY 13/14

Offerings: **\$4, 877** Helping Others: **\$2, 707.00**

Next special collection: **May 28, Building Fund**

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

Andrew Dolfini Jr., brother of Barbara Percival

“FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU (Isaiah 43.5). COMMUNICATING HOPE AND TRUST IN OUR TIME”.



Fear not, for I am with you!
Pope Francis Message for the 51st World Day of Social Communication

With this theme, Pope Francis presents his Message for the 51st World Day of Social Communications on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

Summary: “Numbness of conscience or letting desperation get the better of us are two possible “diseases” that our current communication system can cause. It is possible that our conscience is cauterized . . . as a result of the fact that often professionals,

opinion leaders and means of communication work in urban areas distant from places of poverty and need, and their physical distance often leads them to ignore the complexity of the dramas faced by men and women. Desperation is possible, instead, when communication is emphasized and transformed into spectacle, at times becoming a genuine strategy for constructing present dangers and looming fears. But in the midst of this tumult a whisper is heard: ‘Fear not, for I am with you’. In His Son, God expresses his solidarity with every human situation and revealed that we are not alone, because we have a Father Who does not forget His children. Those who live united with Christ discover that even darkness and death become, for those who so wish, a place for communion with Light and Life. In every event, they try to discover what is happening between God and humanity, to recognize how He too, through the dramatic scenario of this world, is writing the history of salvation. We Christians have ‘good news’ to tell, because we contemplate trustfully the prospect of the Kingdom. The Theme is an invitation to tell the history of the world and the histories of men and women in accordance with the logic of the ‘good news’ that reminds us that God never ceases to be a Father in any situation or with regard to any man. Let us learn to communicate trust and hope for history”. See complete text at <http://tinyurl.com/kb8m3vx>

CELIAC DISEASE, GLUTEN SENSITIVITY?



If you or someone you know is avoiding receiving Holy Communion because of Celiac disease or gluten sensitivity, keep reading. Did you know that at St. Thomas à Becket, we have available low-gluten hosts (99.99% gluten-free) approved by the Vatican? Some parishioners who can tolerate a little gluten prefer instead to receive a small portion of the regular host (Christ is fully present—body, blood, soul and divinity—in whatever amount of the consecrated bread and wine). Reception of the Eucharist is central to our faith and is a source of strength and spiritual nourishment. Communion should be received unless you have serious sin on your conscience and have not received absolution in individual confession. These special hosts are distributed at every Mass near the tabernacle. See www.rbellarmine.com/low%20gluten.htm to learn more, or contact Fr. Sabbath at the parish office (514-626-4111) or at psabbath@gmail.com

HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAD AN ABORTION?

You don’t need to carry this burden alone. Healing is possible: (1) See one of our priests who are not there to condemn you but to offer the mercy of Christ. Abortion is serious, but there is no sin that cannot be forgiven for those truly sorry for their sins. God still loves you, and the Church still welcomes you; (2) contact Centre for Reproductive Loss (514) 486-6708 or (514) 486-7557 or www.crl-rho.org or contact www.hopeafterabortion.com (3) work to promote a culture of life (resources are available at www.priestsforlifecanada.com).

FREEDOM FROM PORNOGRAPHY



"Porn promises freedom, but it enslaves us. It promises excitement, but it ends up boring us. It promises us 'adult' entertainment, yet it makes us increasingly juvenile. It promises intimacy, but leads to isolation. The good news is that freedom is possible and something so much better awaits us on the other side." From Matt Fradd's new book: *The Porn Myth: Exposing the Reality Behind the Fantasy of Pornography* (available at Amazon.ca). Although Matt is a

fervent Catholic, he wrote the book as a non-religious response to pro-pornography arguments, and will help readers separate the myths from the reality about porn, and to reclaim real love in their lives.

Here is another practical resource for overcoming pornography addiction: <http://chastity.com/article/pornography-what%E2%80%99s-the-problem>

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Two cribs, double stroller, single stroller, high chair, infant clothing, tomato juice, tinned fruit, crackers, toilet paper.

FAITH FIRST

Congratulations to all who celebrated their Confirmation on May 20th:

Morning: Lara A., Vincent C., David D'A., Keanan D., Matthew E., Alexandra F., Sarah F., Sofia G., Julia G., Matteo I., Aiden L., Alessia L., Lindsay L., Luca L P., Brianna M., Dylan M., Liam M., Alyssia M., Calista O., Alessandro P., Bianca R., Kiera R., Alexander S., Eva S., Adamo V., Thomas V., Jonah Z.

Afternoon: Isabella B., Mackenzie B., Aiden C., Alexa D., Susana D-F., Dominic F., Luca F., Brianna G., Liam G., Kaitlyn G., Ryan Anthony K., Matthew K., Kayla L., Samantha M., Michael M., Caitlyn N., Kiara S., Jasmine T., Nathan T., Angelina T., Stella T.

LET YOUR SUFFERING HAVE MEANING

"I never really thought that there could be a positive side to suffering, I mean, who wants to suffer? I certainly didn't and I couldn't understand why I was having to go through this."

Suffering is certainly a counter-cultural message for our society. I haven't got time for the pain was a popular song lyric turned pain reliever commercial jingle, turned modern perspective. With more than 27 million Americans age six and older taking antidepressant medications, this slogan's bite has some seriously sharp teeth. The truth of the matter is that people don't have time for the pain because they don't know how to suffer.

Suffering is a process and it takes time to get through. You can't take a Tylenol to relieve emotional pain; you must walk through the fire, as it were. But the beauty of suffering is change, and the process of suffering changes you. You can allow it to change you for the better or for the worse... it's entirely your decision. Suffering purges, cleanses and builds character. Heroes and saints have suffered greatly and you have the opportunity to do the same. Let your suffering have meaning by offering it up for others: the souls in purgatory, a sick friend, your ex-spouse... the possibilities are endless. But most of all, be patient. God is using this for your benefit. Your blessings will be abundant!

~ Lisa Duffy

For you, God, have tested us. You have refined us, as silver is refined. Ps 66:10

MEET AND GREET after weekday morning Mass will resume in September.