

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: May 4 TO MAY 12

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Saturday	May 4	Third Sunday of Easter	
4:30 pm	Stanley Szuszkowski		Linda & family
Sunday	May 5		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Christopher Sebastian		The Koikaran Family
Monday	May 6		
8:30 am	Alessandro Della Rocca		Atwell D'Souza & family
Tuesday	May 7		
8:30 am	Rina Reda		Anna Donald
Wednesday	May 8		
8:30 am	Alberta Fiori		Family
Thursday	May 9		
8:30 am	Albanese Family		
Friday	May 10		
8:30 am	Shirley Anne Follett		Mary & Guy Taillon
Saturday	May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
4:30 pm	Claire Borrelli		Family
Sunday	May 12		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Walter Gargul		Mary & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 5: Jack Scimone, requested by Connie

May 12: Jack Scimone, requested by Connie

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS FOR APRIL 27/28

Offerings: \$5,188.65 Building Fund: \$1,540.00

Next special collection: May 12 - Helping Others

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them *Fr. James McDonald, Mrs. Teresina Assunta Iacino Iuele*, mother of Rosie Iannuzzi.

FR. JAMES McDONALD, R.I.P.

Fr. Jim, the beloved second pastor of our parish (1980-1992), passed away last week. The funeral will be Friday, May 10, 11:00 am, at St. Gabriel's Parish, 2157 rue Centre. Visitation at St. Gabriel's, Thursday, May 9, 12 noon – 9:00 pm; Wake service at 8 p.m. Visitation continues Friday, May 10, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. A chartered bus to the funeral, (May 10) will leave Becket at 9:30am. \$10pp. To reserve a seat, contact Bernard Ratneiyea 514-697-7950 or bratneiyea@yahoo.com

WHY DO ROMAN CATHOLICS KNEEL AT MASS?



For Roman Catholics, kneeling is one of the most distinctive physical gestures of prayer during the celebration of Mass. In fact, for many centuries the lay faithful of the Roman Rite would kneel for almost the entire duration of Mass. Why is that?

While it's true that standing during prayer was a common posture of the early Christians (and is currently maintained by many Eastern Christians during the Divine Liturgy), kneeling

was also part of early Christian tradition.

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), kneeling was something highly disfavored by both Greek and Roman culture. Ratzinger writes in his book *Spirit of the Liturgy*, "If we look at history, we can see that the Greeks and Romans rejected kneeling . . . kneeling was unworthy of a free man, unsuitable for the culture of Greece, something the barbarians went in for. Plutarch and Theophrastus regarded kneeling as an expression of superstition . . . Aristotle called it a barbaric form of behavior."

Ratzinger claimed that, "Kneeling does not come from any culture — it comes from the Bible and its knowledge of God." In particular, "Saint Luke, who in his whole work (both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles) is in a special way the theologian of kneeling prayer, tells us that Jesus prayed on His knees. This prayer, the prayer by which Jesus enters into His Passion, is an example for us."

Catholics kneel because Jesus kneeled during prayer.

Additionally, kneeling is typically seen in the Gospels as a way to express supplication and adoration. Often in the New Testament kneeling is preceded by an act of faith, "I do believe, Lord," and completed by an act of adoration at the majesty of God (cf. John 9:35-38).

Elsewhere, like in many of the healing narratives, the person is presented kneeling in supplication, asking to be healed.

For these reasons the Roman Rite instructs the faithful to kneel during Mass specifically when Jesus is made present on the altar. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, "In the Dioceses of the United States of America, [the faithful] should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer."

This physical posture is meant to express a spiritual attitude of adoration before the triune God, truly and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. It is an act of humility, recognizing our own littleness before the Creator of the world. The act of kneeling prepares our hearts to receive God within our souls, striking down our pride with a physical reminder of what our soul should be like spiritually.

In this way, kneeling in the context of the Roman liturgy is directly tied to Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

While not officially part of the Rite, it is a common custom in some churches to maintain a kneeling posture until the consecrated hosts are placed back within the tabernacle.

Kneeling during Mass is an ancient posture, one that expresses a deep spiritual truth that is connected to the Real Presence of Jesus on the altar.

WORDS TO PONDER

"The only cure for sagging or fainting faith is Communion. Though always itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise."
~ J.R.R. Tolkien

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 MARRIAGE JUBILEE COUPLES

who celebrate a combined 155 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!

Teresita & Enrique Bas

Gina & Pasquale Scrocca

Sean & Terry O'Reilly

Michael Sciotto & Luisa Vendetti



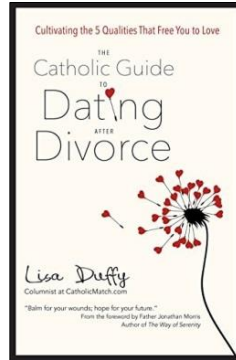
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WORTHWHILE READING



The Catholic Guide to Dating After Divorce: Cultivating the Five Qualities That Free You to Love, by Lisa Duffy; Forward by Fr. Jonathan Morris

In the first book written specifically for the millions of divorced Catholics in North America, Duffy---CatholicMatch.com columnist and creator of the "Journey of Hope" divorce recovery program---combines personal experience, Church teaching, and more than twenty years of ministering to those wounded by divorce to offer a guide that shows how faith can be a catalyst for healthy dating and relationships.

FAITH FIRST

Congratulations to all our Faith First children who made their First Communion at our parish this weekend.

Greatness A-S., Goodness A-S., Lia B., Ada C., Matteo D., Oliver E., Luca G., Jordan H., Arlon I., Malachai J., Alessio M., Gianluca M., Julie-Anna M., Gabriella M., Julia M., Jackson N., Giada P., Eva P., Gianni R., Blake S., Sofia S., Neelan S., Nevan S., Felix T., Isabella T., Eva T., Sienna T., Luca T.

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Diocesan Family Camp (families) July 14-20, 2019

Info and Registration: 450-491-5908

Diocesan Liturgy Camp (youth 6 -15yrs) July 21-27, 2019

Info and Registration: 514-978-0509 www.kinkoradlc.com

Youth In Action (youth 7-14yrs) July 28-Aug. 3, 2019

Info and Registration: 514-514-705-0262 www.youthinactioncamp.com

Visions (for teens 14-17yrs) Aug. 4-10, 2019

Info and Registration: www.visioncamp.ca

There are still some spaces left. Don't delay... register today!

<http://www.campkinkora.com/programs/summer-camps>

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, ST. LUKE'S COUNCIL will hold its annual bake sale on Saturday, May 11 (5 to 7 p.m.) and Sunday, May 12 (9 am to 2 pm), St. Luke's parish hall. Proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards our parish and local charitable institutions. Your generous donation of baked goods, jams and preservatives is much appreciated. For info, contact June at 514-684-6488

OUR PARISH NEEDS a new, or lightly used small stick vacuum and/or carpet sweeper for the sanctuary. Please contact the parish office: 514-626-4111.