

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 21, 2017

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### Mass Intentions this week

May 23 to May 28

**Please Note:** Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

**Wednesday 9:00 am** Intentions of Fr. Earl

**Thursday 1:30pm (John Noble Home)**

**7:00 pm (Confirmation)**

**Friday 12 noon** Intentions of George & Rita Spencer, and the Morency Family

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Nancy Ann Morin, Sophia Hawrys, Carmen Formosa, All Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of FOSS, Intentions of Jim Mombourquette



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Blair Dawson and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, May 22	Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
Tuesday, May 23	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Wednesday, May 24	Society of Christ (S.Chr.)
Thursday, May 25	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
Friday, May 26	Rev. Jim Wahl, C.R.
Saturday, May 27	Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos, D.D.

### OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes	\$2,971.70
Loose Collections:	\$ 506.51
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering May 7, 2017	\$3,963.21
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

### RETREAT

Please pray for 33 more priests who are on retreat this coming week.

We thank Bishop William McGrattan for leading 33 of us on retreat this past week.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email: [miking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:miking@hamiltondiocese.com)

### WELCOME

We welcome Bishop William McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary. The Bishop preached our first Priests' retreat this past week and is staying with us this weekend, in honour of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Bishop was Baptized here!!

### MEDITATION

Do you ever feel alone? We all do at times, but in today's gospel we are reminded that we are never truly alone. The Advocate, the Spirit of truth, has been given to us by God and is abiding with us, inclining our hearts to make the right choice about where to go, what path to take, what decision to make at any given moment.

'Abide' is one of the most beautiful words in Scripture. With the noise of the world surrounding us, and perhaps an agitated spirit (which is not of the Spirit) circulating in us, it is not always easy to hear this abiding Spirit of truth. God is with me, and I am in God; what can be more beautiful or life-affirming?

How can we know this Spirit of truth? We need to ask the Holy Spirit to lead us to the deepest desire of our hearts, to show us where the Spirit dwells – and then the truth will be revealed.

The Spirit of truth is not temporary or passing – it is a promise forever. In these times where a commitment for "forever" is rare, it is comforting to know that we can count on the Holy Spirit in this ever-changing, ever-challenging world.

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Sr. Nancy Sullivan, CSJ, Hamilton, On  
Novalis, Living with Christ

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated by Bishop Hundt on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

### OUR GROTTTO

Last weekend we blessed our grotto and the statue of Mary.

Those who enter the Church by the Crown Street side are invited to make a visit to our grotto, especially in this month of May, dedicated to Our Lady.

Let us continue to pray the rosary for peace, for our families, for the sick, the poor, for vocations and for all in need of Spiritual healing.

### **PARISH MISSION FORMAT:**

Welcome Father Eugene O'Reilley,  
Redemptorist preacher!

Father "Red" will preach at the weekend Masses on May 27-28<sup>th</sup>.

There will be Mass celebrated in Church at noon on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. O'Reilley will speak on various themes at 7 pm on ***Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>*** inclusive. These sessions will be followed by hospitality in our parish hall. (May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm is Mass).

The beautiful St. John's Bible will be on display at various times during the mission. The Bible will also visit John Noble Home and our three elementary schools. Bring a friend!

### **R C I A**

Now that God has blessed us with 9 new Catholics in our parish, and many more throughout our Diocese, we look forward in hope to Easter 2018! (April 1<sup>st</sup>).

***The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*** begins in September and a team of catechists meets weekly (Wednesday evenings are preferable) with potential candidates.

Non-baptized adults and adults Baptized in other Christian Communion are welcome to join this process for full Communion into the Catholic faith. Registration forms are on the "welcome table" at the back of the Church.

\*\* We need parishioners to form part of this team and also to serve as godparents, or sponsors, or even someone to introduce candidates to parishioners. Please call the office to be involved!

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

**PARISH COFFEE, Today, May 21, after the 9:30 am Mass**. Those attending 11:30 Mass are invited to come early to join in this time of fellowship. Donations of treats are always appreciated.

***Catholic Women's League, this Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>***.

All ladies are invited to join us for a tour of the Hankinson House at 7 pm. The business meeting will be held at the Hankinson House at the completion of the tour.

**MADONNA DELLA LIBERA** Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, in honour of the Madonna della Libera – May 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will take place in the Church hall following Mass. We look forward to seeing you there! For those who wish to donate flowers, someone will be at the Church between 3:00 and 4:00 pm to receive the donations on Saturday May 27.

Messa in onore per la Madonna della Libera – 28 maggio, 2017.

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### **ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA**

From 1843 to 1853 eleven priests came and went from the parish until Father Jeremiaiah Ryan served from 1853-1859. In 1845 St. Basil church was on the edge of the village and most of the dwellings consisted of wooden shanties and houses. The village borders were Colborne to Marlboro and Clarence to the site of St. Basil's.

### **CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RibFest, ***Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 8:00 pm.*** Join us & support our school! Live Entertainment.

Tickets: Adults: \$15.00, Children: \$10.00.

To purchase tickets ***contact Christ the King at 519-759-4211.***

**St. Mary's Church** is fundraising for the new church heating system.

Please support the cause and attend our Pasta Night on ***Friday June 16.*** We offer delicious penne pasta with meat sauce or arabiata.

Drinks and desserts available for purchase. Eat In or Take Out!

Ticket \$10 Adult, \$8 Child, sell 5 adult tickets get one free!

Tickets available at Sunday Masses or from the office 519-753 7316 . Give us a call and we will arrange a ticket for you! Please support our beautiful church!

### **Centenary of Fatima, Marian Pilgrimage Days**

#### **Five Saturdays from June through October**

Come participate in Marian Pilgrimage days in this the centenary year of the Fatima appearances of Our Lady. Each month we will fulfill the request of our Lady of Fatima to join with her in prayer, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown.

In honour of this year's special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a plenary indulgence is available to those who attend and perform all the obligations attached to the indulgence. Program is from 10 am to 2 pm. Pack a lunch. Dates are: Saturday, June 3, Saturday, July 1, Saturday, August 5, Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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