

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Diocesan Theme "Called for Holiness, the Saints Among us" Parish Theme "Encounter Christ. Share Him with Others."

Month of Mary

&Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7th

4:30 p.m. In thanksgiving for our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers by the James Family Sunday, May 8th 9:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor 10:45 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Marjorie Thomas by Joe, Michelle and Natasha Baechler Tuesday, May 10th 7:00 p.m. No Mass - play at St. Patrick's Wednesday, May 11th St. Thomas 9:00 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Brynn MacKinnon by the St. Thomas Staff and Students Thursday, May 12 9:00 a.m. March for Life Mass at St. Patrick's Friday, May 13th 9:00 a.m. For Mary Urlocker's soul to go to heaven by the Urlocker/Lalonde Family Saturday, May 14th 4:30 p.m. For the repose of the soul of Sean James by the James Family Sunday, May 15th **9:00 a.m.** For the repose of the soul of Helen Sparks by Ron and Mary Payment 10:45 a.m. For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor



Annette Dawson, Tony Petersen, Micheline Gray, Karina Grudzien, Shawn English, Paul Beaupre, Warren Hamm, Nancy McDonald, Laura M., Monica Baker, Gilles Gauthier and Justin McKenna

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Bishop's Corner

God is the origin of all life – plant, animal and human. We read in the Book of Genesis: "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good" (Gen 1:31). The beauty of creation and the amazing expression of God's goodness captivate us when we contemplate such things as a stunning sunset, the perfect petals of a rose or the powerful beauty of the polar bear.

Tragically, however, society is slower to recognize the dignity and value of each human person who is made in God's image and likeness. Each human being from the moment of conception is a living example of God's goodness. Pope Benedict reminds us: ""We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God."

Sometimes because of physical or mental disabilities a human being's personhood struggles to express itself under a great weight of suffering, yet we know that human life has God-given value and dignity because even in its weakness it reveals the Creator's love. The Cross of Jesus Christ reminds us that God is present even in the midst of pain, disfiguring suffering and powerlessness.

When we treat human life as a commodity that can be produced in a laboratory, judged in terms of its value and more casually disposed of than legally protected animal life, we lose the awareness of what it means to be a human being with God-given inherent dignity.

The challenge for Catholic Christians, indeed for all who value human life in all its expressions from the moment of conception to natural death, is to reverence and respect the human person as a revelation of God's love and to encourage society to recognize and protect each life as a precious, unique and unrepeatable example of God's deliberate choice and goodness.

Terrence Prendergast, S.J. Archbishop of Ottawa

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MAY 8, 2011

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, May 10th – 10:00 a.m. Spring Fling, Adult Choir Practice 7:30 p.m., ACE 7:30 p.m., Sacramental Preparation 7:30 p.m. Hall

Wednesday, May 11th - Small Christian Communities 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12th – CWL General Meeting 7:00 p.m.-Hall, K of C Executive Meeting 7:30 p.m.-Kitchen Friday, May 13th - Small Christian Communities 9:45 a.m.-Kitchen, Hall Rental 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th – K of C Breakfast after both Masses

<u>NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S</u>

Tuesday, May 17 - Adult Choir Practice 7:30 p.m., ACE 7:30 p.m., Sacramental Preparation 7:30 p.m. Hall, **Wednesday, May 18th -** Kitchen, Small Christian Communities 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 19th –CWL General Meeting 7:00 p.m.-Hall, K of C Executive Meeting 7:30 p.m.-Kitchen Friday, May 20th -Small Christian Communities 9:45 a.m.-Kitchen

DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE 2011-

May 8th to 14th

Pro-Life Sunday, May 8th will be the beginning of a week long celebration of God's most precious gift the gift of LIFE. This day is set aside each year by the archdiocese of Ottawa to bring the Church's teachings on critical life issues to Parishioners. A Pro-Life Sunday pamphlet, outlining some of those teachings and including a statement from our archbishop, is produced each year. This year our theme focuses on the humanity of the child and on how some life is protected but other life is not!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

SPRING FLING: The Catholic Women's League & the Pastoral Care Team invites all seniors 65 & over to join us for a fun filled afternoon on Tuesday May 10 from 12:00 till 2:30pm. The afternoon will include a complimentary lunch, games and door prizes.

CWL CUPBOARD: Please take a look in the gift cupboard located in the foyer. There are many beautiful items for sale if you are thinking of Mother's Day, Baptism, First Communion or any occasion.

OLMM YOUTH

Please join our Parish youth as they fundraise for the World Youth Day trip to Spain and Jani Chartrands work with NET this year. They are collecting donations for a silent Auction and bake sale to be held on June 5th. Contact Elizabeth Tanguay 445-1313

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ROSES FOR LIFE: The Knights of Columbus will be distributing "Roses for Life" stickers after all Masses this weekend. Wear one from now on to show you the value of the infirm and the unborn. Proceeds will be donated to the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF).

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE SERVING BREAKFAST next Sunday, after both Masses downstairs in the church hall. In addition to our traditional breakfast, our menu will include delicious omelets stuffed with your favorite toppings from our new omelet bar. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 forchildren, or \$20 for families. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

SPIRITUAL LIBRARY

The Human Experience - "From Grassroots Films of Brooklyn, New York comes THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE – the story of a band of brothers who travel the world in search of the answers to the burning questions: *Who am I? Who is Man? Why do we search for meaning?* Their journey brings them into the middle of the lives of the homeless on the streets of New York City, the orphans and disabled children of Peru, and the abandoned lepers in the forests of Ghana, Africa. What the young men discover changes them forever. Through one on one interviews and real life encounters, the brothers are awakened to the beauty of the human person and the resilience of the human spirit."

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE

MIRACULOUS is at the church for the month of May. If you wish to take home Our Lady for 1 week, please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the foyer. Many graces will surely follow.

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

International tour of VIANNEY drama coming to Ottawa May 9-10: Performed by renowned actor and director LEONARDO DEFILLIPIS. The live theatrical portrayal of St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests, incorporates projected video imagery and an original orchestral score to create a powerful multi-media experience that will inspire the whole community. Performances: Holy Redeemer Parish on May 9, 7:30 p.m. (Tickets available at parish office) and St. Patrick's Basilica on May 10, 7:30 p.m. (Tickets available at Saint Patrick's Gift Shop. Ample parking for the May 10 performance available across the street at Saint Patrick's Adult School, 290 Nepean St). Admission: \$12 Adults, \$6 Youth/Students. Suitable for ages 9 & up. Info: (www.vianneydrama.com).