

Fifth to Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year B

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life”.
(John 6.68).

Parish Mission Statement: **Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples!** Our Lady of the Miraculous members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27th

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Dick and Sally James by Pat Redsell

Sunday, April 28th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Healing intentions of Hedwig Ganter by Jenny Ganter

Tuesday, April 30th – St Marie De L’Incarnation

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Svatopluk Holan by a friend

Wednesday, May 1st

9:30am Intentions of Kacmany family by Margaret Benke

Thursday, May 2nd – St. Athanasius

9:00am For the family of Mariette Brault

Friday, May 3rd – St. Philip and St. James

9:00am Intentions of Deirdre Laroque by Carol Gaboury

Saturday, May 4th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Emmanuel Kacmany by Margaret Benke

Sunday, May 5th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Repose of the soul of Lois Irene Rich by the Joiner family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, May 7th

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, May 8th

9:30am Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Thursday, May 9th

9:00am For the family of Mariette Brault

Friday, May 10th

9:00am Intentions of the caregivers who make their vocation to provide hospice palliative care by the CWL

Saturday, May 11th

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Dick and Sally James by the James family

Sunday, May 12th – Ascension of the Lord

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Intentions for all mothers by the CWL

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does He prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.” [John 15:1–3](#) Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus’ teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the “true vine.” He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, He doesn’t leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that “it bears more fruit.”

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can “love” many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don’t feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It’s a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don’t be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don’t feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From You all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

Intentions of the Holy Father for May For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

April 28 – May 5, 2024

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?
WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office.

You may bring the completed form to the office or drop in the collection basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Adoration

Friday, May 3rd, 4:00pm to Saturday, May 4th, 4:00pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you would like to become a regular adorer or want more information please call Bernie Ethier at 613-862-2610 or email at bernie.ethier@gmail.com.

There will be teaching Mass for SMTCS-Grades 3 to 6 on Tuesday, May 7th at 10:00am. Hence, the Mass at 7:00pm is cancelled.

We pray together: All parishioners are invited to pray for the intention of the availability of good palliative and hospice care in all regions of Canada.

On Friday, May 10th, OLMM-CWL members will gather to pray for this important need at 9:00am Mass. The Mass will be offered for this special intention. Following Mass, we will pray together in the Church for the Sanctity of Human Life and the need for good palliative and hospice care at the final stage of life.

Please join us at this time, we will conclude our prayer time at 10:30am and invite you to join us for coffee at the church hall.

Pentecost Retreat

Let's come together for the birthday of our Church - Pentecost! Archbishop Marcel Dampousse will celebrate our Vigil Mass. Among the many speakers, Bishop Yvan Matthieu will bless us with a talk on the scriptural basis for evangelization. Filled afresh with the Spirit, we will go out on mission from the retreat.

Friday, May 17th (6:30 - 9:00pm)

Saturday, May 18th, (9:45am - 9:30pm)

Meals: Lunch and Supper are provided.

Blessed Sacrament Parish-Ottawa

Registration: \$35 dollars per person OR \$60 per couple

To register: <https://servantsofthecross.regfox.com/pentecost-retreat-2024>

RESILIENCE

The Catholic Women's League celebrated 100 years of service in 2020. The resilience over the next 100 is in your hands. Come and be a part of the journey.

The Spiritual Library has an extensive collection of books on *Mary, Mother of God (B#19)*. Excellent reading for the month of May.

Children's books about Mary include *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, *Our Blessed Mother*, *Jesus, Son of Mary*, *I'm Glad I'm Your Mother* and *I'm Glad I'm Your Grandmother*. Browse the Spiritual Library for many good books and DVDs.

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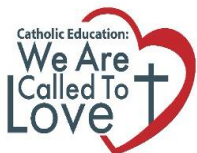
Welcome to the family of God:
Valentina Yasmine Harkes
Raina Bella Harkes
Brianna Hart Hobson
Lauren Ann Hobson
Daniel Mahounan Ezeh
Estelle Chinenye Ezeh

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Knights are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better Husbands, Fathers, Sons, Neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first .

As an example Council 12401 donated over 1300 hours of volunteer time in 2023 making our parish and community a better place.

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus and become a role model. For more information visit www.kofc.org



Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "We Are Called To Love." The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to follow the school's social media posts and view the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's website. The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1John 4:12)