

Fifth to Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year B (revised)

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

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

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Chosen by Jesus, abiding in love

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. “If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. It is said that St. John lived to a great age, and as an old man was carried each Sunday to where the Christians at Ephesus were celebrating the Eucharist. Invariably he was asked to address the little congregation, and always he spoke about the love of God, until even these devout people grew a little weary of the same recurring theme.

The old man would not change his subject but persisted in speaking about love, because for him the central theme of Jesus’ message was the overwhelming love of God. “We believe in love,” was the motto of those who were in full agreement with John. This could easily be an empty slogan, except that John stated clearly what he meant by love, and it is echoed in today’s 2nd Reading. “This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God’s love for us, when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins.” The deep truth about God is not that he loves us or that he is a lovable being, but rather that, in himself, *he is love*. By his nature God gives and shares of his inner self. It also means that whoever receives the gift of God’s love must mirror God’s own sharing of self. God’s love was such as to impel him to give his only Son so that we might have life through him. I am quite unable to love myself to the same degree that God loves me. God is even closer to me than I am to myself. Through the prophet Isaiah 49:16) God addresses to me the consoling words, “See upon the palm of my hand I have written your name.” Indeed, in the person of Jesus, God, as it were, reaches out to us with two hands — the one extended in forgiveness which saves us from being engulfed here and now in our evil ways, the other casting a ray of light beyond the portals of death, reminding us that as God raised Christ from the dead, so he will redeem us too, when we have completed our earthly existence. That we are able to grasp those hands of God extended to us, that we are able to cling to them steadfastly, is more a gift of God’s grace than our own accomplishment. No amount of self-pruning, of teeth-gritting human striving, will bring us any closer to God. But if we try and go through life in the conviction that God’s loving care is watching over us, we will cease to be anxious about our own happiness, about what we would like to become. Strange as it may seem, faith in God’s love for us frees us from all kinds of inner pressures, and yet at the same time brings us to a closer and more completely loving our God. “There are three things that last,” St Paul tells us, “faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor 13:13). For coming into the presence of God, faith will give way to vision, hope to attainment, but love will continue alive and well for all eternity.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Knights of Columbus Council 12401 will be holding a parish breakfast on Sunday May 26 after the 9:00 am and 10:45 am masses. We look forward to seeing everyone. The cost is \$10 / adult, \$5 / child under 12 and \$30 for family.

There will be teaching Mass for SMTCS-Kindergarten students on Tuesday, May 7th at 10:15am. 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 Damphousse 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.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God:

Valentina Yasmine Harkes

Raina Bella Harkes

Brianna Hart Hobson

Lauren Ann Hobson

Daniel Mahounan Ezeh

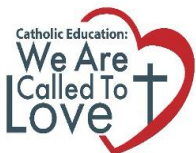
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

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)