

## Ascension of the Lord to Pentecost Sunday – 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, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Ascension of the Lord**

**9:00am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** Intentions of all mothers by the CWL

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Matthias**

**7:00pm** Repose of the souls of Tom and Bea Mascaro by the James family

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** Healing intentions of Jeong-mi Jo by Diane Cepenkus

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** CANCELLED – Pastoral Day

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Intentions and well-being of all seniors

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm** For our mothers, grandmothers and godmothers by the James family

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday**

**9:00am** Repose of the souls of Bob and Mary Urlocker by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

**10:45am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00pm** Repose of the soul of Barbara Fleet by the James family

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:30am** Birthday blessings upon Stuart Mulholland by the James family

**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am** For the family of Mariette Brault

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Birthday blessings upon Juliet Trolio by the James family

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Most Holy Trinity**

**9:00am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** Intentions of Ken and Heather Sisk and for Easter blessings by the James family

### *Ascension of the Lord—Year B*

“Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” John 17:17–19

What does it mean to “consecrate” something or someone?

Consecration is, of course, a very familiar term within our faith. We speak of the bread and wine being consecrated and becoming the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus our Lord. The consecration of the mere earthly substances of bread and wine transform them into God Himself. Thus, “consecration” is a powerful word.

Another familiar use of this word is in reference to those women who have been called by God to enter religious life so as to dedicate themselves to God as spouses of Christ. They become “Consecrated Religious” through their solemn lifelong vows. They are dedicated, taken out of the world and presented to Christ in a unique way.

Among the laity, there are many who have consecrated themselves to our Blessed Mother, or to the Sacred Heart, or to our divine Lord through some other special form of devotion. In all of these cases, to “consecrate” is to dedicate, set aside and make holy. Another translation for the word “consecrate” above is “sanctify.”

To “Sanctify them in the truth” is to make them holy by the truth. This is Jesus’ prayer in the above-quoted passage. This line comes from Jesus’ beautiful High Priestly Prayer in which He prays to the Father for His disciples and for all who will eventually become His disciples—and that includes you! Jesus’ prayer is not only effective as a prayer, it is also effective as a lesson on holiness. How do we become holy? Simple. We allow the Word of the Father to consecrate us in truth. In other words, we allow God’s holy Word to engage us, challenge us, change us, call us from sin, point us to Heaven and transform every aspect of our lives. God’s Word is the Truth, and we will become holy if we are transformed by this Truth.

In what ways do you need the Truth, spoken by the Father in Heaven, to engage you? What are the truths of our faith that you especially need to know, accept, profess and believe? One of the best ways to answer this question is to commit yourself to an in-depth, prayerful reading of the Word of God. By prayerfully reading the Scriptures, you will open yourself to all that God wants to reveal to you. And as the voice of God speaks to you through His Word, you will be invited to change. His Word will combat the confusion and lies of the world and the evil one and set you upon the path to holiness, to true sanctity and interior consecration. Reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Word of God. Reflect upon how fully you have allowed His Word to speak to you, call you out of the world, set you apart for holiness and direct you toward Himself. Engaging the Word of God must become your daily spiritual food, and it must paint for you the picture of your glorious life to which you are called.

*My Jesus, Word of the Father, You are Truth Itself. You are the Living Word Who has come to set us free. Give me the grace I need to listen to Your holy voice so that Your Truth will engage me in the depths of my soul, transforming me into the person You have called me to be. I open myself to You, dear Lord, and to all You wish to say to me. 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.

May 12-19, 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

**Seniors' Mass.** Join us on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for the Seniors' Mass at 9 am, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

**As an Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese project,** all CWLs in the diocese will be holding food drives the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Congratulations to all the children who received Confirmation on May 5<sup>th</sup>:

Bianca Alles  
Gabriel James Amador  
Logan Michael Barbeau  
Gabriela Da Silva Dias  
Ellie Anne Derochie  
Carter James Derochie  
Hillary Anne Haist  
Thomas James Kuntz  
Marco Antonio Rosalio Leroux  
Megan Lisa Louise  
Liana Jade Molinaro  
Charlotte Rose Moores  
Costantino Anthony Noce  
Lotanna Joseph Okoroafor  
Amelia Marie Tamas  
Liam John James Thomas



Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted on the kitchen counter. Thank you all in advance.

## RESPECT

We are all God's children, created in God's loving image and deserving of compassion and respect. The Catholic Women's League's core values go beyond this, caring for all of God's creation. Join us and experience the joy of love and respect.

**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.

## 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>

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

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.



Happy Mothers Day from the Knights of Columbus council 12401.