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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 14, 2023



May 16th – May 20th

Tues. 8:30 am – Msgr. John Weber Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 am – Xavier & Rita George Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon – Elvera Lamie †

Fri. 8:30 am – Marie Robinson †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Teresa Fung-Poon †

READINGS FOR – May 21st

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20



LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to our Living Rosary, Flower Offering and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 27th at 5:30 p.m. (immediately after the 4:30 p.m.

Mass). May is the month of Our Blessed Mother and the month of flowers. Let us honour and venerate Our Blessed Mother Mary and show our great love and devotion to Her through the recitation of the Holy Rosary and flower offering for Her intentions and the intentions of our Church.

ShareLife

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Share your love on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"I shall ask the Father, and he shall give you another Advocate."

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him, but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you." By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that "Spirit of truth" which sets us apart from the world.

This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to "proclaim the Christ" and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

These final movements in the Easter season prepare us to accept the great commission we hear in John's Gospel to go forth in this life to love and to serve the Lord. We become signs of God's presence by strengthening our families and friendships, respecting life, keeping our bodies healthy, praying for others, consoling the sick and those in need, finding Christ in our sufferings, witnessing Christ in our lives each day, showing compassion and promoting reconciliation.

Jesus' words are deeply consoling: "Because I live, you also will live." It is not just that Jesus lives, but that He lives in us." In exchange for this extraordinary gift, the Lord asks of us only one thing: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Toronto Serra Clubs

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 to ministerial service, contact Fr. McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Arch. of Toronto at 416-968-0997.





**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 15 & 7:00 PM**

The CWL will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome to attend. Carol von Zuben will speak of her "Lifetime Search for God". Her hope is that in sharing this adventure, others might possibly be touched by her experiences in how she related to God and nourishes this beautiful friendship. Then in time, they might want to try something new that appeals to them to be used in their prayer life.



Catholic Women's League Food Drive

Heartfelt thanks from The Catholic Women's League for your generous contributions for St. Philip Neri's Table and Food Program who help alleviate food insecurity for families in Toronto. Two vans filled to the brim with non-perishable food items were delivered to St. Philip Neri parish. They were most grateful for our contributions.

CWL FUNDRAISER

MACGREGORS MEAT&SEAFOOD

Thank you to all who placed an order for products from MacGregor Meat & Seafood. Delivery of orders will be on May 17th, 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please bring your own bags for your purchase. The CWL is so pleased with the overwhelming amount of interest in this fundraiser that made it a huge success.

MAY 20 AND 21

The CWL invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



**Bundle Up
For the Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul!
May 20th and May 21st**

Next weekend St. Vincent de Paul will leave a truck in our parking lot and it will be staffed by our Knights of Columbus. Please bring gently used clothing, shoes and linens that you would like to donate. Please check the bulletin board for more information.



Here we are on this special day in which we honour our mothers in the congregation once again, and we would like to take a few moments to share the following prayer and recognition.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers, young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.


We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



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