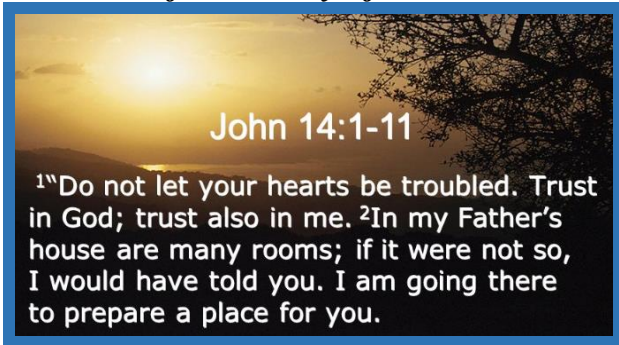


Fifth Sunday of Easter



From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, Jesus asked us to remember his paschal mysteries (suffering, death, and resurrection) until he comes again. This is what we do every day and every Sunday during the Mass.

What is MASS? Mass has two main parts: Liturgy of the word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. These two begin with the sign of the cross where we are invited to feel the love of God, grace of Jesus and communion with the Holy Spirit while recalling our fellowship to one another and making an examination of conscience, seek the mercy of God acknowledging our frailties.

With these introductory rites, we enter the Liturgy of the Word where we listen to the scriptures, generally one reading from the Old Testament, psalms, and the other reading from the New Testament which are read by the lay faithful and finally the Gospel that is read either by the deacon or priest. We are called to be silent and to listen to what God wants to inspire us on that day through his message. Either the priest or deacon explains the scripture in the form of reflection/homily to understand and deepen the meaning. The Word of God explains our faith; therefore, we profess it either by saying the Apostolic creed or Nicene creed. Finally, we conclude the liturgy of the world by submitting our prayers and petitions to God our Father.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the offertory. We present bread and wine as the result from human toil from God's creation, both in thanksgiving and in acknowledgement of human weaknesses (pouring a drop of water in wine by the priest as the representative of the people of God). To highlight the Divinity of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for fallen humanity, the priest washes his hands on behalf of all those who participate in the Eucharist to enter the very memorial of the unconditional love of Christ. The summit of everything is the very moment of consecration. When the priest places his consecrated hands over the bread and wine with the words invoking the Holy Spirit to transform them into Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a true ever living miracle takes place: even the priest becoming like Jesus Christ. Please note, the priest uses the exact words of Jesus saying "this is my body; this is my blood". Even if the priest is a sinner, it is not that particular priest who offers the sacrifice, but JESUS CHRIST who is present at that very moment. It is the faith that we proclaim at that time.

Following that very act of the paschal mystery, we pray for the pilgrim church (we), suffering church (dead) and glorified church (saints) which ends with praising to God by singing (doxology) with the Great Amen. Then, the whole congregation

prepares themselves to receive Jesus' body and blood by reciting the Lord's Prayer with the exchange of peace, creating an atmosphere of brotherhood in Jesus who unites everyone as brothers and sisters. Consequently, with right disposition and worthiness everyone receives Jesus in the form of bread (body and blood of Jesus).

Finally, giving thanks to God for nourishing us with His word and spiritual food we depart with God's blessings to live the sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus in the midst of the world peacefully.

Let us try to participate meaningfully in the Mass and live it.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 6th

For + PETE ROSE

Requested by Ken, Fran, & Jen Forbes

Tuesday, May 9th

For + ERMINIA & MICHAEL ERCOLINO

Requested by Anna Ercolino

Wednesday, May 10th

For + JAMES MAILLOUX

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Thursday, May 11th

For + MURRY DANIEL ABBOTT

Requested by Cathy & Murray Abbott

Friday, May 12th

For + ANNIE KERRIGAN

Requested by The Kerrigan Family

Please Pray For The Sick
Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

Erminia & Michael Ercolino



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Table with 3 columns: Offering Type, 2019 Amount, 2023 Amount. Rows include Sunday Offertory, Offertory PAG, and ShareLife.

In The News



National Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works

We are invited, on Sunday, May 14, to give generously for the Pope's pastoral works.

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

MAY 7TH MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY: Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday. The special focus for this day to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening, and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help, and healing. So, on Sunday, May 7, 2023, let's talk about mental health and help stop the silence, stigma and shame

PRAYER VIGIL: Don't forget the Prayer Vigil, for our soon-to-be priests is being held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Friday, May 12 from 5:30 pm to 10 pm. There will be praise and worship, interspersed throughout the evening, communal prayers, such as the Rosary and a sung version of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations via email – vocations@archtoronto.org. Please note, this event is open to the public.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Blended Families Online Seminar May 18, @ 7 pm. Register at: <https://nbbf0523.eventbrite.ca> For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978.

Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum. Join us on May 24th at 7 pm, as we discuss Spring Grief: Possibilities and Promises with Moderator: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE. Register at: <https://nbbd05.eventbrite.ca>. Or for more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com or 647.215.3978. New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

Little Levity: An Englishman is hiking in Scotland and he pauses to drink from a stream. A passing shepherd calls out "Dinnae drink frae that, it's all fulla coo piss an shite!" The Englishman says to him in a cut-glass accent "I'm terribly sorry, my good fellow, would you very much mind repeating that in the Queen's English?" And the shepherd says "I'm terribly sorry sir, I was only asking if you would like to borrow this tin cup and get a proper drink?"

Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

Parish News

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST FOR MOTHERS: Celebrates all Mothers, living or deceased. If you would like to add your Mother's name(s) on our special prayer list in honor of them, send an email with their name and, if living or deceased, to the office by Wednesday morning, May 9th. This list of names will get printed and placed by Mary to be prayed for.

MOTHERS' DAY, JOIN US!: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Mother's Day social after all Masses on the weekend of May 14th. Please plan to join us and honour all the Mothers and Mother figures in our lives. Come down and enjoy a beverage and some special treats.

PLEASE JOIN family and friends to celebrate the life of Deacon Gerry Godsoe. A special Mass will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 11 am here at St. John's, followed by a small reception in the church hall. All parishioners are welcome! Contact or RSVP: deborahgodsoe1@gmail.com



Congratulation First Holy Communicant's who received Holy Eucharist last weekend, amongst their fellow parishioners, family and friends.

Declan Beeho & Nailah Vassell



Jacqueline Alie, Mason Remigio, Dominika Ramos,



Olivia Karunakaran, James Kavanagh, Sinead King, Rosslyn King, Jacob Noble, Ian Santana, Cain von Bulow-Toome

