

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 2nd	
5:00pm	In Thanksgiving for favours received by a parishioner
Sunday, May 3rd	
9:00 am	Pro Populo
11:00am	Rita Laprade by Betty & Roy Laviolette
Monday, May 4th	
8:00 am	Angelo Coletto by Edo & Lia DaPrat
Tuesday, May 5th	
8:00 am	Rene Gauthier by Jean Guy & Carol Lalonde
Wednesday, May 6th	
8:00 am	Roger & Ron Dupras by Catharine & Christina Dupras
7:00pm	CONFIRMATION OF GRADE 2 STUDENTS
Thursday, May 7th	
8:00 am	Pearl Leroux by Sherry & Ron Racine
1:00pm	Mass for Saint Matthew High School Roy Julien by Agathe & Bernard Lefebvre
Saturday, May 9th	
FIRST COMMUNION FOR OUR GRADE 2 STUDENTS	
5:00 pm	James & Agnes Dickenson by Mark Dickenson & family
Sunday, May 10th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
9:00am	Pro Populo
11:00am	Anthony & Mary Ellen McIntosh by Heather & Art Eckford

April 19th OFFERING

ENV.	\$2643.48
Loose	\$247.57
Vocations	\$1227.25
Total	\$4118.30

Ladies Auxiliary Mass and Dinner

Our year-end dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at Casa Paulo following the **5:00** p.m. Mass. There will not be a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12th.

Baptism Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are planning on having their child baptized will take place on Tuesday, May 12th starting at 7:00 p.m. Please call the office to register.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 20th** starting at 6:30 pm. In the McPhail Room.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **“In memory of Henri & Genevieve Théoret”** by Adele Constantineau.

NEW CHASUBLES AND DALMATICS - The Parish is looking at purchasing a matching set of 4 new Chasubles and 4 new Dalmatics. The cost for each vestment is \$300.00. Anyone who wishes to purchase one in memory of a family member or in the name of the a family may do so by contacting the parish office. The donation will be credited to you with a tax receipt. Thank you very much for your help and assistance.

Please Pray for our Grade 2 Children

Our grade 2 children will be making their Confirmation here on **Wednesday, May 6th** at 7:00 p.m. and First Communion on May 9th, at 5:00pm. Please pray for them and their families on this occasion. Please join us to celebrate with them.

Net Canada Celebrating 20 Years Bringing Youth to Christ: Celebrations begin with a Mass on Thurs., Jun. 4, 5:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. Gala at Ottawa Conference & Events Centre: cocktails 6:00 p.m., dinner & program with guest speaker His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Burke at 7:00 p.m. Info/tickets for the Gala: (www.netcanada.ca); (1-877-521-4426).

A Living Sacrament

We find a beautiful and powerful representation of this truth in the sacraments. Every sacrament has two parts, like two sides to a coin. The first part is known as the matter, or the material. In baptism, for example, the matter is water, sprinkled, poured, or flowing. For the Eucharist, the matter is unleavened bread and simple wine. The second part of the sacrament is known as the form. This is the words that indicates what the material is being used for, and when the words are pronounced over the material, grace is truly given. So, for example, when the priest says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit," the water becomes the sanctified vehicle by which the baptized person is cleansed not just physically, but spiritually, from original sin, and really given new birth in Christ. And during Mass when the priest says the words of consecration over the bread and wine ("this is my body which will be given up for you" and "this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant"), then the substance of the bread and wine change (this is called "transubstantiation"), and Jesus becomes truly present under their appearances, in order to nourish us - not just symbolically, but really - with his very own divine life. If you have the matter without the form or the form without the matter, nothing happens. Only together do they make the sacrament, the sacred sign, given by Christ, to grant us grace. As Christians, we are called to be like living sacraments in the world, acting like followers of Christ on the outside, but also truly striving to follow him in our hearts, even when no one else is looking.



Learn to "Tell your story" the account of how Jesus has touched your life. Sunday May 24, 2-4 PM, Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. This practical, interactive session will help you prepare a brief testimony you can use when friends and family ask you the "reason for your hope" or how you can be so peaceful in times of difficulty. Listen to sample testimonies; hear tips to make yours personal, powerful and focused on what Jesus has done for you. No pressure to present it, only opportunities to practice if you wish. Come prepared with ideas of what you might include and we'll help you pull it together. All are welcome.

Save the Date!

Bishop Marcel invites you to join him on **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.** at the Co-Cathedral of the Nativity to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honour of the Diocese's 125th anniversary. There will be a number of interesting special guests! A reception at the Agora Catholic Centre will follow the Mass. The Co-Cathedral seats more than 600 people – let's show the Good Lord that we appreciate all the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

BINGO - Precious Blood Parish Will be hosting their next BINGO on **Wednesday, May 6th and 20th**, in the church hall starting at 7:00 PM. **EARLY BIRD** games start at 6:20. Over \$1200.00 to be won. **Hope to see you there!**

Forming Intentional Disciples one-day Conference in Potsdam New York on **Saturday May 30th**. Led by Keith Strohm of the Catherine of Sienna Institute. His goal is to teach us to awaken the faith of our laity so they can become active participants in the New Evangelization as called for by our recent Popes. Register on-line at www.rcdony.org/fid Cost is \$40 US. **FREE BUS** sponsored by the Diocese leaves the OLD Walmart Parking Lot at 8 AM, returning after conference at 5 PM. Call to reserve a seat on the bus leaving name and contact info: Marilyn at 613-703-7823 or Don at 613-932-3543. **You must have your Passport or acceptable Customs identification to board the bus.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 in Poland!

Any young adults - 18 years old (by June 2016) to 35 years old - interested in knowing a bit more about what is being planned for the next International World Youth Day should signal their interest by contacting Sr. Francine, FMA at fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca - even if you are unsure about finances, work or other concerns. Official WYD website: <http://www.krakow2016.com/en>

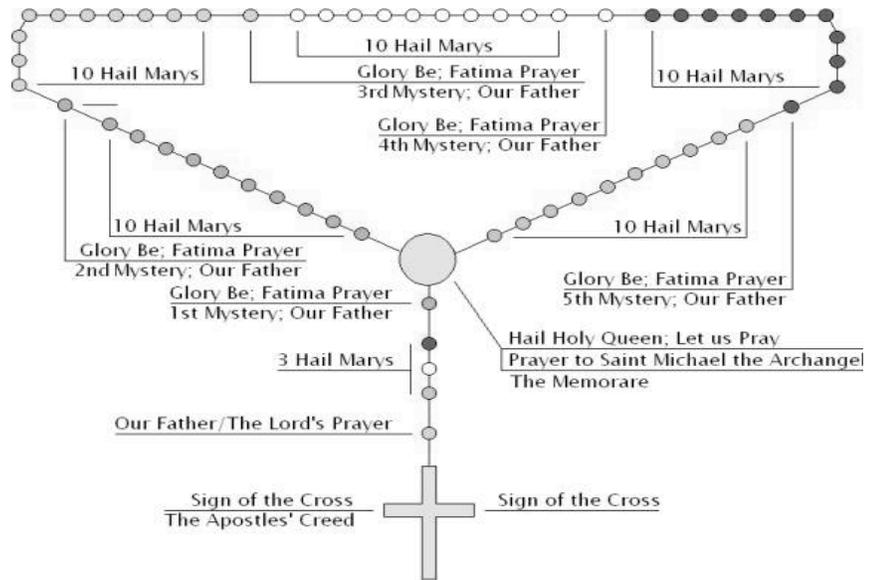
MAY is traditionally the

month of growth in regard to nature, and for this reason, May is one of my favorite months. It is extremely beautiful, but it is also important in the Church. May is also traditionally the Month of Mary, where we recall the role of Mary in salvation.

She is the Virgin Mother of God, whose *fiat* allowed Our Lord to take human form. Because of her complete trust in God, she lived her life sinlessly. And, after her life, she was assumed into Heaven by the power of God and

crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth. She is, of course, not divine. We worship only Jesus Christ, but we honor Mary as a saint. We honor God by remembering the role of Mary in the beginning of our salvation. And, remember, Devotion to Mary always leads to Jesus Christ! In May there are a number of wonderful feast days including the Anniversary of Fatima (May 13) and the Feast of the Queenship of Mary (May 31) according to the 1962 Calendar. According to the 1969 Calendar, May 31 is the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I ask you to please say the Rosary each day, if possible, this month.

So, please pray the Rosary this month.



Fast Food vs Motherhood (*Mothers Day May 10th*)

This truth is very difficult for us to accept. In the modern world, we are trained to have a "right now" mentality: fast food, around-the-clock help-desks, overnight delivery, Internet shopping, 24-hour gas stations... We have a mental and emotional habit of expecting results "right now." But Jesus taught us so often that the Kingdom of God, our transformation in Christ, is like a mustard seed, that takes time to grow, a farmer's field, that only gradually produces its crop, a diligent merchant, who spends years and years searching for the pearl of great price. How can we overcome our modern, right-now mentality so as to let God work in our lives at his own, wise pace? We have to look to our mothers. Motherhood is a school of wisdom. For nine months a mother bears her child, who grows slowly, but surely and steadily, in her womb. She knows that she cannot rush the process; she must be patient, both before and after the child's birth. And so each day becomes a precious opportunity to love, to hope, to wait, and to trust in the mysterious designs of God. This is the experience of every mother, and most especially of the Mother of God, Mary. On this Mother's Day, we should thank our mothers for their hidden sacrifices, their constant love, and their invaluable generosity. And we should do so even more in this day and age when mothers are under attack by a culture that undervalues motherhood. But we should not only thank them, we should also learn from them. If motherhood is a school of wisdom, then by God's providence we each have a lot to learn from our mothers (including the Blessed Virgin Mary). And there is no better way to show our gratitude to them than by being good students ourselves.