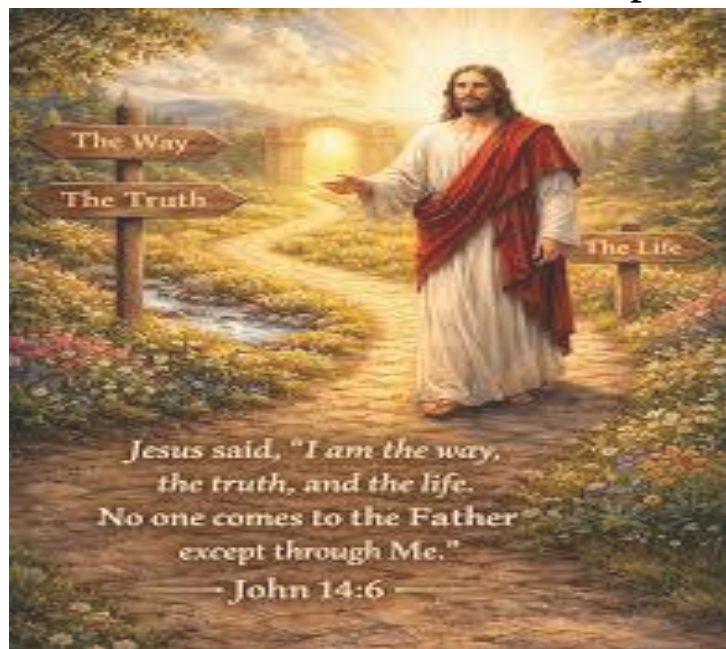


Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parish Update: May 3rd, 2026



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— John 14:6 —

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MAY 4TH TO MAY 10TH

Monday, 4th	<i>Ferial</i>	
	Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 5th	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls	(N Vendittelli)
	+Joseph Vendittelli	(N Vendittelli)
Wednesday, 6th	<i>St. Francois De Laval – Memorial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic	(A&T M)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 7th	<i>St. Marie De L'Incarnation – Memorial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic	(A&T Miketic)
6:45-8:15 p.m.	Choir Practice, Church	
Friday, 8th	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Romana Marconi	(P Waters)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 9th		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	<i>Confession</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Sp. Int. of Jeff Haske	(JM)
Sunday, 10th	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls	(N Vendittelli)
	+Joseph Vendittelli	(N Vendittelli)
11:00 a.m.	+Lawrence LaRoche	(L Lawless)

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends: In last week's bulletin, we presented to you the parish financial statement for 2025 (additional copies are available at the entrances). To this point, we have had to field no questions, but are certainly open to do so should you have any concerns. All pastors are given the responsibility of

providing spiritual care for our parishioners and all who live within our boundaries and looking after the temporal affairs of the parish. As the property and day to day operations of the parish are totally dependent upon the financial support of our parishioners, good stewardship and transparency are essential. I am very grateful to our Office Administrator, Lidia Molinero, for her efficient and competent bookkeeping, as well as our trustworthy and confidential collection counters. Trusted counters are mandated by the diocese to ensure accuracy and eliminate any concerns which could arise when the collection is handled by only one individual. Your trust in how parish finances are handled is imperative.

Aware that every parishioner does not have a degree in accounting, or even the interest or time for a highly detailed syllabus, our financial statement is given on just four pages. Revenue and expenses occupies two of these, while another page gives some necessary clarification of three of the categories. The last page details the expenditures covered by our St. Patrick's Shamrock (Bingo) Club, a valuable feature of our parish for over 30 years, contributing a substantial amount toward paying the cost of the expansion project as well as replacements and upgrades since that time. Your generosity coupled with the wise use of resources has in the past provided us with the opportunity to place funds on deposit with the diocese whose interest accounts for nearly 10% of our annual income. So, overall, job well done. All expenses paid, respectable compensation of valued staff, a solid operating account and funds on deposit with the diocese all signal good financial health. But...

For those with alert eyes, you surely did not miss the Net Income line. The number in this line is \$6,418.57. This does not allow for a great deal of "wiggle room". Actually, if it were not for the assistance offered by our trusty St. Patrick's Shamrock Club and the interest from the diocese, that Net Income would have been a Net Loss. This is not great news, given the respectable attendance we see in our vibrant parish which is also located in an economically sound area of the city. Canada is also one of only 42 countries which offers a charitable tax credit to encourage philanthropy. Donations to registered charities over \$200 per annum can return anywhere from 29%-50% of federal and provincial income tax. This is the reason why we heartily encourage envelope use or electronic fund transfer to enable the parish to issue an annual charitable tax receipt. This enables the donor to give more, while not necessarily spending more. As always, your thoughtful giving to our parish matters. Thank you for your past generosity to our beloved parish and for your continued support as we walk together in mission driven faith!

In His Love, Fr. Richard

Pope's Prayer Intention for the Month of May THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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CWL CORNER
(Catholic Women's League)
"Blessed are the Poor"

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Thank you for all the donations to this year's **Diaper Drive for Choose Life!!** The items will be delivered to the Choose Life office on Thursday, May 7 in the afternoon. You may still drop off your baby essentials by that date.

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**, as we gather in prayer during this National Hospice Palliative Care Week. The church will be open, and you are welcome to join our CWL Sisters in quiet reflection.

Everyone can be a Good Samaritan... "loving by bearing another's pain" (Pope Leo XIV).

Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the church to participate in the crowning of Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please bring a flower to add to the beautiful bouquets at the altar. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. New members are very welcome!



May 9 th /10 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	B or L MacNeil	Dn Maurice	R Eckstein
Lector	L Urquhart	K Zacharchuk	G LaRoche
Hospitality Ministers	J&P Merritt D MacNeil	C DeLuca K Gilmore W Riddle	Bott Family

For the first time, our Diocese is launching the **Bishop's Annual Appeal: Hearts on Fire**. Through this appeal, our Diocese is seeking to strengthen vital ministries, especially in youth and young adult outreach, and in evangelization and faith formation for people of every age and stage of life. So many today are searching for meaning, belonging, and hope. As a Church, we are called to walk with them—just as Jesus walked with the disciples—and help them encounter the living Christ. As a Diocese, we have a united goal of \$400,000. In the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to support this mission. Together, we can help set hearts on fire with the love of Christ in our Diocese. Donation envelopes are at the entrances of our church. Thank you!

Appointments for **Our Parish Photo Directory** are still available for the May session. Please use this link <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/d7b3y55k/> to book your appointment. We look forward to having all our parishioners take part in this project! Any questions please contact Jayne.evans98@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus members will be selling **Mother's Day roses** May 9th and 10th after each Mass. Roses are \$5.00 each in support of local Pro-Life charities. Last year, our council raised \$2,000 for Choose Life Niagara. Thank you for your support.

Geranium Plant Sale – Pickup! All Geranium orders can be picked up at the church on **Friday May 8th** between 5pm-6pm and **Saturday May 9th** at 10am-12pm. The CWL thank you for your continued support.

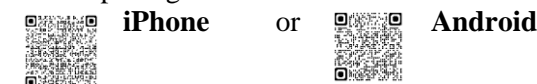
Star of the Sea Vacation Bible School—June 29 to July 3, 2026: registration forms are available at the back of the church. **Only 45 spaces available please secure your spot with payment by May 22, 2026.** This year's theme **Wilderness Adventure, Through the Sacraments!** Don't miss out on the fun!!

PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish's intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com

'He who prays most receives most.'
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



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WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:	
April 26 th , 2026	
Parishioner Envelopes	\$3,735.00
Loose Collection	CAD \$ 470.00
	USD \$ 12.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal (Hearts on Fire)	\$ 170.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00
Total Offertory Collection:	\$4,392.00
April's E-Transfer Contributions	\$1,170.00
Our Special Needs	\$ 50.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU