

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Parish Update: May 10th, 2026



“All who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.”
(John 14.23)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK MAY 11TH TO MAY 17TH

Monday, 11th Office Closed	<i>Ferial</i> No Mass	
Tuesday, 12th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i> +Joyce Aubin	(B Aubin)
Wednesday, 13th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i> Holy Souls +Joseph Vendittelli	(N Vendittelli) (N Vendittelli)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 14th 9:00 a.m.	<i>St. Matthias – Feast</i> +Renata Miketic	(A&T Miketic)
6:45-8:15 p.m.	Choir Practice, Church	
Friday, 15th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Ferial</i> +Renata Miketic	(A&T Miketic)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 16th 3:30-4:30 p.m.	<i>Confession</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Zahra Family (D Howard & Family) +Raleena Thomas (G Thomas)	
Sunday, 17th 9:00 a.m.	Ascension of the Lord Liv. & Dec. Members of the DiFranco & DiFabio Families (N Vendittelli)	
11:00 a.m.	CWL Diocesan Mass From the Pastor’s Desk	

Dear Friends: I wish to thank the many who shared in this year’s “12 hours of prayer for Palliative Care,” which took

place this past Wednesday, May 6 in our parish. This annual parish event is hosted by our parish CWL Council. The purpose of this time of prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is to beseech Almighty God to move us here in Canada towards greater access to quality palliative care, which seeks to effectively manage pain in an atmosphere infused with kindness and charity. Such end-of-life care underscores the dignity of all human life and the imperative to leave matters of life and death in the hands of God, the Author of all life. Adequate palliative care, which is accessible to more and more Canadians, should assist in the promotion of a Culture of Life. Each year, we observe an increase in individuals requesting physician assisted death, moving up from 2.4% of deaths in 2021 to 6.9% of deaths in 2024. This is troubling.

The position of the Catholic Church on physician -assisted death, euphemistically referred to as “Medical Assistance in Dying –M.A.I.D.”, is clearly laid out in the Declaration on Euthanasia, issued by the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1980. Catholic teaching holds that euthanasia is a “crime against life”. This teaching rests on several core principles of Catholic ethics, including the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the human person, concomitant human rights, due proportionality in casuistic remedies, the unavoidability of death and the importance of charity. In Catholic medical ethics, no one is permitted to ask for this act of killing, either for him/herself, or for another person entrusted to his/her care, nor can he/she consent to it, either explicitly or implicitly, nor can any authority legitimately recommend or permit such an action. Active killing of an individual differs completely from allowing dying to proceed without medical interventions considered extraordinary or disproportionate. The Declaration on Euthanasia states that: “*When inevitable death is imminent...it is permitted in conscience to take the decision to refuse forms of treatment that would only secure a precarious and burdensome prolongation of life, so long as the normal care due to a sick person in similar cases is not interrupted.*”

Of the many reasons one may choose to request to die at the hands of a medical professional, one’s desire not to be a burden upon family members is at the top. Health Canada statistics bear this out. In 2024, of those who requested physician assisted death, 66% had received palliative care. In 2021, 80% had done so. So, while access to palliative care has seen a decline, the availability of effective palliative care is not the complete solution to requests for induced death. The best way to help ensure that an individual does not choose to hasten his/her death is to work to make them feel loved, accepted, valued. I have been edified by the witness of several families here in our parish who have lovingly journeyed with a dying loved one, sometimes over an extended period of time. This respects God’s all-wise timing while acknowledging the great gift of life we have all received. Come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for the grace to make everyone you will ever come into contact with feel valued as a beloved child of the Living God!

In Christ our Risen Lord, *Fr. Richard*

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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.

Special Collection: The Pope’s Pastoral Works - Sunday, May 17, 2026 This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter’s Pence: donations used by the Pope for charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope’s Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal church.

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.

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!

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*



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.

'Tis the month of Our Mother... ✠ ...The Blessed and Beautiful Days! We celebrate many things during the month of May. Our CWL members gathered to crown Our Lady before our recent General Meeting. May Mary, the Mother of God, and the Mother of us all, continue to bless us.

Happy Mother's Day to all women! Your good work does not go unnoticed.

Please mark your calendars for the **annual Strawberry Social and BBQ** on Tuesday, June 9! Together with the Knights of Columbus, we look forward to a wonderful event for all parishioners. More details to follow!



May 16 th /17 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	J Evans	J Bayza	Dn Maurice
Lector	P Waters	A VanKralingen	C Purcer
Hospitality Ministers	A&R Hancock L Bourret	Zacharchuk Family	G LaRoche H Green A Adam

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

May 3rd, 2026

Parishioner Envelopes		\$5,416.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$1,186.00
	USD	\$ 14 .00
Bishop’s Annual Appeal (Hearts on Fire)		\$ 140.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$6,756.00
Our Special Needs		\$ 560.00

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