



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10, 2009
Mother's Day Weekend

A WARM WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Rev. Jessimar Cavan Tapia,
the Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, and
Mr. Bob Birch, Deacon, welcome all
newcomers and visitors to our parish
community.

On behalf of all our parish ministry
leaders, Father Jessi encourages your
active participation in our community
worship.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the love and compassion that
Jesus Christ showed to all people, of every
creed, with a special emphasis on the needs
of the poor and the underprivileged.

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(Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 6)

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday at **5:00 p.m.**
--- fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sunday at **9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

Last Sunday of every month: Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

Regular Weekday Mass on **Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: 8:30 a.m.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9:00 a.m.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

- MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

- THURSDAYS at 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION: - FRIDAYS 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: by appointment before Masses

BAPTISMS: 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

No Baptisms on last weekend of the month as it is our parish
monthly socials: **October to June.**

For more info. kindly call our office at 613-733-1553.

MARRIAGE: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required
after the Pastor's approval.



Prayer for Vocations

Lord God,

in every generation you have provided
shepherds after your own heart & spiritual
fathers for the family of the Church.

Hear us in our day as we beg you:

"Do not leave us orphans!

Send us the Holy Spirit!"

Stir up in the hearts of those whom you have
chosen to be priests an awareness of your call
& the courage to say, "Let it be done to me
according to your word."

By your Spirit, mould them in the heart of Mary
to be the image of your Son, faithful stewards
of your grace. Shape them into zealous
apostles, who will preach the Gospel
with boldness, celebrate the Eucharist
with reverence and be living signs of your love
for all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for God's healing:

Lucy Phan, Augusto Romano, Emilie Joinette,
Julia Aquino, Lise Martin, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard,
Wilf Medland, & Marian Smith.

**Please send an e-mail to our office if you know of
someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for:
stpeters@inbox.com**

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 9

5:00 p.m. Mass

- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

Sunday, May 10

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

11:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

Monday, May 11

-- no 8:30 a.m. Mass --

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Prayer Meeting)

Tuesday, May 12

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For All Souls

Wednesday, May 13

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For World Peace

Thursday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Pro-Life Intentions

Friday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 a.m. Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY weekend to all mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers.

2. SPECIAL THANK YOU to all for your generous contributions during the special collection taken up on Good Friday, April 10, for the Holy Land. Our parish made a contribution of \$ 1, 101.00

3. NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE:

Join pro-life people from across Canada as we gather to celebrate God's gift of life during the *National March for Life*, May 13, 14 & 15. On Wednesday, May 13, a pro-life Mass takes place at St. Theresa Parish at 7:30 p.m., followed by a candlelight procession and memorial at the human rights monument on Lisgar and Elgin Sts. On Thursday, May 14, pro-life Masses are being held at 10:00 a.m. at both Notre Dame Cathedral and St. Patrick's Basilica. People gather on Parliament Hill for the march at noon. The day ends with an evening Rose Dinner Banquet at the Hampton Inn. On Friday, a pro-life Youth Conference is taking place at the Hampton Inn. For more details and information see www.marchforlife.ca or call Campaign for Life Coalition at 613-729-0397.

4. "THE GOD DELUSION, AND OTHER ERRORS IN LOGIC":

A two-part presentation by Dr. Timothy Lau refuting the claims made in Richard Dawkins' bestseller, *The God Delusion*. In the basement hall of Saint Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent Street; use ramp entrance), Friday, May 22 & May 29, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Info (613-233-1125).

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS:

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children. Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her the courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in the times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MARYVALE ACADEMY: Forming children in the Catholic tradition of spirituality centred in the Mass, prayer and the sacraments, together with a vigorous and rewarding classical academic experience. Applications are now being accepted for 2009-10. Open house, May 21, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Info: (www.maryvaleacademy.ca); (613-321-2186).

NET MINISTRIES: All are welcome to attend NET Ministries of Canada's year-end Thanksgiving Mass with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast on Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. Info: (613-841-4141).

DEDICATION OF PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL TO PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Archbishop Prendergast will dedicate Cor Jesu Chapel at ST. Margaret Mary Church, Cumberland, to prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thursday, June 11, preceded by Mass at 7:30 p.m. All welcome. Info: Fr. Kennedy (613-883-3264).

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the *true vine*? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "*the vineyard of the Lord*" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "*as his choice vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21). While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah's prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which "*yielded wild grapes*" (see Isaiah 5:1-7). Jeremiah said that Israel had become a "*degenerate and wild vine*" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the *true vine* he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or bloodline. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of "*righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's abiding presence with you?



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BEQUESTS AND WILLS:

In your kindness,
please remember St. Peter's Parish
in your bequests and wills. If anyone
wishes to make such a bequest in his or
her Will, the following clause may be
included or added to a will or added by
codicil:

*"I give devise and bequeath the sum
of \$..... to St. Peter's Parish,
Ottawa, to be used for the benefit of
the Parish and its pastoral works."*

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