



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 17, 2009

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 at 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 these months 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 16

10:00 a.m. Burial at Hope Cemetery
† Barbara Seguin
(by Fr. Jessi)

5:00 p.m. Mass

- Birthday blessings for Florita Torres, by her friends at St. Peter's
- For the soul of Aniceta Tapia on her 2nd year death anniversary
- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions living & deceased

Sunday, May 17

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For the soul of Mrs. Anne Kennedy, mother of Fr. Daryl Kennedy
- 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 18

VICTORIA DAY

Tuesday, May 19

-- No 8:30 a.m. Mass --
(Tues. after long weekend)

Wednesday, May 20

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For World Peace

Thursday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Pro-Life Intentions

Friday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations

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

10:00 a.m. Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION: Next Sunday, May 24, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, our Prince of Peace students will receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation here at the parish. Please pray for them and their families.

Regular parishioners are encouraged to attend either the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass (May 23) or the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (May 24), since the 11:30 a.m. Mass (May 24) will be full.

2. CHRISTIAN INITIATION MEETING WITH PARISH COODINATORS:

At St. Basil Church, Monday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. To share experiences and to plan for the future. For parish coordinators, team members and other interested persons. Registration by Wed., June 10: (abrown@ArchOttawa.ca); (613-738-5025, ext. 217). No registration fee.

3. FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE – HELP NIGHT FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS:

At the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn, Thursday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. Speaker: Father Vincent Pereira, addressing issues around annulment. It is also an opportunity to clarify the status of separated or divorced Catholics within the Church from a Canon Law perspective. Info: Deacon Peter Lafleur (613-738-5025, ext.222).

Pope Benedict stressed the need for Christians and Muslims to embrace "the challenge to cultivate for the good, in the context of faith and truth, the vast potential of human reason... As believers in the one God we know the light of God's truth. In fact, when human reason humbly allows itself to be purified by faith, it is far from weakened; rather, it is strengthened to resist presumption and to reach beyond its own limitations. In this way, human reason is emboldened to pursue its noble purpose of serving mankind."

Pope Benedict XVI in Amman, Jordan, May 9, 2009

OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MASS OF HEALING: With Father Fernando Suarez CC at St. Maurice Parish (4 Perry Street). Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. Info: (613-224-1892).

ST. ANTHONY'S LADIES AID SPRING GARAGE AND BAKE SALE: In the Church Hall, 427 Booth St., Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Raffles prizes, refreshments. Gently used clothing, books, accessories and home décor items are most welcome and can be dropped off at the Church Hall on Friday, May 29, after 10:00 a.m. Info: Trina Constantini-Powell (613-526-4315).

ONE-DAY VISIT TO MONASTERIES OF QUEBEC WITH *CHORUS ECCLESIAE*: Gregorian Chant, music, liturgies, scenery, meals. Saturday, June 13, all day. Info & reservations: (613-567-7729).

F.A.C.E.S FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES: Sunday brunch and a visit to the National Gallery to see "From Raphael to Carracci: The Art of Papal Rome." Sunday, June 14. Meet at the Black Thorn Restaurant, 12 Clarence St., at 12:45 p.m. Reserve with Gord (g_moore@rogers.com); (613-836-6997).

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never out-give God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because *God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us* (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us. What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

Do you know the friendship of God? One of the special marks of favor shown in the scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the *friend of God* (Isaiah 41:8). God speaks with Abraham as a man speaks with his friend (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, in turn, calls the disciples his friends rather than his servants. What does it mean to be a friend of God? Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. Jesus' discourse on friendship and brotherly love echoes the words of Proverbs: *A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity* (Proverbs 17:17). The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. *He loved his own to the end* (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave the best he had and all that he had. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father.

True love is costly. Those who truly love give the best they can offer and are willing to sacrifice everything they have for the beloved. God willingly paid the price for our redemption – the sacrifice of his only begotten Son. That's the nature of true friendship and love – the willingness to give all for the beloved. True friends will lay down their lives for each other. Jesus tells us that he is our friend and he loves us whole-heartedly and unconditionally. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbor, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity. Do you wish to be fruitful and to abound in the love of God?



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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 their
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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