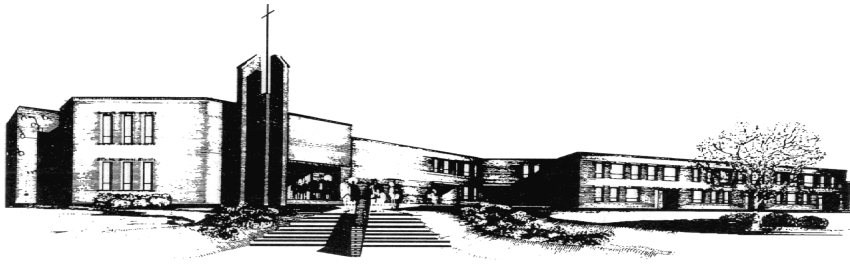


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A Roman Catholic Community



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May 21st and 22nd, 2011 – 5th Sunday of Easter
May 28th and 29th, 2011 – 6th Sunday of Easter
Year A

Welcome to everyone:
parishioners, newcomers and visitors, to St. Peter's Parish.
We encourage everyone to participate *actively*
in the prayer and song of our community worship.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the gospel values to form a community based on Faith, Hope, and Charity.

MASS SCHEDULE
(September to June)

Sunday Obligation:

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays* at 9:30 am & 11:00 am
- *Last Sunday of each month: Mass at 10:30 am only

Weekdays:

- Monday: no Mass
- Tuesday* at 9:30 am
(unless otherwise noted within bulletin)
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:30 am
- * No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

20 minutes before weekend Masses.
No appointment necessary.

BAPTISMS:

Saturdays at 11:00 am

MARRIAGE:

Please give 6 months notice. A Marriage Preparation Course and the Pastor's approval are required.

For any more information, call the parish office or visit
the parish Website.

Father Joe Vayalil – Pastor
Bob Birch – Deacon
Richard Sutton – Sacristan

Liturgy Committee

Fr. Joe Vayalil
Deacon Bob Birch
Richard Sutton (liturgy coordinator/sacristan)

Finance Committee

John Pasqua
Juanita Peate
Robella Folliet – Bookkeeper

Lectors' Leaders

5:00 pm Mass – George Assing
9:30 am Mass – Jay Hunt
11:00 am Mass – Richard Sutton (temp.)

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

Fr. Joe Vayalil & Richard Sutton

COLLECTION:

May 14th and 15th: \$1445.00

Please continue to support your parish
as generously as you can.

CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm

Sunday, May 22

9:30 am

11:00 am

Monday, May 23

No Mass

Tuesday, May 24

No Mass

Wednesday, May 25

8:30 am

Thursday, May 26

8:30 am

Friday, May 27

8:30 am

Saturday, May 28

5:00 pm

Prayers and Blessings for Lise Martin

- by Nathalie Martin

Sunday, May 29

10:30 am

Monday, May 30

No Mass

Tuesday, May 31

9:30 am

Wednesday, June 1

8:30 am

Thursday, June 2

8:30 am

Friday, June 3

8:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

1. **TUESDAY, MAY 24th** is the Tuesday after a long holiday weekend. Daily Mass will not be celebrated on May 24th.
2. **SCHEDULE:** Next Sunday, May 29th, is the last Sunday of May. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am only.
3. **SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE:** The summer schedule will be in effect from July 3rd to Sept 4th. Mass times for Sunday Obligation are Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. only.
4. **CONFIRMATION:** Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate Confirmation for adults (grade 9 & above) on Pentecost (Sunday June 12th) and for children (grades 6-8) on Trinity Sunday (June 19th). Both celebrations take place at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. All candidates will have registered at their respective parish and will have received the appropriate preparation there.
5. **THE COUNCIL ON AGING OF OTTAWA:** In partnership with the Ottawa Seniors Transportation Committee presents TRANSPORTATION CHOICES FOR SENIORS in an AGE-FRIENDLY OTTAWA. Wednesday, June 8, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Colonel By Retirement Residence, 43 Aylmer Avenue. Registration & info: (613-737-7195 x 2308).
6. **REVISED EUCHARISTIC LITURGY:** Words from the Archdiocese of Ottawa. The Church's liturgy is constantly adapting to present our faith and spiritual practices more authentically as our culture continues to change. These adaptations reflect the timeless truths of our faith and our liturgical heritage while remaining true to the language, faith and liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church. The current form of the Mass that we celebrate in English has remained unchanged since it was first implemented over 30 years ago. With the lessons we learned since its implementation, and paying attention to the best translation practices available to us today, we have a new opportunity to express what the Church believes. The New Missal uses language, which is not only closer to the original prayers (many of which are over 1,000 years old) but also reflects a more formal or dignified way of addressing Almighty God. The New Missal also includes changes made to the Calendar of Saints with the addition of many new saints, including our Canadian St. Brother Andre! We do not often think of it, but there is indeed a "Roman" Catholic way of praying. With a distinctive liturgical style that is true to our heritage and our way of worshipping God going back close to two thousand years, the New Missal will be an opportunity for all of us to encounter the Roman Catholic Mass again for the first time.

REFLECTION FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6. 1-7: *The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.*

Psalm: 33: *The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2. 4-9: *Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.*

Gospel: John 14. 1-12: *Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."*

The account of the last evening of Jesus with his disciples in the Gospel of John includes several speeches, punctuated from time to time by interventions of the disciples. It is most appropriate that these passages are read during the second half of the Easter season as we approach the feast of the Ascension and the return of Jesus to the Father. Jesus' first words in today's passage are words of reassurance which contrasts strongly his earlier prediction of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial. Thomas asks about the way to the place where Jesus is going. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,' says Jesus. Jesus' words in John's gospel constantly underline that in him truth and life are to be found. Philip, on the other hand, is impatient to see the Father. Jesus' reply echoes the constant teaching of this gospel that 'the only Son has made God known' (John 1:18). Both the answer to our searching and the satisfaction of our longing are found in Christ. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To see Jesus is to see the Father.

Do we recognise Jesus as the Way or do we reduce him to a talented prophet and healer? How often do we give in to despondency and anxiety?

We at St. Peter's pray for a deeper faith in the person of Jesus, our Lord and our God. We pray for confidence in the continuing presence of Jesus in his Church.

REFLECTION FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8. 5-8, 14-17: *The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.*

Psalm: 66: *Sing praise to God, all the earth.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3. 15-18: *Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.*

Gospel: John 14. 15-21: *Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.*

Our reading from the Gospel of John contains one of several references, in the speeches of Jesus on the night before he dies, to the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. These references to the Spirit prepare us to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, which concludes the Easter season. Only in the Fourth Gospel is the Spirit referred to as 'the Advocate', 'the Paraclete', 'the Spirit of truth'. Jesus stresses that the world of sin, opposed as it is to truth and goodness, does not welcome the Spirit. In fact, the world of sin is incapable of receiving the Spirit. Later in these speeches Jesus affirms that the Spirit will remind the disciples of what he has taught (14:26), and lead them into the fullness of truth (16:13). Jesus reassures the disciples that he will not abandon them. Even though he will no longer be seen by the world, the bond between Jesus and his disciples endures. This bond is maintained by the Spirit. This bond is the life which Jesus shares with us, a bond which draws us deeper into the life of God. This passage both begins and ends with reference to the commandments of Jesus. Living the commandments is proof of the love the disciples have for him. Jesus speaks later of his one commandment, 'love one another as I have loved you' (15:12). This Spirit-inspired love, shown in living the commandments and loving the brothers and sisters, keeps us fully alive in the new life of the Risen Jesus, drawing us deeper into the life of the Father. These precious words of Jesus are like a symphony in which the different themes are played and played again in their various forms. The words of Jesus, with the Eucharist and the priesthood, are treasured parting gifts of the Lord to his friends, gifts which maintain his presence in a troubled and unbelieving world.

Which of these words of Jesus speak to us most powerfully? How might we be more prepared to receive the Spirit of truth?

We at St. Peter's pray that we may experience the bond every disciple has with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We pray for all those who seek to bring God's love to a suffering world.

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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."**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

AN INVITATION: If you are visiting our church
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presence. Our parish serves the needs of the
community in many different ways. We offer
preparation for sacraments, children's liturgy,
social activities, assistance to those in difficulty,
and comfort to the sick and those who mourn a
loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate
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