

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 4, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, May 5, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of John Carroll by his Family

11:00 a.m. - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Monday of Easter, May 6, No Mass - Memorial of St. Francois De Laval, Bishop, Patron of the Bishops of Canada

Tuesday of Easter, May 7 No Mass

Wednesday of Easter, May 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday of Easter, May 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday of Easter, May 10, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday of Easter, May 11, 5:00 p. m. Mass – For all Mothers and grand – Mothers living and Deceased

For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, May 12, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Mass – For all Mothers and grand – Mothers living and Deceased

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER REFLECTION: This Sunday's gospel continues from the previous Sunday, when we heard Jesus describe himself as the true vine. We are listening to the farewell teaching of Jesus to his friends on the night before he died. There are several major themes here. Jesus speaks of the love that the Father has for him. This same love he bestows on his disciples. If they are to remain in this bond of love they will keep his commandments, just as he keeps the commandments of the Father. Through discipleship they are bound not only to Jesus but also to the Father. This belonging to the Son and to the Father is the cause of great joy, a joy shared by the Son and the disciples. Jesus foresees that the joy of the resurrection, the joy of seeing his triumph over sin and death, will abide with the disciples. The love of which Jesus speaks is not simply love of God and love of neighbour, as in the other gospels, but love which imitates the love Jesus has shown, a love ready to lay down one's life for others, the love of the Good Shepherd defending his sheep. The disciples are no longer considered servants, but friends. They are to know what Jesus has learnt from the Father. Being drawn closer to Christ means an increasing closeness to the Father. Jesus the master chooses his disciples. We are chosen and commissioned to go out and bear fruit. The image of the true vine and the branches bearing fruit, with which this chapter of the gospel began, returns. Does the love we show really reflect the self-giving love of Christ? Have we really accepted that Jesus has chosen and commissioned us for a specific work? We pray for those who see love as self-centred. We pray for generosity and courage in our response to Christ.

St Peter's Parish Diaper Drive will be held this weekend May 4 th, and 5 th at all masses. We are asking for diaper donations, all sizes/brands, in support of mothers and babes in need. Diaper assistance is not provided through the St Vincent De Paul home visit initiative. With your support, we hope to offer a little more help for the youngest among us as Mother's Day approaches. Please note we can not accept loose diapers/opened packages for health reasons. God's blessings, through Christ may we continue to serve the poor in all possible ways.

Collection – April 27 and 28, 2024: Envelopes: \$637.00, Loose: \$515.65; St. Vincent de Paul: \$156.00; Vigil Lights: \$65.45; Clergy Support: \$5.00; Grand Total: \$1, 379.10. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

MAY, MONTH OF MARY: The month of May is dedicated to the devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Heavenly Mother and Patroness. The second Vatican Council says of her: "In an utterly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, and hope and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a Mother to us in the order of grace..." Let us not forget the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. As we celebrate the month of May as the Marian Month, we will have a special prayer said at all the Sunday Masses throughout the month. Please make an effort to pray the Rosary or say a prayer to Mary with your families. You are also most welcome to join the recitation of the Rosary on Sundays at 8:40 a.m. before our 9:30 a.m. Mass. Holy Mother of God: pray for us.

The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: All are invited to join our parish children and their families in the celebration of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7: 00 p.m. here at the church, with Bishop Yvan Mathieu, Our new Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General, Ottawa – Cornwall Diocese.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024: This is a week (May 5-10) specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the triple connection of home, school and parish is an important and integral part of Catholic education. This triad emphasizes for our children, the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on their faith formation and education. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love." This week we continue to celebrate a school system, which celebrates and defines itself on faith and mercy, and embraces the message of salvation preached by Jesus for all peoples.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: Join the biggest pro-life gathering in Canada from May 7- 10 Songs for Life Coffee House, 7pm, St. Mary's Church Hall. Free admission but free will offering, Baby item drive. May 8 - Candlelight Vigil, 9:00 pm Human Right's Monument, Mass at 7:30 pm, St. Theresa's Parish May 9 10:00 am—Pro-Life Mass, Notre Dame Cathedral 10:00 am—Pro-Life Mass, St. Patrick's Basilica 12:30 pm—Rally on Parliament Hill 1:30 pm—March through downtown Ottawa See full Ottawa schedule: <https://marchforlife.ca/2024-week-at-a-glance/>

QUO VADIS? Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on May 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

Mother's Day: In recognition of the role mothers play in our midst, we at St. Peter's parish are thrilled to invite all parishioners to celebrate our moms and join in the festivities on the occasion of our Mother's Day fundraising event on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Please feel free to bring in your concerns and voices if there are any. Thank you, Sophia Amanyunose.

MAKE LOVE THE LAW: Jesus taught unceasingly during His time on earth, but He gave very few commandments. Of those few, the one He repeated most was: Love one another. This simple rule is enough to replace all the books of laws and statues we've created. When we Love one another as he loved us, we will act with compassion. We will see that people are fed, clothed and safe. We teach, encourage, listen. Love alone prevents us from harming or neglecting any member of society. No rule or legislation can teach us to care for the world the way this one word does. Love.