

Ascension of the Lord

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter II

MON. May 5 PARISH MISSION

7:00 PM INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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WED. May 7

12:05 PM † Deceased Member of
LAHAIE & BASTIEN FAMILIES
--Alex

THURS. May 8 @ Victoria College

10:00 AM † **JOANNE CLEARY**
--The Family

FRI. May 9

8:30 AM † **AL LUCYSHYN**
-s/k James J. Tracy 4th Degree KofC
▶ **NO Eucharistic Adoration following Mass**◀

SATURDAY, MAY 10

5:00 PM JOHN GRIDER

--Nancy & Garry Sharpe

SUNDAY, MAY 11

9:00 AM MISSA PRO POPULO

11:00 AM † MARIA GARNCARZ

--Elizabeth Szawara & Family

Next Weekend's Readings • Pentecost Sunday
1st Acts 2.1-11 2nd 1 Cor12.3b-7, 12-13 Gospel Jn 20.19-23

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon. 5—NO Youth Group Meeting due to Mission

Tues. 6—7:30 PM KofC General Meeting @ CCC

Wed. 7—12:30 Legion of Mary in Parish Centre

Wed. 7—2:00 PM Patrician Meeting in Parish Cen.

Wed. 7—C.W.L. Executive Meeting in Parish Centre

Thurs. 8—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive Euchre @ CCC

Thurs. 8—7:00 PM Prayer Group in Parish Centre

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Theresa Ferguson, Margaret Goggin, Maria Mosole, Suzanne Jex, Mother Ninfa, Nathalia Yuri Garcia, Christie Thatcher, Catherine Hyrb, Brian McCracken, Charles Bateman, Andy Amelia, Bob Pickett, Rosemary Roth, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Joe May, Julie Black, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Wendy Gregoriades, Denise Palermo, Anne Driscoll, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, David Wright, Shirley Ferguson, Greg Heenan, *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

REFLECTION

The Gospel reading today concludes the Book of Matthew. It was at this point that Jesus, knowing he was about to return to the Father, commissioned the apostles to carry the message of the Good News into the whole world. They would baptize, make more disciples, and teach the message Jesus had taught them. Jesus made it clear that his ascension did not mark an absence; he would always be with them. This Gospel message is the foundation of the Church and makes clear what we are called to do and be.

VOCATION AWARENESS MONTH

A prayer for Vocations:

O Lord Jesus Christ,

Who took a human body and soul like ours to teach us the glory of self-sacrifice and service, mercifully grant your brothers and sisters the desire to dedicate their lives to you.

Priests, to stand before your altar, to speak the words of your Gospel.

Religious Brothers and Sisters, to bear the sacred office of teaching the young, of nursing the sick, the aged and infirm, the needy and distressed.

Give wisdom and strength, courage and skill to those who serve you now; fill their hearts with zeal and love for you. In your mercy, with Divine insistence, call others to join them, so that your name may be known and loved forever.

PRO-LIFE: BILL C-484

BILL C-484 is making its way through the Federal Parliament & has narrowly passed second reading. This is known as the "Unborn Victims of Crime Act" and would provide legal recognition to at least some unborn children. Bishop Jean Gagnon, Bishop of Gaspe is urging Catholics & all Canadians to contact their local MP & insist on them voting in favour of Bill C-484 which recognizes the human dignity of the unborn child & the value of human life. A copy of the letter can be picked up at the front of the Church.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Premier of Ontario is proposing to eliminate the Lord's Prayer from the daily routine of the Provincial Legislature. Since this is an affront to the Christian heritage of the Province, you are invited to make your views known by visiting www.ontla.on.ca & click on the "Consultation on prayer in the Legislative Assembly" button & leave a message for the Speaker of the Assembly.

COLLECTION REPORT

☞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ☛

April 27 Offertory \$5,960. ▲\$1,316 more than last year!
Restoration Fund: \$1,255. Thank you for your support!

MURAL RESTORATION

As you can see Carlos and crew are back at it! Note that organ will be in use during this time. There is space for the organist only! We have plenty of space to fill on our oak panels for a personalized plaque, so please consider purchasing one today! Cost is \$100.00, contact Dorothy Ward at 905 372-3138 or at 34 Spencer St. West, Cobourg.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 11

Pentecost celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the Church to act as teacher, counsellor, advocate, helper: the one who will show us how to speak.

To Celebrate, and in preparation of Pentecost, we will be having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday, May 10 from 7:00 PM to Midnight in the Church. Come and spend an hour of prayer for your intentions.

PATRICIAN MEETING

The Legion of Mary will be having a Patrician meeting on Wed. May 7 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Centre. Topic and discussion will be on "Our Lady of Fatima". All are welcome to attend, hope to see you out! Refreshments served.

VILLA ST. JOSEPH – RETREAT WEEKEND

May 9 to 11, 2008

Living out the New Story "Each of us must take our place in the unfolding mystery that is at the heart of the universe" Miriam MacGillis, OP Facilitator: Sr. Joan Driscoll, CSJ. To register phone 905 372-2741 or visit their website: www.villastjoseph.ca Cost is \$130.



MAY IS MARIAN MONTH

Still some spaces to fill to pray the rosary at the schools. Please see Fr. Vic to sign up for only fifteen minutes of your time. The rosary is prayed only during school days for 15 minutes at recess.

St. Michael's School: 12:00-12:20 PM

St Joseph's School: 10:48- 11:03 AM

Notre Dame School: 10:08-10:23 AM

PLEASE NOTE 'Voluntary Police Check' is required to volunteer at the schools.

BREAKFAST BUFFET MOTHER'S DAY TREAT

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their breakfast buffet, a week early so all Mothers can enjoy the afternoon off, next Sunday, May 11 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Columbus Community Centre. Adults \$8. Children 5 to 12 \$2.50.

C.W.L. Mother's Day Shower

The CWL will hold their annual Mother's Day Shower at all Masses next weekend May 10/11, 2008. Donations of new or nearly new baby items or cash donations will be accepted at the doors. Items from the shower help support *Alpha House* (a home for unwed mothers here in Cobourg), *Beginnings* (a pregnancy crisis centre) and *Mater Care* (supporting African Women). Please support the CWL's efforts to help support these organizations.

See today's insert regarding the upcoming Spiritual CWL Day.

Also, congratulations to our own Therese May & Carol Lawless who have volunteered to be Treasurer and Secretary respectively, on the C.W.L. Diocesan Council.

FOURTH ANNUAL QUIZ & MAGIC SHOW THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00 -PM GET YOUR TEAM STARTED!

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring this event at the Columbus Community Centre. The competition can be fierce! So stack your team—6 people to a team (\$5.00/person or \$25.00 per table-proceeds to Restoration Fund). Ages high school and up. Come and have an evening of fun. Entertainment provided once again by Peter Thomas. 50/50 draw, and prizes for top table. If you can't make a team, come anyway and we will make one up. Contact Dave Thomas for more info at 905 372-0065.

ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP

Note that there will be no meeting on Monday, May 5 due to the Parish Mission. Youth are invited to take part in this Mission. Next gathering is Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Centre. All youth ages 13 to 20, (and bring a friend) of St. Michael's are welcome to attend. Just bring your enthusiasm! For more information contact Nancy Maguire at 905 372-6476.

ALTAR SERVERS

The Altar Servers form a very important part of the church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. Are you interested in becoming an altar server at St. Michael's? If so, contact Paul Arthurs 905.342-3413

ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY REMINDER:

Just a reminder that flower pots are to be placed in proper flower pot stands, not on the ground. Also, no planting of any kind on the cemetery grounds is permitted.

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OTTAWA THURSDAY MAY 8, 2008

For more information on the full schedule of events May 7, 8 & 9, please call John Meade 905 372-3885.

