

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment, that you love one another."

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter II -- Year B

MON. May 18 *Victoria Day*

12:05 PM † **RAY PRESLEY**

--*Frances & Family*

TUES. May 19

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **JAMES CORMIER**

--*Ursula & Family*

WED. May 20

12:05 PM † **CATHERINE LAPPAN**

--*Legion of Mary*

THURS. May 21

10:00 AM Mass at the Golden Plough

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **JERRY TAVARES**

--*Joan*

FRI. May 22

12:05 PM † **BILL HART**

--*Kathy*

Saturday, May 23

5:00 PM † **LOUIS WOPEREIS**

--*Nellie & Family*

Sunday, May 24

9:00 AM † **ISOBEL MURDOCH**

-- *Don & Loretta Ubell*

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **Ascension of the Lord**

1st: Acts 1.1-11 2nd: Ephesians 4.1-13

Gospel: Mark 16.15-20

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Meade, John Kuchma, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Joyce Hall, Jim Corkery, Alice Heffernan, Willard Cochrane, Marion Maguire, Jack Baggaley, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Bill Vincent, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

REFLECTION

A complete circle of love is found in this gospel reading. God loved the Son, Jesus. The Son loves his followers, and the followers show their love for God through their love for one another. It is clear in this reading that while we are part of this circle, we are only part of it because God chose us to be. Our response to God's choice for us is simply to show our love for God through the love we show to other human beings.

Reflection for Families The lives of parents are very full and busy. It's like juggling apples and catching each falling one to prevent it from splatting to the floor while tossing the others high in the air. But sometimes we need to think beyond the immediate demands of jobs, family, and home. When we widen the circle of those we include in our love, our children see first hand how we live this gospel message. When we reach out to others, especially those who are difficult to love, they learn by our example what Jesus asks us to do in showing our love to one another just as he shows his love to us.

COLLECTION REPORT

∞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ∞

May 3 Sunday Offering \$5740 & May 10 \$5487.

Restoration Fund total for the two weeks \$265.

Thank you for your support!

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues. 19—3:00 pm Screening Committee in P/C

Wed. 20—12:30 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Wed. 20—12:30-7:30 pm BLOOD DONOR CLINIC at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 21—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 21—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

Thurs. 21—5:30/6:30/7:30 pm 4th Degree Social, Dinner & Meeting in Port Hope

Bulletin Insert

Please take a moment to read today's insert regarding The Legion of Mary organization. The group here at St. Michael's is a very dedicated group, who are to be commended for their work.



Pope's Pastoral Works –May 17

...I was hungry and thirsty, I was in need of clothing, shelter, medicine and you helped me...
Thank you for your generosity.

Respect Life Office

"I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made"
(Ps 139:14): celebrating the Gospel of life

Because we have been sent into the world as a "people for life," our proclamation must also become a genuine celebration of the Gospel of life. This celebration, with the evocative power of its gestures, symbols and rites, should become a precious and significant setting in which the beauty and grandeur of this Gospel is handed on.

For this to happen, we need first of all to foster, in ourselves and in others, a contemplative outlook. Such an outlook arises from faith in the God of life, who has created every individual as a "wonder" (Psalm 139:14). It is the outlook of those who see life in its deeper meaning, who grasp its utter gratuitousness, its beauty and its invitation to freedom and responsibility. It is the outlook of those who do not presume to take possession of reality but instead accept it as a gift, discovering in all things the reflection of the Creator and seeing in every person His living image (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:5). This outlook does not give in to discouragement when confronted by those who are sick, suffering, outcast or at death's door. Instead, in all these situations it feels challenged to find meaning, and precisely in these circumstances it is open to perceiving in the face of every person a call to encounter, dialogue and solidarity.

It is time for all of us to adopt this outlook, and with deep religious awe to rediscover the ability to revere and honour every person, as Paul VI invited us to do in one of his first Christmas messages. Inspired by this contemplative outlook, the new people of the redeemed cannot but respond with songs of joy, praise and thanksgiving for the priceless gift of life, for the mystery of every individual's call to share through Christ in the life of grace and in an existence of unending communion with God our Creator and Father.

For information contact: Respect Life Office
Box 972, Peterborough, K9J 7A5 or phone 1-705-749-3926.
Tax receipts given for donations received.

Victoria Order of Nurses

A VON Fundraising Event

All are invited! to **A Victorian Tea at the Victoria Hall**, Cobourg, ON next Sunday May 24, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

~Classic Musical Selections~ ~Silent Auction~
Tickets \$45. (Incl. \$20. Tax Receipt)

Office Closed–Victoria Day!

Just to remind you that Monday, May 18 is a statutory holiday and therefore the office will be closed for the day! Enjoy the holiday weekend.

Ordination -May 24, 2009



The Church rejoices as one of her own is ordained a transitional deacon. Seminarian Jerry Tavares who was assigned here at St. Michael's for 15 months as part of his pastoral

formation, will be ordained next Sunday **May 24th, 2009**, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, here at St. Michael's Church. All are welcome to this wonderful celebration!

Friday, May 22 – 7:00 pm: Holy Hour for Vocations and Preparation for Holy Orders. *Everyone is welcome to this Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.*



Sunday, May 24 – 11:00 am: Mass of Ordination (**Note that this Ordination Mass will be 1 1/2 to 2 hours.**) There will be a reception in the St. Michael's School Gym following the Mass to celebrate Deacon Jerry's ordination. Please join us!



Villa St. Joseph Retreat Center

Sabbath Weekend Retreat Final for the season is scheduled for May 22-24 with only a few spots left. A Day of Stillness for personal prayer days are on May 26-29. Take one, two or three days for a retreat. Also offered is a 7 day retreat from May 22-29. To register call 905 372-2741 or email villa@eagle.ca or visit their website www.villastjoseph.ca *Surrounded by the breaking forth of new life in nature, the Villa offers you the opportunity to experience in your own heart the gift of new life. "May your awareness of God's goodness be deepened in this spring season!"*

Genesis

New beginnings for the bereaved

Genesis-Bereavement Resource Centre, have their Spring edition of their newsletter available at MacCoubrey Funeral Homes. The article, *How to Live Your Dash*, is an uplifting story. If you or someone you know has recently lost a loved one, this newsletter may assist them in the process. Contact 905 372-5132 or visit the website: www.genesis-resources.com