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## ✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter ✠

*May 5, 2024*

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** presents the distinction between a generic spirituality which emphasizes our quest for God, and authentic Christian Faith, which is the recognition that God has sought us out and chosen us in Christ. It is God's choice, his election of us in Christ, as not only his followers, but his friends, that matters most. This proper order emphasizes the importance of our surrender to God's plans and being drawn into them. This is when the real spiritual adventure of our life begins as we take up the life-tasks He has given us, as a mission and expression of love. ~ *Bishop Robert Barron*

**2024 MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA ON PARLIAMENT HILL:** All are invited to participate in this important event to show support for life at all ages and stages. The march through downtown Ottawa begins **on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** Masses and prayer services begin in the morning, a rally on the Hill at 12:30 p.m., and testimonies after the march. Theme "I will never forget you" - details: [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca). Let's pray for all attending the March.

**MAY AS "MARY'S MONTH":** As a "Marian month," May always falls within the Easter season providing us with a reminder of the Blessed Virgin's share in the Paschal Mystery of her Son, and in the event of Pentecost that brought to birth the Church's pilgrim and missionary journey. We pray that, following the example of Mary and with her help, Christian parents will be strengthened as they educate their children in a deep faith so that they may become witnesses to the Jesus the Word of God who is our source of hope, joy and peace.

**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.**

## Sixth Week of Easter

May 6 – 11

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i> ) + Constance “Stanny” Chippure by <i>Marissa Henry</i> Intentions of Carmel Rumleskie by <i>Wayne Rumleskie</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	+ Glenn Allan Prince by <i>Loretta Murray</i>

## + The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord +

May 12, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+ Sr. Mary Gabrielle Prince by <i>Eric &amp; Susan Coulas</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>May 12</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>Joanne Olsen</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.  
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for Emmanuel Afalla who recently received his First Holy Communion.
- that we may be joyful witnesses to the New Life caused by Christ’s Resurrection.
- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*.
- for those who have died, especially: *Beverly Hare, Basil Gutoskie; Marie Nicholas; Francis (Frank) Anderchek*.

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday** - St. Francois de Laval, bishop
- Wednesday** - Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, virgin  
(one of the six founders of the Catholic Church in Canada; patroness of the evangelization efforts in the Diocese of Pembroke and Starflower’s prayer fellowship which supports these efforts)
- Friday** - St. John of Avila, priest, doctor

## **ARE YOU GETTING READY FOR PENTECOST? ~ COME HOLY SPIRIT!**

1. During His last long conversation with His apostles before He died, Jesus promised that He would not leave them orphaned; He would send the Holy Spirit to remain with them.
2. Then it happened! On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in prayer, and the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised came upon them in a very dramatic way. From that moment on, their lives were changed.
3. You, too, can experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit as you open yourself to a further release of the power of your Baptism and Confirmation. The grace of the Holy Spirit is the spark that kindles the new life associated with the Sacrament of Baptism. It assists in making the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation a daily living experience of grace.
4. The Grace of the Holy Spirit brings with it many diverse gifts which are given for the good and service of others. In an address given by Pope John Paul II to thousands of members of different renewal groups in Rome in May 1998, he urged them to "open yourselves with docility to the gifts of the Spirit! Accept gratefully and obediently the charisms which the Spirit never ceases to bestow on us!" Do not forget that every charism is given for the common good, that is, for the benefit of the whole Church.
5. When the power of the Holy Spirit is released in you, you will begin to notice that your attitudes, viewpoints and ways of relating to others are changing and eventually you will become a changed person. Paul describes this transformation by saying: "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness and chastity" (Gal 5:22-23).
6. The prophet, Isaiah, prophesied about the coming of Jesus and that He would possess special attributes. At our Confirmation, the Bishop prays that each candidate would receive these same virtues or gifts. The Grace of the Holy Spirit brings with it a strengthening of these gifts within us. "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: /a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, / A spirit of counsel and strength, / a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, / and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:2-3).
7. Receiving the Grace of the Holy Spirit is not a delightful experience to console us for a moment, but rather a deepening of a new life in and with Christ. We are all in need of His love and healing.

## **LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

**Correction April 21 - Total:** \$2,801.65; (Envelopes: \$1,722.00; Loose: \$124.65; Visitors: \$55.00; Share Lent: \$10.00; Easter Offering: \$35.00; Easter Flowers: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$55.00; E-transfer: \$790.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./97; 10:30 a.m./96]

**April 28 - Total:** \$2,978.00 (Envelopes: \$2,605.00; Loose: \$152.00; Visitors: \$61.00; Building Fund: \$35.00; Seminary Offering: \$15.00; Bishops Appeal: \$15.00; Pope's Pastoral: \$35.00; Share Lent: \$30.00; Easter Offering: \$20.00; Initial Offering: \$10.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./109; 10:30 a.m./91]

**ROSARY** will be recited a half hour before weekend masses in May, the Month of Mary by the Catholic Women's League.

**SCHOOL LITURGIES OF THE WORD:** The children from St. John Bosco Catholic School come over to our church on a regular basis.

**EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

**GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY:** This study continues on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church Hall. For more information, please contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. Feel free to drop-in as you can.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will again have Mother's Day Roses for Life available after Mass on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Cana Colony – Madonna House, Combermere, Ontario: Looking for 4 Activities Coordinators for children and youth at a family camp that runs from June 28 – August 4, 2024. Must be 18+. For more information, please contact Christina Milan, Cana Registrar mhcanacolony@gmail.com or 613-756-3713.

**REV. KEN O'BRIEN – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** on Saturday, May 11. Special Mass celebration will be held at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville, at 4:00 p.m. followed by a formal smudging from the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn. Family, friends and parishioners are welcome to gather for a social and dinner afterwards at the Royal Canadian Legion, Eganville. Tickets are \$40 each and are on a first come-first served basis. Reserve your tickets by contacting St. James Parish office at 613 628-2020, or email Karen at secretarystjames@gmail.com.