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✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter ✠

May 18, 2025

PRAYER FOR THE POPE: Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.
V/ Let us pray for the Pope. R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.
V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant. R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed. *Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be*

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE -- OUR LADY OF COMBERMERE (Madonna House) in Combermere is the designated place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Indulgence **on Saturday, May 31**, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 2:50 p.m. Confessions will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will end with the praying of the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Combermere at 3 p.m., followed by tea. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit the Diocese of Pembroke website.

ROSES FOR LIFE: Today, The Knights of Columbus will be handing out "Roses for Life" lapels before and after Masses. The new design has a red and a white Rose, signifying our opposition to abortion (red) and euthanasia (white). "Your donation supports our pro-life activities. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!"

COFFEE SOCIAL will take place downstairs in the parish hall on Sunday, June 8th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and enjoy a hot drink while catching up with old and new friends.

Fifth Week of Easter

May 19 – May 24

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Fr. Jack Green *by Family*
Friday 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass: *Clifford Chapeskie*

+ Sixth Sunday of Easter +

May 25, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Paul Kuiack *by Rosemarie Recoskie & Family*
+ Frances Cybulskie *by Billy & Lorraine Norlock*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

May 24

Sean Conway

Leona Chapeskie

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

May 25

Beverly Glofcheskie

Terry Recoskie

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

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:

- that God would bless us and the nations of Canada on this Victoria Day weekend as we begin another summer and honor our unique histories which are marked by challenge, struggle and progress.
- for our newly elected Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV: that God will give him the grace to bear the heavy burden of the Papacy as he guides and serves the universal Church.
- that we may stand firm in faith and serve as jubilant heralds of the everlasting message of Divine Mercy and New Life bestowed upon us by Jesus our Risen Redeemer.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Albert Cybulski, Pope Francis, Mayor Mark Willmer.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Tuesday - St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

Wednesday - St. Eugene de Mazenod, bishop &
St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, martyrs & companions

Thursday - St. Rita of Cascia, religious

Saturday - Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau, bishop

NOW HAS THE SON OF MAN BEEN GLORIFIED: We are in the Easter Season which is the time of Jesus' glorification. The Gospel we have just heard reminds us that this glorification is brought about in the Passion. In the Paschal Mystery, passion and glorification are closely bound together and form an indissoluble unity. When Judas leaves the Upper Room to carry out his scheme of betrayal that will lead to the Master's death, Jesus says: "now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified" (Jn 13: 31): the glorification of Jesus begins at that very moment. The Evangelist John makes it quite clear: he does not in fact say that Jesus was glorified only after his Passion, through his Resurrection; rather he shows that precisely with the Passion his glorification began. In it Jesus manifests his glory, which is the glory of love, which gives itself totally. He loved the Father, doing his will to the very end, with a perfect gift of self; he loved humanity, giving his life for us. Thus, he was already glorified in his Passion and God was glorified in him. But the Passion as a very real and profound expression of his love is only a beginning. This is why Jesus says that his glorification is also to come (see *ibid.*, 13: 32). Then, when he announces his departure from this world (see *ibid.*, 13: 33), the Lord gives his disciples a new commandment, as it were a testament, so that they might continue his presence among them in a new way: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (Jn 13: 34). If we love each other, Jesus will continue to be present in our midst, to be glorified in this world.

Jesus speaks of a "new commandment". But what is new about it? In the Old Testament, God had already given the commandment of love; but this commandment has become new now because Jesus makes a very important addition to it: "As I have loved you, that you also love one another". What is new is precisely this "loving as Jesus loved". All our loving is preceded by his love and refers to this love, it fits into this love and is achieved precisely through this love. The Old Testament did not present any model of love; it only formulated the precept of love. Instead, Jesus gave himself to us as a model and source of love a boundless, universal love that could transform all negative circumstances and all obstacles into opportunities to progress in love.

In giving us the new commandment, Jesus asks us to live his own love and on his own love, which is the truly credible, eloquent and effective sign for proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God to the world. Clearly, with our own strength alone we are weak and limited. In us there is always a resistance to love and, in our existence, there are very many difficulties that cause division, resentment and ill will. However, the Lord promised us that he would be present in our lives, making us capable of this generous, total love that can overcome all obstacles, even those in our own hearts. If we are united to Christ, we can truly love in this way. Loving others as Jesus loved us is only possible with that power which is communicated to us in the relationship with him, especially in the Eucharist, in which his Sacrifice of love that generates love becomes really present: this is the true newness in the world and the power of a permanent glorification of God who is glorified in the continuity of the love of Jesus in our love. ~ *Pope Benedict, May 2, 2010*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,422.00 (Envelopes: \$1,953.00; Loose: \$189.00; E-transfers: \$250.00; Visitors: \$30.00). *Thank you for your generous financial contributions to our church as a place of Christian worship, education, mission and outreach.*

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR is being offered at St Lawrence O'Toole Church hall on Thursdays, 7-8:30 PM, May 15-June 26. This 7-week commitment helps to more fully understand how the Holy Spirit works in our lives in order for us to grow closer to God and to bring God's mercy and love to others. To register or for information, call Greg or Mary 613-756-6643.

BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin) on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. These evenings are led by John Morris.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE MONTHLY FAMILY POTLUCK AND ROSARY:

Join us as we gather as families for a potluck and to pray the rosary monthly. Open to all young families. We meet monthly on the 4th Saturday in the parish hall at 5:15-7:00 pm. Please be in touch with Caitlin Rivett-Carnac, if you are interested and to be placed on the email list. Email: caitlinrivettcarnac@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.m.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE INFORMATION: Funds for council operations, the many charities and service organizations the CWL contributes to come from the **Pot O'Gold Raffle revenue**. In 2024 support was provided to: *the Parish (for Word Among Us / Sacramental Gifts/ Parish Social / Masses / Mother's day flowers/projects etc.), a Foster Family, Mater Care, Development & Peace, Catholic Missions, Coady International, Catholic Near East Welfare Assoc., Valley Manor Resident fund and event, SFVHF ER redevelopment, Station Keepers, Public skating, and Catholic Education (St. John Bosco/MVDHS Bursary/Our Lady Seat of Wisdom).* The CWL also organized the collection of goods for the Bernadette McCann house, for the Food Bank and had a team in the Valley Manor Rockathon.

***I have risen
and am still with you***