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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance  
Marriage Course is required

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

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# Mass Intentions for Week



**THANK YOU FROM ECOANSELM** to all who visited our first-ever EcoAnselm Garden Event last Sunday! Special shout out to David Mordecai (founder, Blooming City) for his generosity in providing plants and expert information! As a tribute to Mother's Day and to Mother Earth, packages of seeds, with a quote from Pope Francis, are available on the tables at each entrance (placed near the bulletins). Please collect one as a **THANK YOU GIFT FROM ECOANSELM** for your support of our endeavours on behalf of our Common Home and Peace.

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is MOTHER'S DAY.** We pray for all mothers and for all significant persons who have played a maternal or nurturing role in our lives - may their deepest intentions be heard. We hold in our hearts all who grieve the loss of a beloved mother as well as those who have suffered the loss of a child. We pray for **MOTHER EARTH** who "sustains and governs us" that she may be granted the gratitude, protection and dignity deserved (Laudato Si #1).

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**May – the month of Mary**  
 Honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May began near the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. We acknowledge that she is the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Church and therefore our mother as well. Her particular vocation is to show Jesus to the world and invite us into deeper relationship with Him. She not only prays with us, but prays for us, so that we may know and do God's will.  
 The Rosary is an "old friend" that invites us to reflect on the mystery of Jesus, how He touched Mary's life and continues to be present to His Church. It is a simple and beautiful meditation. The Rosary can be quite calming in times of stress and anxiety, as it brings us into God's loving and healing presence.  
 When we pray the Rosary, especially on May 13<sup>th</sup> (the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima), let us remember to pray for peace, justice and the care of creation.

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Nora Ryan  
 Requested by Theresa Ryan

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Iona D'Silva  
 Requested by Christopher, Aubrey & Melanie D'Silva

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

John O'Callaghan & Deceased Members of the O'Callaghan Family  
 Requested by René Pelletier

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa  
 Requested by the Family

Please pray for Rev. Mr. Matteo Bertozzi, Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi, Rev. Mr. Matthew Tulio and Rev. Mr. Victor Valdés who were ordained to the priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP A**

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge's Provide-A-Meal program will be collected NEXT Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE – this is the long weekend. If you have a casserole but will be away for the long weekend, please make arrangements for drop off at the parish office during the week prior.

**"Help Mums Choose Life for Themselves and their Babies!"**

The pro-life organization **Aid to Women** has been operating in the GTA for over 40 years counselling abortion-minded women to choose life for themselves and their babies. They encourage those women by pledging to support them and their babies the first two years of their child's life with everything from diapers, clothing, car seats, strollers, food and much, much more. Aid to Women will be conducting a Baby Bottle for Life fund raising campaign at (NAME OF PARISH) at all the weekend Masses May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day weekend). They will be handing out empty baby bottles and asking you to take them home and fill them with coins, bills and cheques and return the filled bottles at all the Masses on Father's Day weekend, June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please support Aid to Women so they can continue their very important ministry and say YES to life."

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66****1 Pet 3:15-18****John 14:15-21****"IF YOU LOVE ME"**

Even if we can't trace our heritage back to Adam and Eve, it is clear that we all came from somewhere, and are each born of an incredibly precarious process of combinations that came to fruition in the precise person that each of us is.

But that's only the beginning. The Jesuit paleontologist Fr. Teilhard de Chardin might call our genetic heritage the raw material with which we begin. In a letter to a young friend, Teilhard left us counsel about exercising patience in the process of becoming who we really are and can be. He said, "We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown ... and yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability — and that it may take a very long time." Teilhard's advice offers us a way to think about Jesus' message in today's Gospel. We are still at the table of the Last Supper and Jesus is explaining that soon his followers will not know him in the flesh as they had until the time of his passion. This is a hard transition, their time of instability. Of course, they don't want to let go of what they have, much less face what he has told them is coming. But he promises that he won't leave them as orphans. Of all the things he could have said about what was coming, Jesus predicted that his followers would feel abandoned, like children whose parents have been taken away forever. He knew that his death would leave them questioning who they were and whether they could survive without him. But, as Teilhard would say, that was part of their process of being on the way to becoming something new. Jesus promised that his disciples would not be orphaned because he would be with them in a new way. Jesus was introducing them to the transition from his being *with* them to his *dwelling in* them. In the opening line of today's Gospel, Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." For those who had ears to hear, that short sentence explained the transition he was inviting them to undergo. As disciples, they had followed him, they had learned from him, they had loved him and tried to obey him. Now he was inviting them to a new level, an experience of love that surpassed companionship and discipleship.

The prophet Jeremiah (31:33) promised that God would write the law on the people's heart. Jesus goes further, saying that he himself will dwell in his followers as the Father dwells in him. The idea of indwelling is central to John's Gospel: Jesus lives in the Father, and the Father in him. Indwelling implies much more than saying that God is the primary source of all life. Our biological life and unique genetic code are givens: We had no choice in the matter and did nothing to bring them about. As human creatures, we believe we are related to and loved by our creator — so much that to love others is to love our creator. But that's only the beginning. Jesus takes this a step further, bridging all separation, inviting us to share his experience of union with the Father through union with him. God's indwelling is a matter of mutuality: we must freely choose to accept Christ's invitation to union and desire to live out of the energy we call grace. As we do that, our union with Christ will infuse us with his own motivation as well. Teilhard counsels us, "Trust in the slow work of God." We cannot force what grace and a bazillion serendipitous events acting on our goodwill will make of us tomorrow. We can only trust that they will transform us and our whole world.

**DID YOU KNOW... *The Concluding Rites...***

*We are led to the altar by the cross in the opening procession. We gather as a body and throughout the Eucharist, by virtue of our actions and shared responses, are formed*

*into the Body of Christ. We are about to be sent forth, not as lone rangers but as a community of faith, unified in Christ Jesus. Leaving early separates us from the community. In reality, we are starting our own procession separate from the procession that will be led once again by the cross of Jesus, this time away from the altar and back into the world. We are putting ourselves ahead of those with whom we have just celebrated Eucharist. To wait for the blessing, the dismissal and for the cross of Jesus to lead us out of church and in the closing procession is one final gesture on our part to express bodily what we expressed earlier in the creed: we are "one, holy, catholic and apostolic church." The Concluding Rites take only seconds, seconds that set the tone for how we are to go forth to live the Mass each day of our lives. The purpose of this series was not only to identify the individual parts of the Mass but also to provide ways we can all take those parts, celebrate them and live them in our daily lives until we once more come together to offer praise and glory to God.*

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