



ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Resurrection of the Lord continues to be celebrated as we enter the Fifth Sunday of Easter. (By the way, every Sunday is the celebration of the Resurrection.) Jesus shares with us in the Gospel today, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Our journey of faith is knowing the Father. How do we get to know the Father? We get to know the Son.

Jesus reveals this depth of union between Him with the Father many times in Scripture. He wants us to know the Father. Last week Jesus shared with His disciples by saying, "I am the gate" (John 10:9). Our relationship with Jesus Christ is one of union with the whole Trinity. We come to know the Father and the Holy Spirit as we spend time with the Lord. Jesus reveals to Philip, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). May our Easter journey open our eyes and heart to the Father. The whole work of the Lord is to fulfill the plan of the Father. As we spend time with Jesus in prayer, let us be aware of the presence of God our Father.

The Lord also reveals and gives us a Mother to assist us on our journey of faith. He gives us His own mother: "Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:25-27). At this moment that Jesus offers His mother to the disciple, Jesus offered His mother for all humanity. Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our Mother has continually interceded for us on our journey of faith. Mary watches over us as we mature in the Catholic life. As our own mothers watch us grow up, Mary watches us grow closer to Jesus Christ. Let us remember that the Lord has given us His mother to assist us on our journey of faith. Praise God for this great gift!

On this Mother's Day, let us give thanks to God for the gift of Motherhood. Motherhood is a treasured gift and vocation in the Church. Let us honor our mothers in a particular way today and every day, recognizing the gift of motherhood. May the Lord shower His blessings upon all mothers as they continue to serve their families and the Church. May our Heavenly Mother Mary watch over us and intercede for us. Let us continue to follow her Son who leads us by still waters.

Both parish communities have been entrusted to the special care of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The consecration of both parishes was celebrated on the Solemnity of Christ, the Universal King, which is the last weekend of the liturgical year. May we renew our devotions to the Blessed Mother and ask for her intercession during these challenging times for the whole world. The U.S. bishops with the Canadian Conference of Bishops re-consecrated both nations to the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 1st. The prayer is on the back page of the bulletin. Mary, Mother of the Church...Pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Scott

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

TUE: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

WED: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

THU: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Jn 15:9-17

FRI: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

SAT: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

SUN: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all

to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 9 Sat **Vigil Mass; Fifth Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Deceased Mothers of the Walker & Cosetta Families
 by Linda, Paul & Bethany

May 10 Sun **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Maria C. Cardoso (Mother's Day Remembrance)
 by her Daughter, Leonilda O'Connor

May 11 Mon **Intention of the Priest**

May 13 Wed **Intention of the Priest**

May 16 Sat **Vigil Mass: Sixth Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Henry Mousseau
 by his Daughter

May 17 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Bruce Clift (27th Anniversary)
 by his Family

SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP will burn this week in memory of **Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church.**

FINANCIAL NOTE: Even though public Masses have been suspended in the Diocese of Providence until further notice, please know you may still support your parish via Parish Giving online as well as mailing your weekly budget directly to the parish.

Each week, our parish requires a **minimum Total Operating Revenue of \$3,850.00** to meet our budgeted expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week	Fuel Offering
May 21	Ascension

SAVE THE DATES

Sat, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club Sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant
Sat, 06/20/2020 RESCHEDULED	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

20-WEEK CLUB, Sponsored by St. Joseph Church (formerly known as the 50 Club) tickets are still available! The cost for tickets remains \$50.00 each. Twenty (20) weekly drawings and dinner pending at the Village Haven in Forestdale on **Saturday, June 6, 2020** are included.

Winner Week #16 – Paul Kramarz Ticket #82



A Prayer for Mothers

God our Father, we thank You for the gift of life and the gift of our mothers. Bless our mothers and make their hearts glad. Fill our homes with laughter and love. Grant that our mothers might always rejoice in their sons and daughters. And may they hold their children's children in their arms.

-Most Rev. José H. Gomez

ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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MASS INTENTIONS

May 9 Sat Vigil Mass; Fifth Sunday of Easter
In Memory of Mary Rivet
 (23rd Anniversary)
 by her Family

May 10 Sun Fifth Sunday of Easter
In Memory of Florence LeDuc
 (1st Anniversary)
 by Renay & Todd McLeish

May 12 Tue In Memory of Dora Auger & Pauline Larock
 by Dennis & Elaine Auger

May 14 Thu In Memory of Stanley Misiaszek
 by his Family

May 16 Sat Vigil Mass: Sixth Sunday of Easter
In Memory of Sandy Houle
 by the Connell Family

May 17 Sun Sixth Sunday of Easter
In Memory of Theresa L. Corrente
 (6th Anniversary)
 by her Family

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May 21	Ascension
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Mini-Splits Update

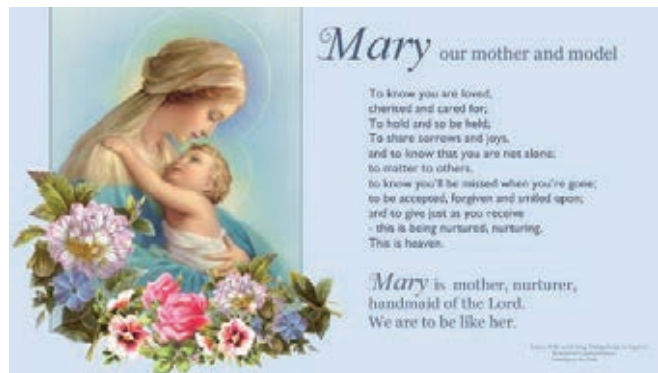
Total Cost	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,910.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,375.00

****Donations to help defray the cost of the mini-splits are still being accepted. If you choose to make a donation, please specify on the envelope that your gift is for HVAC.**

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Sat, 06/20/2020 RESCHEDULED	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

SPRING DINNER DANCE – Sponsored by St. Patrick’s Church has been **POSTPONED** and rescheduled for Saturday, June 20th, 2020. More information to come.



**PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF OUR
CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love.

In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

Archbishop Gomez:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace our nation which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

A Bishop for his diocese:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this diocese which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

A Pastor for his parish:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this parish which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

Families, groups, or individuals:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace us as we renew our consecration to you, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In a special way we commend to you those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation, who console with a mother's love all who turn to you, we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians, who come to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth, we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we make today with confidence, and help us to be your Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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