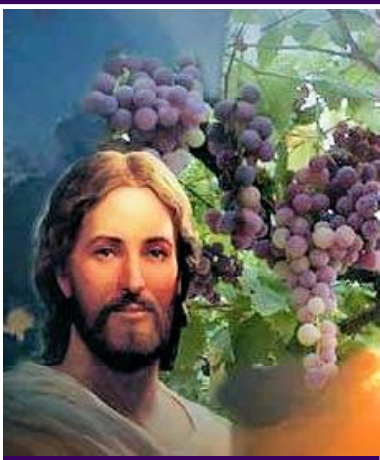


May 2, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I am the vine
You are the branches."
(John 15:1-8)

TIME CHANGE FOR FIRST COMMUNION "ZOOM" CLASSES



At the request of some of the parents of our First Communion children, the time for the remaining weekly Sunday classes has been changed to 11:00 am instead of 1:00 pm, beginning this Sunday,



May 1st and until May 30th. We thank the children and their parents for gathering each weekend and we are grateful to Pam Brusadin, Joleene Kemp and Theresa Matijasik for teaching the lessons. We are also grateful to Pam's daughter and our former parishioner, Jennifer who now lives in Calgary with her family and who is able to virtually assist us with technical support for our gatherings. Jennifer's participation from so far away is another "silver lining around the grey cloud" of the current pandemic!

PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK



The annual "National Hospice Palliative Care Week" begins this Sunday, May 2nd. It is a time to celebrate and share the achievements of Palliative Care. Our CWL meeting today will focus on its various aspects.



"WORDS OF WISDOM"

- ◆ " Always remember that there are two sides to everyone's story."
- ◆ "If after 5 times you don't succeed at something, try something else!"
- ◆ "Ask God to guide your steps, only if you are willing to move your feet!"

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR OUR HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GARDEN

Volunteers are needed to maintain the Holy Family Garden this summer starting on the week of May 3rd. Please contact Rita at: [622-7042](tel:622-7042) for more information and details.
** Our Parish thanks, Rita Legarde and her team for last summer's work! **



CONFIRMATION DAY: LATER THIS YEAR

Our 2021 Parish Confirmation celebration which was scheduled to take place on May 23, 2021 and its rehearsal meeting of Thursday, May 20th, 2021 are both postponed at this time.



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Although the Parish Office is still closed for all in-person meetings, it is open (for phone calls & e-mails only):
Monday to Friday
9:00 am until 12 noon.

THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Last Sunday's Collection (mailed or delivered) ...	\$ 2,700.00
Online Donations (week of April 18-25)	265.00
Easter Sunday Donations (more)	125.00
Share Lent/Good Friday Donations (more)	100.00
Donations for Sacraments/ Services.....	150.00

Several weeks ago, our Parish published new Bulletin covers for 2021, with the photographs of the five oldest stained glass windows, that are currently installed in our Cathedral. Designed and created by various artists for the original St. Patrick's Church in 1893, these five windows were removed from the original church and re-installed in our present building, over 70 years later. In the next three weeks I will use this column to briefly describe the artistic aspects of these "Panes of Faith". This week I wish to draw your attention to the largest of the five, which occupies the place of honour in the centre of our cover, the "Window of the Annunciation". *Msgr. Pat.*

First installed in the Cathedral's sacristy, where it was not visible to most of our parishioners, this richly coloured window was moved and

re-installed in the side prayer Chapel of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The account of the Annunciation in Luke's Gospel which is reflected here conveys the enduring message of hope which the event signalled for God's People.

Details of this 'Pane of Faith'
 .. The Scroll

With the now very familiar words, "Hail, Full of Grace", the angel Gabriel greeted Mary and announced to her that she had been chosen to be the Mother of God's Son. This memorable greeting, which changed the destiny of humankind forever, is inscribed in Latin by the artist, on a scroll which Gabriel holds in His hand: "Ave Maria, Gratia plena".



.. Mary's Praying Posture
 Although in the Jewish Faith, kneeling was not commonly associated with prayer, it certainly is for this

non-Jewish artist. By depicting Mary, in this posture as she carries on a conversation with God through his Angel, the artist reminds us that prayer for us too, should be a conversation with God. The gesture also reflects her humility.

.. Acceptance
 Mary's crossed arms denote her obedience to God's will and her youthful and peaceful gaze, her reflective spirit.

.. A Dove, Flowers and a Halo
 The dove symbolizes God's Spirit overshadowing Mary, the white lilies proclaim her virginity and the spring flowers, new life. The golden halo around her head, reflects Mary's true sanctity and honours her as our Queen of Heaven.



Catholic Women's League

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

.. Our May Gathering
 This Sunday, May 2nd at 2 p.m.
 The gathering will focus on Palliative Care in preparation for the annual "National Hospice Palliative Care" Week in Canada (May 2-10). The link and agenda materials will be provided to you.

.. Mid-May Marian Prayer
 The CWL Diocesan team is planning a Prayer Service in honour of Mary, for May. More details to follow.

.. April Diocesan Newsletter
 You can access this newest publication on the CWL page on this Parish website.

To access more information about these League events, and other documents from the National League Council, go to: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca and click on the C.W.L./K.C. and Men's Group Page.



Knights of Columbus



LASAGNA, TAKE OUT
(For Mother's Day Dinner)
 Thursday, May 5th Pick up from 2:00 - 5:30 pm
 *MUST BE PREORDERD by Wed. May 5th at 2:00 p.m.
 Call: 623-3252

The Centre's April Newsletter
 To access this latest news publication and other K.C. announcements, click on the "K.C." page on this website.