



## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

**Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4.7-10; John 15.9-17**

Today we celebrate the last Sunday before the solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost, which close the Easter season. Throughout these Sundays, the risen Jesus has revealed himself as the Good Shepherd and the vine to which we must be connected as branches, and today he opens his Heart to us completely.

Certainly, in His Heart we can only find love. What constitutes the deepest mystery of God is that He is Love. Everything He has done from creation to redemption has been out of love. All that He expects from us in response to His actions is just love. Therefore, His words resonate today: "Remain in my love" (Jn 15:9). Love asks for reciprocity; it is like a dialogue that makes us respond with increasing love to His initial love.

A fruit of love is joy: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you" (Jn 15:11). If our life does not reflect the joy of believing, if we let ourselves be overwhelmed by adversities without seeing that the Lord is also there present and comforting us, it is because we do not know Jesus sufficiently well.

God always takes the initiative. He explicitly tells us by saying, "I chose you" (Jn 15:16). We might be tempted to think that we have chosen Him, but we have done nothing more than respond to a call. He has chosen us freely to be his friends: "I no longer call you slaves...; I have called you friends" (Jn 15:15).

In the beginning, God spoke to Adam as a friend speaks to his friend. Christ, the new Adam, has not only restored that friendship but also intimacy with God, since God is Love.

Everything boils down to this word: "Love." Saint Augustine reminds us: "The good Master recommends us quite often that charity is the only possible commandment. Without charity all the other good qualities mean nothing. Charity, in fact, leads man necessarily to all the other virtues that make him good."

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#### ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
beside St. Mary Church

### SUNDAY MASSES SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)  
5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

### SUNDAY

8:00 am - OLC (En)  
10:00 am - OLC (Pl)  
10:00 am - St. Mary (It)  
10:00 am - St. Patrick (En)  
12:00 pm - St. Mary (En)  
12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### MONDAY

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

#### TUESDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

#### WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)  
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

#### THURSDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)  
7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

#### FRIDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

#### SATURDAY

9:00AM - OLC (PL)  
*1st Saturday of the month*

### CONFESSIONS

#### OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

1 hr before weekly Masses  
Saturday at 4:00 pm

#### ST. MARY

30 min. before Masses  
Saturdays at 4:00 pm

#### ST PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Saturday at 4:00 pm

## MASS INTENTIONS, May 6 to 12, 2024

**MONDAY, MAY 6** (Catholic Education Week)  
**10:30am** *St. Pius X School Mass (at school)*

**TUESDAY, MAY 7** *Mary of Perpetual Help - Novena*  
**7:00pm** Int. of Stan Gabriel & Family  
† Dec'd members of St. Patrick CWL  
† Kaherine Winter  
† Virginia Cortez Ortega

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**  
**9:00am** † Frank Serratore & Gary Golob  
† Frank Short  
**10:00am** *Blessed Sacrament School Mass (at school)*

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**  
**9:00am** † Juozas, Marcele Riklikas  
† Irene Podgorski

**SATURDAY, MAY 11** (ASCENSION OF THE LORD)  
**5:00pm** *Intention of Parishioners of St. Patrick*  
† *Wendlin Brotzel*

**SUNDAY, MAY 12** (ASCENSION OF THE LORD)  
**10:00am** *Intention of Parishioners of St. Patrick*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS - Collection

This collection, held on the 6th Sunday of Easter, allows Catholics to contribute financially to assist in important work of the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected support the Pope's charity known as Peter's Pence. Two-thirds of the collection of the Pope's Pastoral Works directly supports the pastoral mission of the Holy Father in his service to the Universal Church by funding various institutions of the Holy See and assisting poor and needy. At a time when our world appears to be witnessing a growing number of wars and conflicts that create poverty and great need across the globe, we have the opportunity to collaborate with the Pope in responding to these needs.

### CANADA HEALTH DAY - May 12

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and nurturing the whole earth.

### WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY - May 12

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication and how these influence our lives.

### BITS & PIECES - Family of Parishes

A great thank you goes to everyone that helped us with the **1st Communion** Celebration last Sunday.

This Sunday, May 5 - OLCzestochowa will host First Communion and May 12 - St. Mary's at 12Noon.

The **Easter Season** is coming to an end! Next Sunday is the Ascension of the Lord and the following Sunday the Feast of Pentecost!

Let us honor Mary - during this month of May!

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- May 5- 10

The theme this year of Catholic Education Week, is: "We are called to love". It reminds us that while we are called to serve in different ways, we are called to serve with love and we have the ability to respond in love, for we are first loved by God.

Love starts with listening, to God and to others. Love seeks peace and reconciliation.

During Catholic Education Week, let us all continue to find concrete ways to love God and our neighbor. By our love, they will know that we are followers of Jesus.

Everyone is invited to visit the schools during the Education Week. For your information - there will be Mass at St. Pius X School on **Monday, May 6, 10:30**, B. Sacrament School on **Wednesday, May 8, 10:00am**.

### MASS FOR LIFE - May 8

On Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm at St. Peter's Cathedral, Bishop Ronald Fabbro will be celebrating a Mass for Life, honoring the dignity of life from conception to natural death. Everyone is invited!

### ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL - St. Peter's Seminary

The Annual Parish Appeal for St. Peter's Seminary is upon us. The Appeal is critical to the Seminary's ability to carry out its mission. Support from the parishioners of our Diocese through Appeal raises about 15% of the Seminary's annual revenue, which helps the Seminary to provide an outstanding formation experience, and to remain financially accessible to candidates from our Diocese and from Diocese across Canada.

This year, the Seminary will face some unique circumstances. A large number of Seminarians than is typical will be assigned to parish appointments for the pastoral year. While this is a positive development in so many ways, it poses an additional financial challenge for the Seminary. Therefore, this year's appeal is urgent!

### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE - Cemetery

Mother's Day Prayer Service will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery - indoors - on Saturday, May 11 at 2:00pm at the Holy Family Mausoleum - sitting will be available. Celebrant - Father Adam Gabriel. All welcome!

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Erie Shores South Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting their 8th annual Catholic Women's Conference on May 10/11, 2024. See the poster for details.