



MASS INTENTIONS

May 3-9, 2010

Monday (feast) *St. Philip and St. James, apostles*
1 Corinthians 15.1-8, John 14.6-14
 8:15 am + Aurora Rodrigues – Alice Rodrigues

Tuesday (ferial) *Acts 14.19-28, John 14.27-31a*
 8:15 am - Morning Prayer
 6:00 pm - Reconciliation
 7:00 pm + Jody Oswald – Anne Fischer

Wednesday (ferial) *Acts 15.1-6, John 15.1-8*
 8:15 am + Marie & Wilhelm Mikoliazhk

Thursday (ferial) *Acts 15.7-21, John 15.9-11*
 8:15 am + Anita Petrenko – Stephen & Brenda Tisdall
 10:00 am - St. Timothy School Mass

Friday (ferial) *Acts 15.22-31, John 15.12-17*
 7:30 am - Reconciliation
 8:15 am + Parents – Tony & Alice Rodrigues

Saturday (ferial) *Acts 16.1-10, John 15.18-21*
 4:00 pm - Reconciliation

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15.1-2,22-29, Revelation 21.10-14,22-23, John 14.23-29
Sat. 5:00 pm + Hajdi Edukivichus – Suljak Family
Sun. 9:00 am - Int. of Ingeburg Rieger & children- M. Schroth
 11:00 am + Those in Our Parish Book of Life
 1:00 pm - First Communion Mass
 7:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius

Schedule of Events

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- Monday**
- Celebrating the Word Bible Study..... 9:00 am
- Tuesday**
- C.W.L. Executive Meeting 7:30 pm
- Wednesday**
- Celebrate the Word
 (Pioneer Park Area – call Yvonne at 519-748-6508)..... 1:00 pm
- Thursday**
- Legion of Mary..... 8:45 am
 - Finance Committee Meeting..... 7:00 pm
- Saturday**
- First Communion Retreat 10 am – 12:30 pm
- Sunday**
- Respect for Life Sunday
 - First Communion Mass..... 1:00 pm

Parish Life

PLEASE NOTE...

Members of the Knights of Columbus and men of St. Aloysius will be present all Masses this weekend, handing out **Roses for Life** and accepting donations to help support the Pro-Life cause in K-W. This program is accepted and approved by every Bishop in the Province of Ontario. The Pro-Life cause is to help in the battle against abortion."



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN PICNIC PLANNING MEETING DATE: It will be held May 30 at 1:00 pm.

PROTECTING CREATION: OUR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Spring reminds us of the beauty of Creation and grace of new life. Yet we live in a time of climate change and environmental decline. In the 2010 Peace Day message, Pope Benedict challenges Christians to be peacemakers by protecting Creation and calls for a profound cultural renewal that seeks a harmony between humans' relationship with God and with the rest of Creation. Fr. Jim Profit, S.J., will discuss our experience of God within Creation, our moral responsibility to be caretakers of the Earth and discuss ways in which we can live this responsibility on **Wednesday, May 5th at 7pm**, St. Agatha Church Hall, St. Agatha.

Students & staff of St. John Catholic Elementary School, Kitchener invite the community to a special pre-renovation Open House / Arts Night on Wed., May 5 from 6 – 7:30 pm at the school, 99 Strange St., Kitchener. In July, 2010, St. John CES will undergo a major renovation as step one of its merger with Monsignor Gleason CES.

Much of the historic section of the school will be preserved. Former students, residents of the neighbourhood and entire Monsignor Gleason CES community are encouraged to tour the "old" school and view plans for the "new" St. John – while enjoying the school's annual arts night. No RSVP is required.

The Wloo. Cath. District School Board, represents over 100,000 Catholic school supporters, operates 52 schools and five adult education facilities serving more than 30,000 elementary, secondary and continuing education students in the Region – continuing a tradition of quality, inclusive, faith-based education begun in 1836. For information contact: Gloria Lasovich, Principal, St. John CES Tel: 745-7793.

Prayer Vigil – Thurs., May 6, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, for babies being aborted. Come to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

OFFERTORY REPORT	
300 CONTRIBUTORS . . . (Average - \$16.14)	\$4,843.00
LOOSE	\$1,468.50
Offertory Collection 25-APR-10	\$6,311.50

The St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. will host their **ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA** on **Saturday, May 8th** from 2-4 p.m. at their Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive. There are door prizes, a bake table, a penny table, and of course tea and dessert! This is an open invitation for everyone (men too!) to come out for an enjoyable afternoon to honour our Moms. **Women's Retreat Opportunity:** Be inspired, renewed, and nourished – at Resurrection College, Waterloo, on May 8, from 10 am to 2:30 pm (lunch included). To register, or for information: Anne Jamieson at 905-528-7988 ext. 2251. Presented by the Diocesan Office for Ministry, Family & Religious Education.

K. OF C. MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST - in support of Marillac Place on Sunday, May 9, 2010, Victoria Park Pavilion. Four seating times: 9 – 10 a.m.; 10 – 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. – 12 pm; noon – 1 p.m. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/children (3-14 yrs.), under 2 yrs are free. Tickets available at the door. Advance ticket holders will receive priority seating. For information or advance tickets, please visit www.marillacplace.ca

Mother's Day Brunch on Sun. May 9, 10am -12pm. Turkey, ham, roast beef, sausages, home fries, gravy, rolls, salad bar, coffee, tea & desserts, buffet style. Adult's \$14.95+ tax Children 4 to 10 \$8.95+ tax. All welcome at the Columbus Centre on Manitou Drive. Conestoga Catering

On Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the **Kitchener Knights of Columbus** will sponsor a "Shred It Day" for those who wish to safely dispose of their confidential documents. Bring your papers to the K. of C. Hall, 110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener and look for the "Shred-it" truck.

Fr. Joseph Durkacz's 25th Ann. of Ordination into the Priesthood - Having shared in his priestly and Episcopal ministry by your collaboration, friendship, love and prayers, we would be pleased and honoured to have you join us at a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown **Sun. May 16th at 11:30am**. The Eucharist will be offered in Thanksgiving on the occasion of Fr. Joe's Silver Jubilee of Sacred Priesthood. Following Mass, there will be an "Open House" in the parish hall until 3:00 pm. All are welcome. For more info, please call 905-689-4857.

C.W.L. MAY CROWNING at Blessed Sacrament: Come celebrate the Crowning of Mary on Tues., May 11 starting with Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by guest speaker Joanne Walsler on her Ministry work at the Women's Prison and how it has touched and changed lives of many women.

Knights of Columbus Galt 2184 is organizing a pilgrimage to Rosa Mystica Chapel and House of Prayer in Edmeston, New York. It will be May 29-30. Limited seats – first come basis. Cost: \$85 per person. For booking and information contact: Selwyn @ 519-621-2580; Jack @ 519-241-2853; Paul @ 519-624-5897; Joseph @ 519-624-6198. (see bulletin board)

May, the Month of Mary Paying Tribute to Mary, the Mother of Jesus

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.



May Devotions

This month of devotions in the Church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration of May as a holy month for Mary has been ratified by several popes through the ages. Pope Benedict XV ordered a prayer for peace in 1915 during World War I and Pope Pius XII called for May devotions in 1939, at the start of World War II.

The May Crowning

Perhaps the most well-known of the May Marian devotions is the crowning of a statue of Mary with flowers. This became particularly popular in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with a procession of school-age boys and girls dressed in their finery, following the statue in a procession. In this ceremony, the statue is decorated at its base with flowers and one of the girls would be chosen to crown Mary with flowers. The nineteenth century hymn 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest' is a traditional accompaniment to this ceremony. Its lyrics, 'O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,' sum up what the celebrations are all about.

This practise is echoed on a smaller scale throughout the Catholic world with families decorating a statue or picture of the Virgin Mary in their own homes.

Marian Shrines

Marian shrines also receive particular attention during this special month and, again, are decorated with flowers. Pilgrims sometimes undertake a journey to reach a particular shrine, praying the rosary along the way. The lady chapel of a church or cathedral is often also decorated with flowers during May. Marian devotions have sometimes been criticised by people who misunderstand Catholic devotion to Mary the Mother of God. Mary is not worshipped in the way that Catholics worship God. She is honoured as the mother of Jesus and as a woman free from sin. Devotions to Mary are an integral part of Catholic life.