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## Sunday, May 7th, 2023



### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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Sat. May 6	8:00am 9:00am 4-4:45pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions Mass</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Joseph & Marion Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. May 7	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Jack & Dorothy Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	2:00pm	First Communion
Mon. May 8	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. May 9	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. May 10	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Valentina Tamburri & Frank Ferrara (E. Ferrara)
Thurs. May 11	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Fri. May 12	9:30am	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
Sat. May 13	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	Intentions of Fr. Chad Grennan (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. May 14	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Dorothy Raczy & Helen Lelievre (Raczy Family)

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**

**Offertory April 22nd, 2023 \$1,038.00**  
**Offertory April 30th, 2023- \$2,909.70**  
**Maintenance Total April 2023: \$865.00**

**Special collection for hall renovations**

The hall renovations are going well. A major cost is the flooring. If anyone would like to make a donation to help defray this cost, there is a special collection envelope attached to this week-end's bulletin. Envelopes are also at the back of the church. As always, we thank all parishioners for the many ways you support our parish.

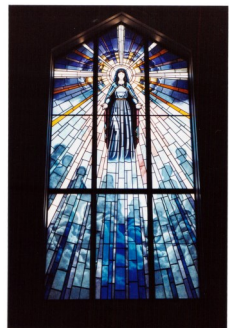
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

**Pope's Prayer Intention Month of May:** For church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



**The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary.** Let us continue to seek Mary's prayers for our diocese and promote devotion to her as Mother of God and the model Christian. The following quote is attributed to the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen: "God who made the sun, also made the moon. The moon does not take away from the brilliance of the sun. All its light is reflected from the sun. The Blessed Mother reflects her Divine Son; without Him, she is nothing. With Him, she is the Mother of men." Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

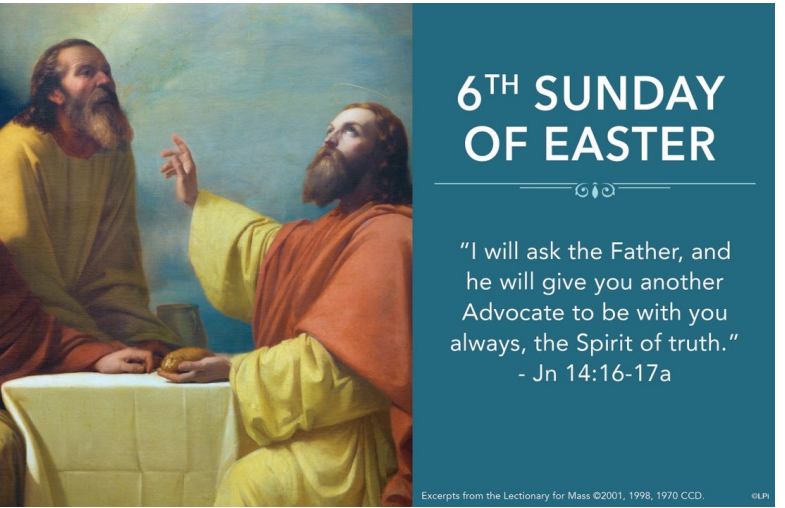
**We welcome in Baptism, Tianna Rose Meier**, daughter of Daniel Meier and Jessica Manuel. May the gifts which Baptism bestow, grow unhindered in us all.

**The Grade Two students of St. Ann School** will receive the Sacrament of First Communion on May 7th. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Male and female He created them. (Gen 1:27)**  
What is a woman? What is a man? Are you confused or curious about gender theory, transgenderism? Are these theories in conformity with the Catholic faith? How does it relate to marriage and family life? Join Fathers Ben Weber and Stuart MacDonald for a six-week catechetical beginning, **Wednesday, May 24, 7 - 8:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria Hall, 3 Lyman St, St. Catharines. For more information please call Fr Ben at 905-684-3964 or Fr. Stuart at 905-382-3826.

**YOUTH MINISTRY—MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL.** Registration forms are at the back of the church. All youth in Grades 5-8 are welcome! **Youth Ministry will be cancelled on Monday, May 22nd for the Victoria Day long weekend.**

## Sunday, May 14th, 2023



Mon. May 15	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. May 16	9:30am	Intentions of Fr. Ben Weber (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. May 17	9:30am	✠ Marilyn Overholt (Bill & Mary Podolyak) ✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Thurs. May 18	9:30am	✠ Felice Forte (Ferrara Family)
Fri. May 19	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Sophia Njambi Anthony (Racz Family)
Sat. May 20	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. May 21	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Angelo Albanese (Vince Addario)

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses**

**The Serra Club of St. Catharines** is hosting a Trivia Night supporting Seminarians, Diaconate Candidates and Religious on Saturday May 27, 2023, at St. Alfred Church (272 Vine Street, St. Catharines). For tickets please call the contact people listed in the attached poster or email [trivia@serrastc.ca](mailto:trivia@serrastc.ca).

**St. Thérèse of the Little Flower** was beatified 100 years ago by Pope Pius XI on April 29, 1923. An Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 11:15am, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls). Everyone is invited.

**Pasta Dinner Fundraiser update**

Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers, we will not be able to proceed with the fundraiser in June. However, we ask that you give some thought over the next few months to volunteering as we will re-visit this in August/September. Thank you those who volunteered and we hope that you will be available in the fall, as well as others needed to proceed. Thank you also to everyone who donated items. We will keep those in anticipation of a fall start up for this monthly pasta dinner fundraiser.

**St. Ann School Trivia Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser:** Friday June 2nd, Fire Station #2, Welland Rd., Fenwick. Tickets \$20 (includes pizza and munchies). Create your own winning team— 8 players per table. More info...905-892-3942.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.



What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "**I will not leave you orphans.**" God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

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We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.



**PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

**Canada Health Day May 12th:** Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. The 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 the nurturing of the whole earth.

**The Pope's Pastoral Works Collection May 21st:** This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for support of the Holy See and its activities. Two thirds is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. "Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid....The old question always returns: "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?" (1Jn3.17)." Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 187.



