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**MAY 5TH,
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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024—Year B



Tue.	May 7th:	Ferial	8:00AM+ Gracie Cowan By Mary & Joe VanRuyven
Wed.	May 8th:	Ferial	8:00AM+Fr. Bruno Bonomi By Aldo Bonomi
Thu.	May 9th:	Ferial	8:00AM+Donald Stankewich By Carmen Stankewich
Fri.	May 10th:	Ferial	8:00AM+Delia & Gaetano Chiavetti By Maflalda Chiavetti
Sat.	May 11th:	Ferial	8:00AM All Parishioners
		Vigil of Ascension of Our Lord	4:00PM All Parishioners
Sun.	May 12th:	Ascension of Our Lord	9:00AM+Stanislawa Siudara By Irene Sinko



Sunday May 5th, coffee social following 9:00 a.m. Mass. No charge, come and socialize.

Tuesday May 7th Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed with Pot-Luck supper and short meeting,, bring husband/partner or a friend.

Mother's Day Tea & Silent Auction, Saturday May 11, 2024, at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine on Miller Road.. Check Poster on bulletin board for more info.

Pope's intention prayers for the Month of May:



For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Pope's Pastoral Work – May 5, 2024



A Special Collection for the POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS will take place this weekend. These donations are used by the Pope to assist those in most need throughout the world and to support the work of the Holy See in serving the Universal Church. Please give generously.



Every year, during the first week of May, Catholic schools across Ontario celebrate the gift of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to support Catholic education in Niagara. Have a wonderful, faith-filled week, everyone.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY



This support group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays) 7 - 9 pm Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls In person and Zoom meeting 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0415 or Email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

- May 13 Navigating Change
- May 27 Self Esteem
- June 10 Who Am I Now
- June 24 Loving & Respecting Yourself

FIRST HOLY COMUNION



The children of the Grade 2 class will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass on May 5, 2024.



THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY. We are encouraging everybody to say the rosary everyday. In our parish we pray the rosary every day at 7:25 on weekdays (except Monday) and 8:25 on Sundays.

May 5th: Remaining in Love

The first reading illustrates that the presence of the Holy Spirit entails overcoming nationalism and closed mentalities tied to rituals estranged from love. Peter crosses the threshold of the house of a Roman centurion, hence a pagan. Despite Cornelius observing the religion of the Jews, since he was uncircumcised, he was considered impure and to be avoided. Peter establishes a relationship with him and discovers that it is possible to live according to justice and follow the will of God even among those who are not Jews. Furthermore, he realizes that the Holy Spirit precedes the action of men, pervading Cornelius' family before it is baptized. This simple episode reveals to Peter and the entire Christian community a truth of utmost importance: the Christian faith, and therefore salvation, is accessible to all, including non-Jews. Thus, Cornelius becomes the first pagan to be baptized. Finally, the passage teaches us that God has primacy over salvation and His action precedes every sacrament; the sacrament seals a salvation already accomplished by God; it must be lived in the community of believers, where the gift of the Spirit continues to grow.

The second reading emphasizes that love is fundamental to establishing an authentic relationship between God and man. Without love, we cannot truly know God. It is important to remember what was said a few weeks ago: in the Hebrew language, the verb "to know" goes beyond mere intellectual understanding and implies a deep intimacy involving the whole person and their relationship with God. Love is essential because God Himself is love and the source of all love. John does not speak of love as a mere feeling. Love is a dimension that requires concrete commitment. God's love has been manifested concretely in the sending of His Son, who became incarnate to give us salvation. Jesus lived this love for us concretely, becoming a victim of our violence to give us the capacity to love without limits. Finally, love does not originate from us, because it is a gift that comes from God Himself.

Continuing with last Sunday's Gospel, where we were invited to remain united with Christ, the true vine, today we discover that remaining is possible in love. Dwelling in love is the condition for living well; without love, we are branches that do not bear fruit, good only to be cut off and thrown away. The example comes from Jesus Himself: loved by the Father, He does not see His earthly journey as a condemnation or a curse, but as an opportunity to participate in God's loving action for human beings. Jesus lives His life as a service that He did not suffer but accepted as a gift and asks His disciples to enter this same logic of love, despite the world not always understanding and rarely reciprocating. In a complex and complicated world, where we often witness conflicts and clashes of all kinds, it is not easy to live this love. Yet, there are no alternatives. It is this free and selfless love that testifies to our faith. It is this love that entails stripping and effort, the surest proof of our authentic encounter with the Risen One. The love required, in line with the second reading, is concrete and entails the ability to give one's life as Jesus did. The capacity to love entails true joy, made possible because love has its origin in God. He shares it with us, people whom He Himself has chosen. Finally, love creates a new situation in the relationship with Jesus because it is not based on duty but on the friendship that He has earned for us with His life, death, and resurrection.

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