

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 26, 2019

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday

6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 7:30pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Tuesday, Thursday

12:05pm 7:30am

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 to11:30am Saturday 4:30 to 5:30pm

Or by appointment

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The Holy Spirit: The Teacher

"Today's Gospel takes us back to the Upper Room. During the Last Supper, before confronting his passion and death on the cross, Jesus promises the Apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will have the task of teaching and recalling [Jesus'] words to the community of disciples. Jesus says: "the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26). Teach and recall. This is what the Holy Spirit does in our hearts.

At the moment in which he is about to return to the Father, Jesus foretells of the coming of the Spirit who will first teach the disciples to understand the Gospel ever more fully, in order to welcome it in their existence and to render it living and operative by their witness. While he is about to entrust to the Apostles— which in fact means "envoys" — the mission of taking the Gospel to all the world, Jesus promises that they will not be alone. The Holy Spirit, the Counselor, will be with them, and will be beside them, moreover, will be within them, to protect and support them. Jesus returns to the Father but continues to accompany and teach his disciples through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The second aspect of the Holy Spirit's mission consists in helping the Apostles to remember Jesus' words. The Spirit has the task of reawakening the memory, recalling Jesus' words. The divine Teacher has already communicated all that he intended to entrust to the Apostles: with Him, the Word made flesh, the revelation is complete. The Spirit will recall Jesus' teachings in the various concrete circumstances of life, so that they may be put into practice. That is precisely what still happens today in the Church, guided by the light and the power of the Holy Spirit, so that he may bring to everyone the gift of salvation, which is the love and mercy of God.

We are not alone: Jesus is close to us, among us, within us! His new presence in history happens through the gift of the Holy Spirit, through whom it is possible to instill a living relationship with Him, the Crucified and Risen One. The Spirit, flowing within us through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, acts in our life. He guides us in the way to think, to act, to distinguish between what is good and what is bad; he helps us to practice the charity of Jesus, his giving of himself to others, especially to the most needy. We are not alone!

The sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit is also the peace that Jesus gives to his disciples: "My peace I give to you" (v. 27). It is different from what mankind hopes for or tries to achieve. The peace of Jesus flows from victory over sin, over selfishness which impedes us from loving one another as brothers and sisters. It is a gift of God and a sign of his presence. Each disciple called today to follow Jesus carrying the cross, receives within him- or herself the peace of the Crucified and Risen One in the certainty of his victory and in expectation of his definitive coming."

Excerpt from Pope Francis' homily, 6th Sunday of Easter, Year. C, 2016

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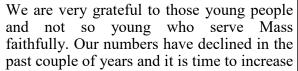
Save the Date - Tuesday June 4th @ 7:00pm inviting all St. Peter's Parish and Community members to come and listen to guest speaker

Kelly Franklin in the parish centre. Kelly speaks on human trafficking and works with organizations such as our local anti-trafficking police units, the Ontario Police College, and victim services. She will be here to educate and provide vital information pertaining to this critical issue and deepen our awareness of the dangers this brings to our society. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by St. Peter's CWL.

4th Annual Parish Picnic! LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!

Sunday, June 9th, 1:00pm-7:00pm; Eastpark Gardens. Please pick up a flyer or see the poster in the Narthex for more details. Sign up in the narthex after all masses. We hope to see you there – it promises to be a fun afternoon. We are looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the picnic. For more information please contact Marian Strom at mstrom@sympatico.ca. Also, there will be a volunteer meeting on Wednesday June 5th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 105 of the Parish Centre.

We Need More Altar Servers!



the number of servers. I know that we have many capable people in the parish who would carry out this ministry with great care. The Holy Spirit is inviting you to offer your gifts to this ministry. We are looking for servers who are about 10 years of age and older. If you are willing to learn more about being an Altar Server please see Fr. Gary, Fr. Jim, Cathryn or any of our Altar Servers. We need your help!

The 11th Annual Bishop's Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities will be held on Wednesday June 12th at the London Convention Centre. This annual event gathers our community with Bishop Fabbro in a "Celebration of Faith, Friendship and Charity," to raise vital funds for Vocations London and St. Peter's Seminary. This year we welcome three-time Juno nominee Emm Gryner with her band. For tickets or sponsorship information, please email Mrs. Frances Barnard at bishopsdinner@dol.ca or phone: 519-432-1414 or 1-888-548-9649, ext. 255.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament - June 22nd

Join us for the 3rd Annual Ivan Shea Memorial Golf Tournament. 18 holes of fun at Maple Ridge Golf Course on June 22nd. Shotgun start at 1:00pm. Golf is limited to the first 144 paid golfers. \$90 each. Includes green fees, power cart and dinner. Early bird special is \$80 if you register before May 25th. Contact Sam Circelli at 519-657-0220 or Pat Hogan at 519-614-3338.

Join the Walk for Life on Saturday June 8th. Mass prior to the Walkathon is celebrated at 8:30am at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Registration is at 9:15am. Walk begins at 9:45am. The 5km route (approx. 1 hr.) starts and finishes at St. Mary's Choir School with a BBQ and family entertainment to follow. The Walkathon is 4LifeLondon's main fundraiser; please walk or sponsor others. For more information, call 519-659-3334 or email info@right2life.ca.

St. John the Divine Knights of Columbus Golf Classic - Knights of Columbus Council 11053 6th Annual Golf Classic Saturday August 17, 2019, 4-person Best Ball Shotgun Start 10:00am Fire Rock Golf Club. Proceeds donated to: The London Food Bank & The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Cost: \$125, includes green fees, cart, driving range, lunch on-the-run, roast beef/ chicken buffet dinner &great prizes- dinner only \$45. Sign up now by e-mail another@execulink.com (Tony Nother) or patcolesberry@outlook.com (Pat Colesberry). Please make cheque payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 11053 Registration & Payment deadline is August 1st @ 3pm. No entries accepted after this date. Further enquiries, please contact: Tony Nother: 519-657-5029; 519-871-5029, Pat Colesberry 519-204-6801; 226-927-0007.



St. Michael's Parish
511 Cheapside Street, London
Indoor Yard Sale
Saturday June 1, 2019
8:00AM - 1:00PM

Next week the pastoral team will meet with other leadership groups from the Diocese of London. The meeting is being held in our city. Please pray for all of us as we gather to assess present realities in the Church, Diocese and our Parish and assess directions for the future. Managing transition will not only affect all of us but also invite all of us to participate in what is needed. You will receive more information on these matters as the days ahead unfold.

As we journey through life we handle the struggles of everyday situations that come our way and at the same time keep our eyes also focused on what's ahead of us. As we have heard often and know, as people of faith, evil in our world — in all its many appearances — will be overcome. The invitation put out to us regularly by Jesus is to not be taken in by false values that will not endure. How does our hope in looking forward to being with God forever influence our lives now? Do we really think good will overcome evil? What signs do I see each day that strengthen my hope in that fact?

For our reflection...."We don't pray to make God present to us. God is already present, always present everywhere. We pray to make ourselves present to God. God, as Sheila Cassidy colourfully puts it, is no more present in church than in a drinking bar, but we generally are more present to God in church than we are in a drinking bar. The problem of presence is not with God, but with us. Sadly, this is also true for our presence to the richness of our own lives. Too often we are not present to the beauty, love, and grace that brims within the ordinary moments of our lives. Bounty is there, but we aren't. Because of restlessness, tiredness, distraction, anger, obsession, wound, haste, whatever, too often we are not enough inside of ourselves to appreciate what the moments of our own lives hold. We think of our lives as impoverished, dull, small-time, not worth putting our full hearts into, but, as with prayer, the fault of non-presence is on our side. Our lives come laden with richness, but we aren't sufficiently present to what is there. A curious statement; unfortunately true....The secret to prayer is not to try to make God present, but to make ourselves present to God. The secret to finding beauty and love in life is basically the same. Like God, they are already present. The trick is to make ourselves present to them...." (Fr. Ron Rolheiser)

Fr. Jim Modlen

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, invites all married couples to attend this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday June 2 at 3pm at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. This special annual mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All

couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. To register, please visit www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary.

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, May 27, Tuesday May 28, and Wednesday May 29 - No Mass or Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated due to the Pastoral Study Days

Thursday, May 30 - 7:30am

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Alfred Mabbayad; Intentions of Olga & Peter Marek & Family

Friday, May 31 - 12:05pm (The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Mary & Brud Harris; Michelle Evert;

Mary & Brud Harris; Michelle Evert; Deceased Family Members of Angela D'Souza

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton, and all those who have died, and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. Piotr Wojakiewicz, C.S.M.A.; Mrs. Shirley Markham, Parish Nurse; Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate; Deacon Christopher Stoesser; Rev. Michael Prieur; Deacon David Robertson

READINGS - SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2019

First Reading - Acts 1.1-11

As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up. Psalm - Ps. 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8 (R.5a)

R. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Second Reading - Ephesians 1.17-23

God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel - Luke 24.44-53

Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

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