

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

- + Luis da Costa & Gilda Ferreira
- + José Moura
- + John Young

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

8:00 am

- + Tomo & Marica Umolac

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

5:00 pm

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

- + Francis Whalen

### FRIDAY, MAY 26 (ST. PHILIP NERI)

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)

- + Ascencao Ferreira

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

5:00 pm

- + Luis M. da Costa
- + Francisco & Filomena Garcia
- + Bernadette Stark
- + Filomena Pereira
- + Helena Soares

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

9:00 am

- + Marjorie Campbell

11:00 am

- for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

**St. Patrick Parish welcomes you.**



### COFFEE SOCIAL

We invite you to stay after the 9 am & 11 am Mass next **Sunday, May 28** for our monthly coffee social in the Parish Hall. This is an ideal time to come together to renew existing friendships and to form new ones. A special invitation is extended to

new parishioners who would like to get better acquainted with St. Patrick's Parish community. All are welcome!

### LAMP OFFERING



Lamp offerings may be made at either the Sanctuary Lamp or at The Lady Altar Lamp. The lamps will burn for one week and may be offered in memory of a deceased person, for the intentions of a living person or as a thank offering. The names will be published in the bulletin. A donation of \$10 per lamp is requested. For bookings July to December 2023, please contact the parish office. Many thanks.

## LAMP OFFERING

May 21 - 27

May 28 - June 3

### SANCTUARY LAMP

+ Audrey Shannon

+ Bob & Caroline Wylie

### LADY ALTAR LAMP

+ The Cordeiro Family

Victims of Addiction

## OFFERTORY

MAY 14, 2023

Envelope Contributions	\$3,865.00
Loose Collection	\$ 817.60
EFT Donations	\$1,043.00
Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i>	\$5,725.60

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 27 & 28

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	J. Kelly A. Kelly	A. Sousa J. Streppel	M. Deska J. Frias
<b>Communion</b>	B. Raghubar C. McArthur	B. Sousa J. Bui	B. O'Brien R. O'Brien

MAY 21, 2023

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

The next Knights of Columbus Galt Council # 2184 meeting will be held at **7:00 pm this Monday, May 29** at St. Patrick Church in the parish hall. All men over 18 years are welcome to attend.

**CHALICE CANADA SPONSORSHIP WEEKEND**

Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. Chalice works closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to provide care for the many children and families caught in the dehumanizing grip of poverty.

Since its inception, Chalice has been restoring hope and dignity to people in developing countries through their sponsorship program.

Deacon Terry Osmar will be hosting a **Chalice Canada Sponsorship Weekend on June 3 & 4**. Deacon Terry will be available in the parish hall after all weekend Masses to answer any questions you might or to assist you in joining Chalice's sponsorship program. All are welcome.

**PARISH BARBEQUE**

Please plan now on attending the parish barbeque that is scheduled for **Saturday, June 24** following the 5 pm Mass. Whether you choose to attend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, the BBQ begins serving at 6 pm on the front patio and lawn of the church. Some tables and chairs will be available, but please feel free to bring a lawn chair. All food and beverages will be provided without charge.

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

St. Patrick's Parish will be starting a youth group for youth Grade 8 and up. The group will meet once a month in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Games, fun and pizza for everyone. Anyone

interested in more information about the group or in joining the group, please contact Marisa Rocha at 519-621-4050 or at Marisa.Rocha@wcdsb.ca



**MARRIAGE**

Jesus made marriage a sacrament. The Church knows that this means that he [ Jesus ] himself will provide the strength to keep the commitment. The hardness of our hearts (*left unhealed*) makes marriage extremely difficult, and perhaps even impossible, but grace softens hearts and works the necessary miracle. A graced marriage opens hearts to a love and joy and peace of which we are not capable on our own. The unmarried can know a divine love and peace and joy, but the miracle of marriage



is that it enables a love neither *merely* divine nor *merely* human. It enables a love inextricably bound to one unique, unrepeatable human person in Christ - a love that enshrines the infinite, so to speak, not only in the Other but in the other, a love that is paradoxically unlimited precisely because it is circumscribed. Source: <http://www.catholic.com/magazine/articles/a-meditation-on-a-mature-marriage>

**CONVALIDATION**

Church law requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a bishop, priest, or deacon and two witnesses. Catholics who have married outside of the Catholic Church are encouraged to have their civil marriage recognized by the Church. This is called **convalidation**. The process does not cost anything, is often not very difficult and always helps the couple live their faith more fully. Please contact the parish office for more information or to arrange an appointment to begin the process of convalidating your civil union.



Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour

**SACRED PLACES**

"The worship 'in Spirit and in truth' (c.f. John 4:24) of the New Covenant is not tied exclusively to any one place. The whole earth is sacred and entrusted to the children of men" (CCC 1179), and all men are sacred and entrusted to God.

This does not exclude setting apart sacred physical places, however. A church building is "a house of prayer in which the Eucharist is celebrated and reserved, where the faithful assemble, and where is worshipped the presence of the Son of God, our Saviour...This house ought to be in good taste and a worthy place for prayer and sacred ceremonial...this house of God...should show Christ. That is the fundamental criterion for Catholic liturgical art and architecture.

It is natural for Catholic churches to be more ornate and magnificent than Protestant churches. A Protestant church building exists primarily for man to pray and worship in, but a Catholic church exists primarily to house and glorify God in the Eucharist (Source: Peter Kreeft's, *Catholic Christianity*).

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Monday	Rev. Peter Meyer
Tuesday	Rev. Emmanuel Olusola
Wednesday	Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)
Thursday	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
Friday	<b>St. Philip Neri</b>
Saturday	Rev. Robert Héту

*Families who pray together, stay together!*