



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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May 14, 2023 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor

Fr. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

(please see inside for weekly updates)

~ No Mass Monday~

Tuesday

Confession 6:30 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mass 12:15 p.m.

Thursday

Confession and Adoration

6:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Saturday

Confession 9:30 a.m.

Mass 10:00 a.m.

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Father Peter.

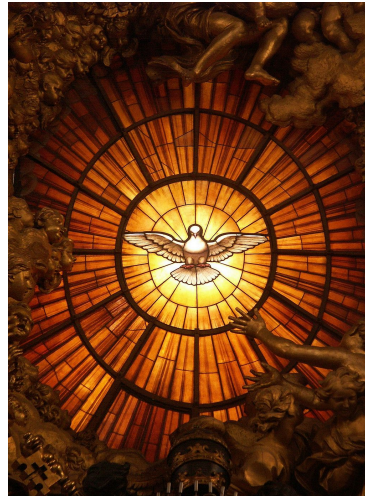
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Keith Jolie - Secretary

From the Pastor's Desk

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever"



In this passage, Jesus was referring to the Holy Spirit whom He was about to send from the Father at that time. Later on, the Apostles by the power of the Holy Spirit began proclaiming the Gospel and performing miracles in Jesus' name; more details of which, we find in today's first reading. This account taken from the Act of the Apostles tells us how Philip was zealous in proclaiming the word of

God and how happy the Samaritans were when they could hear the Gospel. Philip and other Apostles took seriously what Jesus had told them to do when He had sent them out to the whole world in order to proclaim the Gospel, to baptize people and to make disciples of all the nations. The Apostles were very dedicated to their mission. They really believed that Jesus Christ was their Lord and the Saviour of the world and this faith gave them eagerness in preaching, strength in adversities and joy in doing the will of God. Their mission by human means was unmanageable to perform. Yet, the grace of God made it possible and the Gospel was widely spread. The Apostles performed many wonders in the name of the Lord and they cured numerous people. The Acts of the Apostles tell us about innumerable miracles that the disciples of Jesus performed. The example of the apostles encourages us to follow the Gospel with eagerness and joy. In fact, we have at hand all we need to overcome difficulties and find healing. What is it? The word of God and the Sacraments. First of all, the Sunday Eucharist is of great importance because during Mass, our Lord really speaks to us and gives Himself to us in Holy Communion. We should consider the Sunday Mass more a privilege than a tiring obligation.

This Thursday, May 18th, we observe a memorial of Saint John I, Pope and Martyr. He lived in the 6th century. Pope John I inherited the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Italy had been ruled for 30 years by Theodoric the Goth. This emperor espoused the Arian heresy, though he treated the empire's Catholics with tolerance. His policy changed at about the time the young John was elected pope.

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Mass Schedule

~No Mass Monday~

Tuesday, May 16

6:30 p.m. – Confession
7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Vaughn Bell by Maria Diogo

Wednesday, May 17

12:15 p.m. – Mass offered for Fr. Peter on the Anniversary of his Ordination

Thursday, May 18

6:00 p.m. – Confession and Adoration
7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Souls of Jose and Manuel Cordiero by Maria Cordeiro

Friday, May 19

9:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Ellen Lister by the Dunn Family
Eleanor Nespal, Fr. Steve C.P.,
Fr. Robert and Dervilla Patrice

Saturday, May 20

9:30 a.m. – Confession
10:00 a.m. – Mass offered for Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord
11:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish and Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Sunday Collection

May 7 \$ 1,052

In the Parish

Parish Prayer List - Please keep all members of our parish in your prayers, especially we ask that you pray for:

Tony Frisina, Kyle Ransome, Jaime Galego, Dennis Eustace, Giovanna Frisina, Dervilla Dunn, Gord Laviolette, Bernard Jeffrey, Cathy LaBelle, and Apryl Andrade

To update our prayer list, please contact the parish office or put a note in the collection basket.

Parish Registration and Updates - If you are new to our Parish, if you would like a box of envelopes or if your information has changed because you've moved or changed contact information, there are parish registration / update forms on the table at the back of the Church. You can submit them to the Parish office or just put them in the collection basket.

Roses for Life: The Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of All Souls will be offering the mini roses for life in support of the Pro Life Movement against abortion, on Sunday May 28 after the 11am Mass. The proceeds will be distributed among the Pro Life agencies in Hamilton. Thank you as in the past for your generosity and prayerful support!

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When the eastern emperor began imposing severe measures on the Arians of his area, the western emperor forced John to head a delegation to the East to soften the measures against the heretics. Little is known of the manner or outcome of the negotiations designed to secure continued tolerance of Catholics in the West, but on his way home, John was imprisoned at Ravenna because the emperor had begun to suspect that John's friendship with his eastern rival might lead to a conspiracy against his throne. Shortly after his imprisonment, John died, apparently from the treatment he received in prison. John's body was transported to Rome and he was buried in the Basilica of St. Peter.

This Friday, May 19th, the Novena (9 days of prayer) in preparation for Pentecost Sunday begins.

St. John, Pope and Martyr, - pray for us!

God bless,
Fr. Peter

