



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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May 12, 2024 - Ascension Sunday

Pastor

Fr. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m.

See over for
weekday Mass schedule

Office Hours

The Parish Office is open
Tues-Fri 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(closed for 30 minutes at lunch)

In case of after hours emergency
please call 365-888-1275

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

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

Parish Staff

Keith Jolie - Secretary /
Bookkeeper

From the Pastor's Desk



*"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news
to the whole creation. (...)*

*And they went out and proclaimed the good news
everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the message by the signs that
accompanied it."*

Today's passage of the Gospel is often referred to as the Great Commission due to the instructions Jesus gave to His disciples. He commanded them to go to all the world and spread the Gospel. It's a powerful call to action that holds significant relevance for Christians even today. Firstly, it emphasizes the universal nature of the Gospel message. Secondly, the passage highlights the importance of faith. Jesus promises that those who believe will perform miraculous signs, demonstrating the power of God working through them.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord which in Canada and other countries is transferred to the seventh Sunday of Easter. The exact fortieth day after the Resurrection of the Lord falls on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter which was the day when the Lord was taken up to heaven according to the Scriptures. The Ascension of the Lord underscores the divinity of Jesus Christ. As He ascends into heaven, He is not merely departing from His disciples, but returning to His rightful place of authority and glory alongside the Father. This reaffirms our belief in the dual nature of Christ - fully human and fully divine - and His role as the Saviour and Lord of all creation. The Ascension also serves as a source of hope and assurance for believers. Jesus' departure is not a cause for despair but a promise of His continued presence with them through the Holy Spirit. He assures His disciples that He will be with them always, even to the end of the age, empowering them to carry on His work and mission in the world.

This Monday, May 13th, we observe the optional memorial of Our Lady of Fatima which is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after the apparitions to three shepherd children - Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco - at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a town about 120 miles north of Lisbon in Portugal in 1917. The apparitions took place from May 13th to October 13th of that year. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin and a dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through praying the Rosary. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up, she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope St. John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13th, 1981. (cont...)

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 13

Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

6:30 Rosary and Confession

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for Special intention
for Adrian and Paige

Tuesday, May 14

Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle

6:30 p.m. Confession

7:00 Mass offered for the repose of
the Soul of Gunter Lothringen
by Damien Lothringen and family

Wednesday, May 15

12:00 noon – Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
by Maria Diogo

Thursday, May 16

6:00 p.m. – Confession and Adoration

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of
the Soul of Fr. Robert Dunn

Friday, May 17

12:00 noon – Mass offered for Father Peter
on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood

Saturday, May 18

9:30 a.m. – Confession

10:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the repose of
The Souls of James and Josephine Campanella

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday

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

(...cont) In our church there will be on May 13th the Rosary prayer at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

On Tuesday, May 14th, we observe the Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle. According to the Act of the Apostles St. Matthias was selected to replace Judas and was received to the body of the Apostles. He is said to have preached in Judea, Cappadocia and on the shore of the Caspian Sea. Matthias was martyred in the Kingdom of Colchis (today in Georgia).

We keep praying the Novena (nine days) to the Holy Spirit that began last Friday.

Our Lady of Fatima – pray for us!

God bless,
Father Peter

Sunday Collection May 5

\$ 1392

In the Parish

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

Jean Sweeney, Deb Falcao, Tony Frisina, Debra Tydd, Kyle Ransome, Jaime Galego, Dennis Eustace, Giovanna Frisina, Gord Laviolette, Cathy LaBelle, Apyrl Andrade

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

Change for Life - The Hamilton Right to Life organization has started their Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign. If you would like to collect your spare change for this fundraiser you can find baby bottles at the back of the church to put your change in. Please return the bottles before Father's Day.

Upcoming Parish Events:

Parish Celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence - Sunday August 11 - Save the date!

Tickets are still available for the St. Vincent dePaul Lottery - Last year, St. Vincent dePaul raised over \$12,000 through this lottery which went directly to food vouchers. There are 6 cash prizes to be won; the grand prize is \$2000. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and are available from the parish office. The St. Vincent dePaul Dinner Dance is also coming up on May 31st. Tickets are \$80 each. If you're interested please contact the parish office.



Happy
Mother's
Day