

Blessed Sacrament Parish

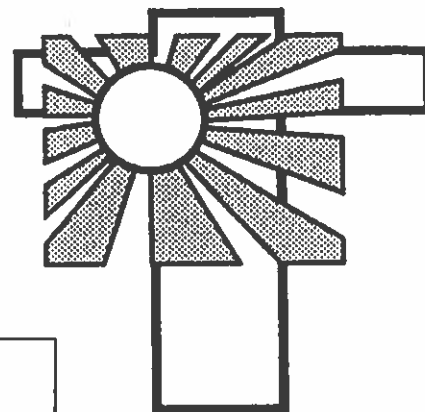
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MAY 21, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TABLE OF THE WORD FOR MAY 28, 2017 ASCENSION OF THE LORD



FIRST READING (Acts 1.1-11): *As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up. As we read from the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, we hear what took place after the Resurrection: Jesus appeared to the disciples, instructed them through the Holy Spirit, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God. It seems some still held misguided notions about that kingdom, based on the question posed about restoring the kingdom to Israel. It is not for disciples to know the times and seasons, but rather to witness to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps.47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8): *God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of trumpet. This enthronement psalm, originally a song of praise as the ark of the covenant was processed into the Temple, will be heard in our proclamation as a canticle of praise for Christ who ascended into heaven. Christ is our king, who reigns over the nations and will return in the same way as he was seen going into heaven. Therefore we cry out with shouts of joy and gladness.*

SECOND READING (Ephesians 1.17-23): *God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven. This two-part reading begins with a prayer for a spirit of wisdom and revelation, resulting in knowledge of Christ, and enlightened hearts, resulting in knowledge of the hope that belongs to believers. The prayer is followed by a statement of faith: Christ has been raised from the dead and sits above all who have earthly power, with all things under his feet. He is the head of the Church which is his body, and is "the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way."*

GOSPEL (Matthew 28.16-20): *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. At the end of Matthew's account of the Gospel, Jesus comes to the mountain in Galilee where he has told the disciples to meet him. Note that the audience of primarily Jewish Christians whom the Gospel writer addressed would likely have needed encouragement to share the Gospel with all the nations (not only Jews). The baptismal formulary, familiar to the original audience, is familiar to us as well. The Gospel ends with the assurance of Christ's enduring presence.*

Source: From the 2017 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays by Liturgy Training Publication



BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to know more about the upcoming readings for Sunday Mass? The Bible Study Group meets every **Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre** to reflect on and learn more about the readings which will be used at the weekend Masses. Everyone is welcome.

REFLECTION

God's commandments offer us life. Following rules is not typically understood as a path to happiness in our culture. Rules might bring us safety (hopefully we see the value in not using our phones while we drive), or keep us free from punishments (we want to live without tickets or prison), but we don't generally expect laws to make us happy. Maybe it is surprising, then, that this is exactly what Jesus is telling us – do what the Father commands and you will find a life of joy. So perhaps you disagree with some of the rules, or maybe you just resent there are rules? What if you looked at your relationship with the rules differently? What if you asked God what you might receive by choosing to follow His commandments? Freed from jealousy, would you want more love? If you weren't busy chasing idols, would you have more time? If you stopped killing your own happiness, might you have hands open to receive God's joy? If your life isn't perfect now, would you be willing to try life God's way?

Let this be our prayer for today: God, who offered us a law that can set us free, teach us to find you in following your instructions. Make us humble enough to trust that your law will always bring us freedom. Amen. Alleluia.

Source: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (National Pastoral Initiative for Life and the Family)

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 20 th	Mass	5:00 pm	+Lawrence & Michael Slobodian by the family
Sun. May 21 st	Mass	9:00 am	Thanksgiving by Giuditta Giancola
Sun. May 21 st	Mass	11:30 am	For the needs and intentions of his parishioners by Fr. Rodrigo
Tue. May 23 rd	Mass	7:00 pm	For good health of Lucy and her family by Lucy Baniuk
Wed. May 24 th	Mass	6:30 pm	For the needs and intentions of his parishioners by Fr. Rodrigo
Thu. May 25 th	Mass	9:00 am	For the needs and intentions of his parishioners by Fr. Rodrigo
Fri. May 26 th	Mass	9:00 am	For the needs and intentions of his parishioners by Fr. Rodrigo
Sat. May 27 th	Mass	5:00 pm	+Paul Kahatapitiya by Yvonne Evans
Sun. May 28 th	Mass	9:00 am	Marie Young's intentions by Susan
Sun. May 28 th	Mass	11:30 am	For the needs and intentions of his parishioners by Fr. Rodrigo

MASS INTENTIONS can be requested not only for someone who has died, but also in thanksgiving or celebration. The donation is \$10 with the money given to the priest for his charities. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

CONFESSION: Fr. Rodrigo will hear Confessions on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm prior to the start of the 7:00 Mass, and at other times upon request.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE for May 27-28, 2017

DATE	MASS COORDINATOR	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR	COLLECTION	GIFTS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	CROSS & CANDLES
May 27 5:00 pm	Marilyn Hill	Maria Santos Michelle Santos	Arlyn Magsabay Brent Yarechewski	Need Someone Alice Tremblay	Zaida Manahan Criselda Lomerio	Emily Chabluk Victoria Arambulo	Caitlyn Shaw Gaby Deacosta Wilson Navoa
May 28 9:00 am	Bob Milks	John Delorme Marge Riel	Paul Iichena Pam Shaw	John Neufeld Amaka Nwakeze Doris Neufeld Brian Carlson	Cresenciano Hilario Ron Aminot	Pam Shaw Estrella Gadian Norma Richard John Vandersteen	Emma Nwakeze Jerry Nwakeze Priscilla Nwakeze
May 28 11:30 am	Tommy Nogot	Romeo Gadian Reine Tahimic	Len Loza Naty Dinulos	Eva Francisco Jim Francisco Maria Sanchez Albert Vermeylen	David Foldart Tanya Foldart	Tony Avendano Carol Engstrom Antonio Barrientos Malou Galpo Darren Yarechewski Cyd Avendano	Gabriel Sanchez EJ Francisco Joyce Francisco

Weekly Cash In-Flow & Cash Out-Flow (May 14, 2017)

Saturday Collection (5:00 pm)	\$ 849.00
Sunday Collection (9:00 am)	\$ 1,693.65
Sunday Collection (11:30 am)	\$ 852.65
Automatic Debit Donation	\$ 735.00
Donation from K of C for Building Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Donation from K of C for Youth BBQ	\$ 150.00
Catechism	\$ 560.00
Misc. Recoveries	\$ 90.00
Baptism Donation	\$ 150.00
Various Mass Intentions	\$ 25.00
Block Rosary	\$ 30.00
Sacramental Wine	\$ 30.00
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TOTAL WEEKLY CASH IN-FLOW	\$ 6,165.30
Less: Estimated Weekly Average Cash Out-flow	\$ 5,441.00
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SURPLUS FOR THE WEEK	\$ 724.30
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

6th Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2017

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

May we remember in our prayers

Simone Aminot	Marcel Tkachyk	Lucy Baniuk
Roland Bonin	Pedro Gregorio	Pedro Tiangson
Tanis Finney	Elda Giancola	Nancy Ilagan
Jennifer Graham	Chamika Livera	Rosa Maria Santos
Louie Torres	Ranjith Kahatapitiya	
Lucia Yanga	Madeline Brennan	
Deacon Robbie Oliveros		

Candles & Lamps in memory of
Paul Kahatapitiya by Yvonne Evans.

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Lucy Baniuk.

Please call the office at 204-224-1669 ext. 5
to add or remove people on our prayer list.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2017



Universal:

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

PARISH LIFE PAGE

Liturgical Worship Ministry:
 Email: liturgyblesseds@mymts.net
 Parish Facebook: www.facebook.com/blessedsparish.ca
Coordinator of Religious Education: Janice Cummine
 Email: catechismblesseds@mymts.net
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Paula Granger
 Email: youthblesseds@mymts.net
 Youth Facebook: www.facebook.com/blessedsyouth

MAY BLESSINGS DURING MASS

Blessing of all sick parishioners
May 20th & 21st
 Blessing of all souls in purgatory
May 27th & 28th

FOOD BANK



Please remember to bring a non-perishable food items for the Transcona Food Bank each week when coming to church. Transcona Food Bank is short of can items and pasta. Winnipeg harvest is not supplying these items to our food bank as they are also short of these items. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope marked "Food Bank" and put in the collection. **THANK YOU.**

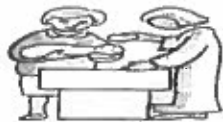
LITURGY COMMITTEE



The Liturgy Committee is looking for 2 more members who will help us in the planning and coordination of our Liturgical Celebrations as well as recruiting and training current and new Liturgical Ministers. If you feel gifted in this area and feel the call to serve please contact **Bob Milks** – liturgyblesseds@mymts.net or call 204-294-5562

THROUGH BAPTISM, WE WELCOME

**SKYLAR ERIC SADIUA
 BRINLEY CHERYLYNN CHABLUK
 KAILA LILY BACOSA-PUHAWAN
 RINA ERNESTINE BACOSA-PUHAWAN
 RAELAN RYDER PATRICIO**



PARISH SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sat. May 20 th	Baptism	10:00 am
Sat. May 20 th	Praise & Worship (El Shaddai)	7:00 pm
Sat. May 20 th	Youth Retreat (Pembina Valley)	
Sun. May 21 st	Youth Retreat (Pembina Valley)	
Wed. May 24 th	Youth Group	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Wed. May 24 th	Bible Study	7:30 pm
Thu. May 25 th	Pre-baptismal Seminar	7:00 pm
Fri. May 26 th	Prayer Group	7:30 pm
Sun. May 28 th	Baptism	9:00 am
Sun. May 28 th	Baptism	After the 9:00 am mass
Wed. May 31 st	Youth Group	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Wed. May 31 st	Bible Study	7:30 pm

**Catechism Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 6
 Saturday Morning from 9:15 – 10:45 am**



**Youth Group for Grades 7 – 12
 Wednesday Evening from 6:30 to 9:00 pm**

PRAYER GROUP CORNER



The Prayer Group meets every Friday evening in the Parish Centre at 7:30. Come experience a deeper relationship with Our Risen Lord Jesus through teachings, songs, worship, community and the spiritual gifts. Individual healing prayers are always available.

Are you feeling the brokenness and bondages of life? Come meet Jesus who breaks our chains and sets us free.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT - An 8 week video series by Fr. Peter Coughlin begins June 2, 2017. All will be welcome for this practical teaching.

Don't leave home without HIM

Contact Bob Milks for information and questions at 204-294-5562

ANNUAL VACATION LEAVE OF FR. RODRIGO

Fr. Rodrigo will take his annual vacation leave starting June 1 to July 7, 2017. In view of this, weekend masses will only be celebrated on these dates. Always check the Parish Bulletin for the mass schedule.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR 2017/2018

Forms are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office and once completed may be returned there.

Early registration is available until May 31st for \$60 per family. Beginning June 1st the full fee of \$70 per family will be charged. In addition, there is a \$25 workbook fee per child.

Sacramental Preparation fees are extra.

Families should familiarize themselves with the Diocesan Policy regarding ongoing catechesis and Sacramental Preparation. Visit the Blessed Sacrament website for more information or contact the Coordinator of Religious Education

SOWERS OF JUSTICE ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

*"What so ever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me"
 Jesus invites us to care for others by doing whatever we can to help meet the needs of those who are less fortunate than us.*

At Blessed Sacrament, there are some simple, tangible ways that your family can practice Christian Stewardship on a weekly basis:

1. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Transcona Food Bank. The Knights of Columbus collect these in totes which are located at each of the doors.
2. Bring some juice to donate to the Gifts of Grace Street Mission to serve along with the meals they provide to the homeless.
3. Bring new pairs of socks which will be distributed to the homeless by the Gifts of Grace Street Mission.

Totes for juice and socks are located by the Social Justice Ministry table at the back of the church.

Please add these items to your regular shopping list.

Let's show our community how much Blessed Sacrament cares by filling our bins each week so that even the poorest and weakest among us are able to have some of their basic needs met.

BULLETIN BOARD

Please remember to check the Church Bulletin Boards for more notices & information about items in the bulletin.

LIFE'S VISION Annual General Meeting (AGM): Tuesday, May 30, 2017

All are welcome to Winnipeg Life's Vision AGM on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 PM, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Burrin Avenue, Winnipeg. At the beginning of the evening, a 12 -minute video will be featured, "Sing a Little Louder", which empowers people to stand up and speak out for Life. Come and meet the board of directors, learn about current and future projects and share your ideas. For more information: Joan, 204 895-7595 or contact Life's Vision: lifesvision@shaw.ca.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH: Catholic Singles Event Friday, May 26, 2017

Come out for fellowship & fun at the Catholic Singles Event, hosted by Mary, Mother of the Church; Friday, May 26, 6 PM at Boston Pizza, 2729 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg. For more information: www.mmoc.ca.

ST. EMILE PARISH: NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Friday, May 26, 2017

For the 3rd year, the Faith and Spiritual Growth Ministry of St. Emile Parish invites parishioners and all interested persons to prepare for the great feast of Pentecost which, this year, is Monday, June 4th. Each person is called to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit by praying the Novena prayer starting on Friday, May 26th. Visit website: www.nsc-chariscenter.org.

Saint-Eugène and Cœur-Immaculé-de-Marie Parishes: Garage Sale – June 3 & 4, 2017

A large garage and bake sale will be held in the basement of Saint-Eugène Church, 1009 St. Mary's Rd., on Saturday June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th. Saturday: 9 AM - 4 PM as well as a hot dog and hamburger sale, 11 AM - 1 PM. On Sunday June 4th, the garage sale will be held from noon till 3 PM. For more information: Carole Cadieux, 204-253-0215. All are welcome.

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH: *Running for Refugees* Saturday, June 3, 2017

All are invited to participate in the *Run for Refugees*, 5 km walk/run on Saturday, June 3, 9 AM; sign-in begins at 8AM; Kildonan Park, Winnipeg. Cost: \$20/adult; \$15/youth; \$50/family. Breakfast bar; race bib and finisher's medal. Registration form available at: www.stalphonsuswinnipeg.ca or in person at 341 Munroe Ave., Winnipeg, 8 :30 AM – 4 :30 PM. For more information: runforrefugeessta@gmail.com.

CANOE/CAMPING TRIPS THIS SUMMER



You are 13 years old or older? You want a challenge while having fun? You are interested in an adventure, in a 3 to 6 day canoe trip with wilderness camping every night? Fr. René Chartier plans to undertake a few canoe trips this summer. There are possibilities for types of trips: the route, level of difficulty and length of the trip will be determined by those interested. For more details and information: Father René Chartier, rccanots@live.com or 204-883-2658.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 7:00 am - 12:00 noon
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 12:00 noon
Thursday: 7:00 am - 12:00 noon
Friday: 7:00 am - 12:00 noon

COMMIT TO KIDS WORKSHOP - Thursday, June 8, 2017

For Coordinators, Catechists, Youth Ministers, who volunteer or work with children and youth, the workshop 'Commit to Kids' will be held on Thursday, June 8, 7 PM – 9 PM, 622 Taché Ave. (in Kateri Hall). Cost - \$10/participant (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). The workshop is hosted by the services of Catechetics and Youth & Young Adult Ministry and this training is one of the required steps in fulfilling the mandated safe environment policy for parishes in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. 'Commit to Kids' is a program to help child-serving organizations create safe environments for children. To register online by May 31st, or call 204-594-0273.

MARRIAGE TIP

A trip down memory lane: Recall the full day of your marriage. Did you go on a honeymoon? Was it exhilarating or exhausting? Remember your first home as a married couple. What did you like best about it? If you are still in it, how did it change over the years? Reminisce together!

PALLIATIVE CARE

We are all invited to a presentation on Palliative Care being offered at St. Alphonsus Hall on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00 pm. The Catholic Health Association will be showing The Compassion Project DVD. After this, their speaker will present information on the **WHO, WHAT, TO WHOM, WHY, WHERE and HOW** of Palliative Care. This information is very important for all Catholics to understand – what it is and what it is not. We need to be able to explain to others the difference between palliative care and euthanasia. We need to be knowledgeable witnesses for the sanctity of life.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Concordia Hospital is offering a 6 week Grief Support Group beginning Wednesday evening, May 24. If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and are struggling with loneliness, hopelessness and uncertainty then you are welcome to join a supportive, safe and confidential group. There is limited enrollment. To register or enquire further, please call Bob Milks at 204-661-7402 or cell 204-794-1913, or respond through email: bmilks@concordiahospital.mb.ca. Deadline for registration is Thursday May 18th.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to your new Church Community!
Please complete this form and place it in the collection basket,
or call the Parish Office at 204-224-1669 Ext 5

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please register me (us) as member(s) of Blessed Sacrament

Wish to have Church Envelopes

We would appreciate notification of Parishioners who have a change of address.