



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday
Easter Season Year B John 15:1-8

28 April



Remain in me



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Benediction follow 9:00 am Mass. You are invited to come and spend some time with Jesus



As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, April 29

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Struthi Joseph

Tuesday, April 30

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Michael Cocucci

Wednesday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Cesar de Guzman Peres

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Co Peter Choolakkal

Friday, May 3

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Ronny Trinidad



Saturday, May 4

5:00 p.m. † Gino Felicetti

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. ♦ In Thanksgiving
Mr. & Mrs Akongwi Nchang

5:00 p.m. † Joe Monteleone

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Pope's Pastoral Work May 5



MAY GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR FAITHFUL
STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection
April 21 \$4,788



Upcoming Marriage

Jay Tolentino

&

Grenadine So

on Friday, May 17,

2024



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of May:

For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, and Seminarians

The Pontiff urges prayers "so that religious, monks, nuns, and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making my day extra special. Your presence, kindness, and warm wishes truly meant the world to me. It's moments like these that remind me of the beauty of our community and the love we share. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for being a part of this wonderful journey together.

With sincere appreciation, Fr. Mathew.

grateful
thankful
blessed



ST. THOMAS MORE GARDENING TEAM

As spring is approaching, we are looking for parishioners to join our Gardening Team and help with the clean up of our gardens and maintaining them over the summer.

There is no specific time commitment but we welcome anyone who can lend a helping hand.

Please contact Anna Racine at 905-358-3412

or rracine37@cogeco.ca if you are able to help or for further information.

Help keep our grounds beautiful.



ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are hosting their charter night and induction of officers banquet.



Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 6 p.m.

7 p.m. dinner

tickets \$40 each or \$75 per couple

kids under 12 year \$10 and under 5 free

Call or text Martin Marko 905 401 5646

or email stthomasknights17273@gmail.com



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

MAY 5 - MAY 10, 2024

Each year, the Catholic

community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, *We Are Called To Love and will be celebrated during the week of*

May 5th – May 10th, 2024.

#CEW2024



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support

St. Thomas More Bingo May 1 & 15.

Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



RADIO MARIA CANADA

Join in the Mariathon 2024 WITH RADIO MARIA CANADA!

Throughout the month of May, we celebrate the month of Mary and join volunteers from around the world to raise donations to open a new radio station. We want to bring the voice and Catholic faith to every corner of the world, and your support is essential to achieve this. Join us in this beautiful initiative, where every donation counts and every action brings us closer to our goal. Together, we can bring the light of faith to those who need it most.

Let's show that solidarity and faith that can change the world! Join the Mariathon 2024 with Radio Maria Canada and be part of this story of love and hope!

Our programming can be accessed online through this website. Just Click on **LISTEN LIVE** and Choose English or Italian

Live Mariathon will take place for each language on:

May 22nd: Spanish

May 23rd: English

May 24th: Italian



ST. CATHARINES' DEVELOPMENT & PEACE DIOCESAN COUNCIL AGM

Come learn about D&P's mission, inspired by the call to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor

Saturday June 1st - 10am – noon (refreshments provided)

St. Julia's Parish (251 Glenridge Ave. St. Catharines)

Agenda to include selection of new executive, review of finances & activities since last AGM + guest speaker

Guest speaker - Fr. Eduardo Soto Parra, S.J.

of Venezuela (via Zoom)

All are welcome - please plan to attend!



THE SERRA CLUB OF ST. CATHARINES

"Heaven Help Us!"

In support of Seminarians, diaconate, and religious Sisters in the Diocese of St. Catharines,

Trivia Night -- Thursday, May 30

Doors open 5:00pm Trivia Begins at 6:00pm

St. Alfred Church, St. Catharines

tickets \$25 person

For tickets, contact Katae (905 407-3994) or online serrastc.ca