



Fifth Sunday of Easter



MAY 2, 2021

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Mr. Bruni by the Enright family • † All the deceased relatives of Monique Perry • For the Intentions of Fr. Paul
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Leona Wilson by Barbara and Kelly Byrne
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	• † Albert Gregson by the family
Friday	9:00 a.m.	• † Tony Hildago by Mon and Chola De Jesus

MAY 9, 2021

Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • † Lise Tougas by Rick and Marie Temelini • † Paul Kennedy by Mom and Dad • † Judith York and her family by Kevin Pidegon and family • † Sandra Faulkner by Cheryl and Guy Langlois • † Lillian Down and † Debbie Meagher by Julia and Luigi Chiarelli and family
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Reconciliation by appointment only

REPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation. - Psalm 22

READINGS

First Reading – Acts 9.26 – 31

Second Reading – 1 John 3.18 – 24

Gospel – John 15.1 – 8



Hawthorn - Hope

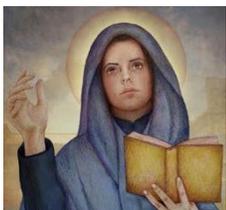
MASS INFORMATION

Current lockdown measures mean that there will be no in-person Masses. Fr. Tom will continue to say weekday Masses for us and our intentions. We will also continue to live stream the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptisms, funerals and weddings are permitted with 9 attendees.

THE PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is currently closed to the public. The staff continue to monitor phone calls and emails.

ST. ROSE VENERINI



St. Rose (1656 – 1728) formed a Rosary group of women in her home and this led to a lifelong mission to educate young women, not just academically, but also spiritually. She founded over 40 schools, and the Congregation of the Religious Teachers she founded, still continues that mission. St. Rose celebrated the Eucharist daily. She meditated on the crucifix and united her suffering to the suffering of Christ. Her feast day is May 7. She was canonized in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers.

REFLECTION

The world is resplendent with spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month in the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality. With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books-Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.

"In the medieval period, the rose was adopted as the flower symbol of the Virgin Birth, as expressed in Dante's phrase, 'The Rose wherein the Divine Word was made flesh,' and depicted in the central rose windows of the great gothic cathedrals-from which came the Christmas carol, 'Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming.' Also, in the medieval period, when monasteries were the centers of horticultural and agricultural knowledge, and with the spread of the Franciscan love of nature, the actual flowers themselves, of the fields, waysides and gardens, came to be seen as symbols of Mary..." Excerpted from John S. Stokes, <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05>.



PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH POPE FRANCIS

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to ending the pandemic by daily praying the Rosary. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

"The initiative is to encourage the *faithful, families and communities* to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read the statement from the Vatican Office. Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on **May 1, 12:00 p.m.** with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at **12:00 p.m.** from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on **May 31** with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH – ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Join us on Zoom or Facebook daily at **9:00 a.m.** to pray the Rosary for the end of the pandemic, as requested by the Holy Father. All are welcome! For more information, email: sjalitcom@yahoo.ca. Click this link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690991609>.

FAITH FORMATION

Enjoy a FREE subscription to FORMED - an incredible online resource with quality Catholic content, such as *Daily Reflections*. Start your day off right. Be inspired and renewed with *Daily Reflections*, a three-to-five-minute video on the day's readings. It can be found on the FORMED website or sent to you as a daily email by selecting <https://formed.org/daily>.

ALPHA

This week, make time to strengthen your relationship with God by participating in Alpha. For more information about this informative and dynamic program, please contact Cathy at cathy.enright@outlook.com or 613 825 4623. St. Augustine is hosting the next Alpha Program, and we are invited to join them on-line. The start date is **Tuesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.** Please follow this link to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXw8v_74IIK_HUU0BEMIPoCa52mlW-r54QbJ8Mxs8PSKPIDw/viewform

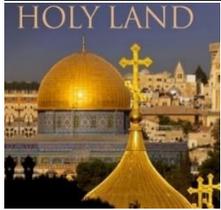


CWL BURSARY

The CWL is sponsoring a **\$750.00 bursary** for a high school student from our parish who will be graduating this year and planning to attend post-secondary studies in the fall of 2021. The deadline for applicants is **June 1**. Applications can be completed online, on the parish webpage or downloaded and mailed to the CWL Bursary Committee, c/o St. Patrick Parish, 15 Steeple Hill Crescent, Nepean, ON K2R 1G2.



DAILY LIFE TODAY AS A CHRISTIAN IN THE HOLY LAND



Paul Bard, a member of the Knights of Columbus from St. Joseph's Parish, Orleans, and Catherine Casserly, from St. Basil's, invite you to join in an open discussion with two Palestinian Christians living today in the Holy Land. Taking place on **Wednesday, May 5, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** Registrants will receive a confirmation with link to join free webinar. For more information, see: <https://www.ottawaforumip.org/>. Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KDF1NtRbSaer7PZTpsNLYg.

THE GALILEE CENTRE PRESENTS DR. DAVID PERRIN

Dr. David Perrin of St. Jerome's University will speak on *The Collapse of Self-Transcendence: COVID-19 and the Reshaping of Meaning-Making in Everyday Life*. This event will be live streamed on **Tuesday, May 4, from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** To register, go to: www.galileecentre.com (upcoming events). Cost: \$10.

VIRTUAL CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

The Christian Life Program (CLP) is a free course intended to lead participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples. There is a total of eight separate sessions, held once a week, starting on **Saturday, May 8, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.** Most sessions include a teaching, group discussion, and a time for fellowship. Register at: <https://cutt.ly/clp-registration-2021>. Call 613-519-0816 or visit www.couplesforchrist.ca for more information.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE WEEK

During the *National Week for Life and Family*, taking place this year **May 9 – 16**, you can visit <https://marchforlife.ca/march-for-life-week-schedule/> for up-to-date information and virtual links to the National March for Life events. EWTN is offering live coverage of March, **Thursday, May 13, 11:30 – 2:30 p.m.** (www.ewtn.com) and the Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral at **10:30 a.m.**, celebrated by Archbishop Damphousse with greetings from Cardinal Collins and Archbishop Lépine.



CAMPAIGN FOR CONSCIENCE RIGHTS LEGISLATION IN ONTARIO

Archbishop Damphousse encourages all the faithful to engage in a new communications campaign launched by the Bishops of Ontario in support of establishing conscience rights legislation to protect physicians, nurses and other health care workers in Ontario. Please refer to the Archbishop's letter and the link for sending automated letters to your local MPPs: <https://en.archoc.ca/current-messages>. To directly access the website for sending letters to your local MPPs, please go to: [Ontario | Canadians for Conscience](http://Ontario|CanadiansforConscience).

MESSAGES FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB)

During this Easter season, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life we have in him, we desire to engage our Catholic faithful on a subject of crucial importance to all of us. Bill C-7 has now become law, expanding euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, known as "Medical Assistance in Dying" ("MAiD"). Link to letter: [here](#). The members of the Executive Committee of the CCCB have published a statement to support the implementation of *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (UNDRIP) in Canadian law. Visit their site to read the statement: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/statement-to-support-the-implementation-of-undrip-in-canadian-law/>

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.

One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. *The Sanctuary Course for Catholics*, an eight-session course—designed for use in small groups and [streaming on FORMED](#)—explores the realities of mental health and illness. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. The Augustine Institute's Brian Truckenbrod will host a conversation featuring insights and recommendations for addressing these most critical issues from a Catholic perspective. [Register now](#) for the webinar taking place on **Wednesday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m.** and hear from Daniel Whitehead, MA, CEO of Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, about the need for faith-based community conversations about these topics.

MENTAL HEALTH WEBINARS

The Stittsville Rotary Club of Ottawa-Stittsville are offering two webinars focused on improving our mental health. On **Monday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** the topic is "*Are your kids, okay?*" with Michael Hone, Executive Director of Ottawa's Crossroads Children's Mental Health Centre; Kevin Clothier, Executive Director of Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth; and Elyse Schipper, Executive Parents' Lifeline (PLEO) who will discuss youth mental health and addiction issues. Register at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEldOitrzsoGN3Duy78lcER4-qRrvERE3Tn>

On **Thursday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**, the topic will be "*Redefining Masculinity*" with award-winning mental health speaker and advocate Ryan Forsyth, who will help redefine what it means to be a "man" Register at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsce6przoqHtLdJyAYGA3anzvNjV1eABPY>

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Should your child need support, the following resources are available in our community:

- Youth Services Bureau (YSB): www.yzb.ca
- Kids Help Phone: 1(800) 668-6868 or www.kidshelpphone.ca
- Nepean Rideau Community Resource Centre: (613) 596-5626
- Ottawa Public Health (OPH) also offers various services to help those struggling with mental health concerns. To learn more about how to talk about mental health, check out [Have THAT talk](#).
- [Parenting in Ottawa](#) mental health page has information about child and or youth mental health agencies. If you have a youth in crisis, contact the [Youth Services 24/7 Crisis Line](#) (24 hours a day/7 days a week) at 613-260-2360.
- Students and families can also contact Kids Help Phone, which offers 24/7 counselling and referral services across the province. To use this free resource, children can call 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868.
- School Mental Health Ontario also has many great resources for students, parents and families on their website at www.smho-smso.ca.



BOOST YOUR BRAIN FITNESS

Chartwell and Fit Minds have teamed up to offer a wonderful and fun educational program for older adults, designed to build brain matter and educate individuals on ways to improve their memory and decrease risk of dementia and depression. Typically, this program would be in person but with COVID, we have successfully transitioned to virtual learning. For more information or to register, please contact Chelsea Bradley at 613-818-7824 or cbradley@chartwell.com

"I want to live as he wishes and I want to serve him as he likes, and nothing more."

Saint Rose Venerini
