

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS May 9 to May 15

Monday 8:30 a.m.	+Hickey Family – Joan Cassidy
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	+Roland Austrup – Margaret Austrup
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	+Jack Hannenberg – Pat Hannenberg
Luther Village 10:00 a.m.	+Adrien Rousseau – Claudette Rousseau
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	+Barbara Bayer – Bayer Family
Friday 8:30 a.m.	+Souls in purgatory – Joan Cassidy
Saturday 7:00 p.m.	+Ferenc Wagner – Wagner Family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Livestream Mass	11:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of our parish
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory Collection for Sunday, May 1, 2022: \$3,680.00
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)
Easter collection\$22,319.00
Building Fund\$3,328.00

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, we honour you O Mary, our dear Mother, how much I love thee! And yet in reality how little! Teach me what I ought to know, for what Jesus is to me and what I ought to be for Jesus. Dearly beloved Mother, how close to God you are, and how utterly filled with Him! We invite you to pray the rosary daily, with the litany to Our Lady of Loreto.

thank you

THANK YOU TO DEACON PHONG:

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to our very own Deacon Phong, as he has been appointed as a permanent Deacon to serve Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown, starting on May 4, 2022. We wish him God's continued and greatest blessing upon his ministry. We would like to thank you, Deacon and your wife Jocelyn for sharing your many talents with our parish for the past 7 years. We will miss you. May God reward you for everything. With prayer, Fr. Rafal



JOIN THOUSANDS AT THE MARCH FOR LIFE in Toronto this year at Queen's Park. On Friday, May 13th, we will call for justice for the unborn. KW Right to Life will travel by Great Canadian bus line from Fairview Park Mall located at 2060 Kingsway Dr. parking lot opposite to Walmart, near Fairway Rd. Departure time 9:00 a.m. Return home by 6:00 p.m. Bus seat \$25. Students ride free. Reserve bus seat(s) now by calling KW Right to Life 519.746.5433 or kwrtl@golden.net

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SMALL FAITH GROUP

invites you to join our living rosary to pray for the needs of the parish and the community.

For May 2022, we are praying for the following:

1. All who carry out the role of mothers, especially for those who are still experiencing Lenten grief during this Eastertide: May they be comforted by our Holy Mother, who understands the role they play in their families. May they find hope and peace through their trust in our Lord.
2. Pope Francis' monthly intention – Faith-filled young people.
3. The sick and their caregivers.
4. The living and deceased members of our parish.
5. The special intentions for the members of our parish.

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming month. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up here <https://forms.gle/RFEREWMj4yA2YjUFA>.



HAPPY
Mother's Day

Mothers' Day Prayer

Gracious God,
we thank you for adopting us into your family
through the miracle of your grace,
and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each
other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:
who cared for us when we were helpless,
who comforted us when we were hurt,
whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for
those who are grieving the loss of their mother,
those who never knew their biological mother
and now yearn for her,
those who have experienced the wonder
of an adopted mother's love,
for families separated by war or conflict.
Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other
so that we can be and become
all that we are meant to be.

Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.



Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND: A special envelope for this collection will be distributed in our parish on the weekend of May 7 & 8. **with the collection taking place on May 14 & 15.** All donations are eligible for charitable receipts which will be issued by the parish. Cheques can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, listing Indigenous Reconciliation Fund in the memo field. For more information, please contact the Stewardship and Development Office at (905) 528-7988 or give@hamiltondiocese.com

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration - The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

May 9	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
May 10	Rev. Pawel Jamroz
May 11	Congregation of the Resurrection
May 12	Rev. George Stortz
May 13	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
May 14	Rev. Robert Hetu

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 140: As the buds begin to sprout and the weather allows us to head outdoors more often, take some time to discuss the importance of God's created world with your children. Point out the connectedness of each of us to nature and our dependence on it to survive. Help them understand that every person is tasked with being a steward of God's world. Explain how we can each participate in caring for nature and remind them that when we each do our part, nature thrives and so do we. From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 120: It is true to say that no two people think exactly alike and that is why being married can sometimes be challenging! What makes complete sense to one person, may not make sense to the other; what one likes the other may not; what is funny to one, may be anything but to the other! It is important for married couples to constantly remind themselves that marriage does not mean you are exactly the same. Allow room for differences and don't judge your spouse on your own likes and desires, but instead try to move together to a more neutral place that you can both live with. And sometimes, agree to disagree! Your spouse has many diverse qualities, embrace them when you can and work to negotiate when you can't, so love will flourish and provide a strong foundation for all of it! From: Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



THE POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS FOR 2022

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.