

# Our Parish Bulletin

May 13, 14, 2017 Year A



## **From the Pastor's Desk:** Reflections on the Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me...I am the way, and the truth, and the life".

The book of the Acts of the Apostles is a recommended great resource for us Christians today, to know the life of the early Christians, the wonderful bond, unity and collaboration that existed among them. Unity of purpose, love of one another, care and concern for the less privileged in the early community, prayer, fasting and preaching of the Word are their distinctive features due to the loving relationship in union with the Lord Jesus and the divine mandate to spread the Good News to the whole world.

The Gospel reading from John, is a familiar passage meant to bring comfort, consolation and hope to the disciples struggling to maintain their identity in the early Christian community; and those of us today, who are struggling with different family problems that sometimes threaten our faith in Christ Jesus. It can also apply to the disciples who are devastated as their divine master was about to ascend into heaven. Their faith, security, survival and safety were very much threatened. Similarly, the Christian can see himself or herself in such ugly and uncomfortable situation today, not only when a loved one, the backbone of the family dies, a loving relationship suddenly breaks down, the news of terminal sickness or the loss of a job etc. In any of such events, the faith community is encouraged to rally around the member in solidarity and moral support.

This situation is always a test of our true faith not only as individuals directly affected but also to the community because like the early Christian disciples, we are bound together in loving relationship; for Jesus is our way, the truth and life. Therefore, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me..." SHALOM !

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "In her motherly concern, the Blessed Virgin came here to Fatima...It is a mother's sorrow that compels her to speak; the destiny of her children is at stake. For this reason, she asks the little shepherds: Pray, pray much and make sacrifices for sinners." - St. John Paul 11.

### **Tribute to all Mothers:**

What a joy to dedicate this special day every year to revere, honour and say a big thank you to our mothers both living and dead. Mother's Day brings smiles to our faces though some times not very pleasant memories especially for deceased mothers. For those whose mothers are alive-cherish them. Love them. We can only say a big thank you to you for accepting the vocation to motherhood. For all who bear the name Christian, the name of our eternal family, let us also honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother today. For her maternal care for Jesus still embraces us who are joined to him. On behalf of our Parish Family, I say, 'Happy Mother's Day to all the mother's'.

**New to one of our Parishes? If so, welcome!** If you would like to become a member of our parish, please fill out a Parish Registration form found at the entrance of the Church and put it into the collection basket.

**Need Prayers:** Request prayers through our Living Links Prayer Chain by writing your requests in the Footprints Book at the entrances of our Churches or calling Germaine Gougeon 204-642-9943. Please ensure the person is aware they are being prayed for.

### **ALL #'S ARE PRECEDED BY 204**

**Pastor:** Fr. Mike Nwosu 642-5040

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**Retired:** Fr. Art Seaman 642-4004

**Deacon:** Philip Durant 389-5824

***if not listed, call Fr. Mike***

### **Funeral Info. & Hall Rentals-St.**

**Michael's:** Angela Zalevich 642-5315

**Funeral Music:** Marilyn Johnson  
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### **Parish Council Chairpersons:**

**St. Michael's** Ernst Stiglmayr 643-5380

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Sonja Dodd 389-3659

**Catechism Co-ordinator**-E. Stiglmayr

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***Preparation is required prior to the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage.***

***◆At least six months notice is required for an intended wedding.***

***◆For Baptism contact Fr. Mike in good time.***

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**http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly\_bulletin.php**

**Mass Times:**

Sat. May 13 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.  
Sun. May 14 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. M.  
9:00 am OLL – Fr. Art  
11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M.

Mon. May 15 No Mass  
Tue. May 16 No Mass  
Wed. May 17 10:00 am Betel – Fr. M.  
Thur. May 18 10 am OLL  
Fri. May 19 10:00 am St. Mike – Fr. M.

Sat. May 20 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.  
Sun. May 21 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. Art  
9:00 am OLL – Fr. M.  
11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M

*During the month of May at OLL the Rosary will be said at 9:30 am before Mass.*

► *Not of our Faith?, please join in our Communion Procession to receive a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing.*

► *The Sacrament of Reconciliation available after weekday Masses at 10:30 am., before or after 5:30 pm. Mass on Saturdays OR call Fr. Mike for an appointment.*

**Misc. upcoming news:**

**OLL** – During the month of May - Rosary will be said everyday at 9:30 and at 8:30 on Sunday – all invited to join us.

**OLL Yard & Bake Sale on July 8** – get your donations ready – they will be accepted just prior to the event. No clothing please. For more info call Joan Siran at 389-3670, Janis Dola 886-2106 or Eileen Dola 389-5332

**Mass Intentions: May 14 St. B. † R.I.P. Ernest Caron req. by Rena Plischke**

**May 21 St. B. † R.I.P. John Malak req. by Eileen**

**May 21 St. M. † R.I.P. Angus J. MacDonell req. by Leona**

**If you would like to be added to any of the church help lists e.g. readers–greeters-cleaners-counters, etc.**

**contacts are:** [phone prefix 204]

**St. Benedict's:** Joan Materuk – 642-8751

**St. Michael's:** Angela Zalevich – 642-5315

**Our Lady of the Lake:** Liz Anderson-389-5251

**Also** ...CWL – Mary Desveaux 642-7733

**Camp Morton Ladies Aid** Rose Marie Hess 642-8678

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ANY GROUP!**

The Camp Morton Ladies Aid ...Thank you again to everyone for your support for our Bazaar \$ amount made was \$3,250 and we still have some perogies to sell. The \$'s will be donated to our ever growing list of needy organizations.

**St. M. PCC – May 25. 6:30 pm**

**National Week for Life & the Family**

**Mon. May 15** Rosary & Mass for Life: 6:30 pm-Rosary; 7 pm Mass at St. Vital Church, 1629 Pembina Hwy. Wpg.

**Tue. May 16** ■ Interactive Video Presentation 'Into the Breach' 7 pm St. Martyrs Canadiens Parish Hall , 289 Dussault Ave. Wpg.

■ Evening of Information on NaProTechnology; 7 pm St. Charles Church, 320 St. Charles St., Wpg.

**Wed. May 17** Biblical Perspectives on Sex & Love in Marriage: 7 pm St. Timothy's Parish Hall – 135 John Forsyth Rd. W[g.

**Thur. May 18** The Joy of Love – Sex. What's Love Got to Do With It? 7 pm Kateri Hall, Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. Boniface, 622 Tache.

Hospodar/Caretaker required for Ukrainian Park located 1 ¼ miles north of Camp Morton on PR222. This is a seasonal position. Generally May long weekend to Oct. long weekend – weather dependant. Contact Ken at 1-204-416-0050 or [Kzulyniak@gmail.com](mailto:Kzulyniak@gmail.com) for further info.

Bulletin Reflections for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter In today's first reading we see the Apostles remaining focused on the ministry to which God has called them. So, to insure that the widows are not neglected, they delegate the task. They instruct the community of disciples to select seven men to serve in this ministry. It is not that the Apostles believed that serving food to the widows was menial work. They instructed the followers to select men of "good standing". The task was important to the Apostles, yet, it was not what God called them to do. Each of us have received gifts for a particular calling. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to discern and live out joyfully the particular vocations to which we are suited.

**SHARING GOD'S GIFTS-2017 ... St. Michael's: \$7,460; OLL: \$3,230; St. B: \$3,160**  
May 7/17 \$2,118.50-28% to Apr. 30 \$1,180.00-37% to Mar. 12 \$784.00-25%

**St. Benedict's Cleaning Schedule - 2017 Please note – different from last week!**

**May 17-22** J. Materuk/B. Franz **May 24-29** P. Tremblay/E. Hill **June 05-10** P. Barnesky/F.Petrowski  
**June 12-17** J.Banera/M. Pytel **June 19-24** R.M.Hess/D.Trottier

**Deacon's Corner:**    **The Dream :**    - By Margarita Rueger.

I always asked God to show me how to live faith, and one night he did, through the means of a dream. It is a few years now since I had this significant dream, which is vividly imprinted upon my mind and in my heart for ever more. I have no doubt it was an answer to my prayers and it made me feel so deeply cared for and loved that I wish now to share it with you. The dream:

"I climbed up a rather high mountain with many other people and as we climbed we did so in silence on a narrow path, one behind the other. I understand that we are pilgrims, when I see a church far away up on the mountain. It is beautifully set on the horizon and I found myself full of expectation and anticipation. I love the mountains and I enjoy the view and the peaceful climbing up towards the church. When we reach the church we all go inside, whereupon I immediately notice a priest who shuts all the doors in what seems to be a definitive manner. He then blocked the doors by nailing pieces of wood on them. Instantly I felt claustrophobic and asked the priest to please open the doors again. I don't like to be closed in; I felt uneasy and wanted to go outside again, but there was no reply from the priest. I looked around and saw a staircase; I ran up the stairs, at the top of which I found a door which opened up onto a balcony; and I stepped out. What I saw, at that moment, was so immensely moving! I saw a beautiful green valley stretched out before my eyes (it does not seem to be the same valley we traversed to come here). At the end of the valley I saw a golden city where everything was so extremely brilliant and beautiful that my heart filled with longing, so strongly, that I could hardly bear it. I was overwhelmed and stood there in total awe for quite a while. Then I could not resist anymore and I cried out "I want to go there!" I felt within myself that this place was Paradise....this place was Glory! It was as if a voice from the shining city called to me..."Come, come, here is beauty, here is love, here is peace"...All at once I found myself hurrying back down the stairs shouting..."How can I reach the shining city...Please open the doors, I want to go to the golden city!" Nobody answered my plea and I found myself deeply frustrated at being denied access to the valley and the city beyond. Looking about me I found myself standing right in front of the altar and there on the altar was a little golden Tabernacle. As I stood, all became quiet, then I felt a peace come upon me as I heard a beautiful voice say..."You know the way. I am the way, there is no other way to reach the place you've seen....come through the Tabernacle, this is the way!" My reaction, I thought..."the Tabernacle is too small to get through...I'll never manage....and then I awoke from my dream just at the moment I doubted I could make it through the Tabernacle. I then understood...Jesus had not only told me that "HE IS THE WAY TO PERFECT JOY... he also gave the way through THE EUCHARIST!

Blessings for your day! .....Deacon Philip.

**On-going Activities:**

**Our Lady of the Lake (OLL):** ▶ Coffee Sunday every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month after Mass ▶ Sunday Scripture Study after Thurs. 10 am Mass ▶ Bible Study Wed. evening. 7-9 pm. All that is required is an open heart and a desire to know more about your faith. A willing spirit to hear other people's points of view and to share your insights and any questions you may have. No prior experience or knowledge is necessary. The group meets in Sandy Hook, is open to all. Call Deacon Philip 389-5824 for a ride or more info.

▶ Rosary will be said everyday at 9:30 and at 8:30 on Sunday – all invited to join us.

▶ OLL YARD & BAKE SALE on July 8 – get your donations ready – they will be accepted just prior to the event. No clothing please. For more info call Joan Siran at 389-3670, Janis Dola 886-2106 or Eileen Dola 389-5332

▶ **St. Michael's (St. M):** ▶ Rosary said every Sunday at 10:30; Prayer & Healing Ministry offers on the spot prayers/sacrament of anointing by the Pastor after Sunday 11:00 am Mass. Contact Karen 642-8456 to arrange.

▶ First Sunday of the month, Lunch Sunday (after 11:00 am Mass)

▶ Third Sunday of the month, K. of C. Pancake Breakfast \$5 (after 11:00 am Mass)

▶ **Hall Rentals:** Parishioners & their families \$50, Outsiders \$75. To book call Angela Zalevich 204-642-5315.

▶ **St. Benedict's (St. B):** ▶ Rosary every Sunday at 8:30 ▶ Mon. 7:00 pm Bible Study/Faith Sharing now is Letter of James. For info. Call Deacon Philip 389-5824

Δ The **CWL** are collecting "**TABS FOR SPECIALIZED WHEELCHAIRS**". Containers for aluminum can tabs are located in the entrance of each church.

Δ **Fundraiser- Sobeys Gift Cards** are available at OLL (after Mass). Use as cash at **any** Sobeys store.

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