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**Gospel Readings for the Week
& Mass Intentions**

Sunday, May 23 Acts 2.1-11~1 Cor 12.3-7,12-13~Jn 20.19-23
 9:00a.m. +Francis & Joseph D’Souza
 10:30a.m. +Josephine DeFlece
 12 noon For the people

Monday, May 24 1 Pt 1.3-9 ~ Mk 10.17-27
Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau

Tuesday, May 25 1 Pt 1.10-16 ~ Mk 10.28-31
St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII & St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
 7:30pm– **Multiple Intentions**
 +Flora Coughlin +Maria Ruskiewicz
 +Fleurette Pinard

Wednesday, May 26 1 Pt 1.18-25 ~ Mk 10.32-45
Saint Philip Neri
 8:30am – +John, Maria & Gustaw Gorzelany

Thursday, May 27 1 Pt 2.2-5 ~ Mk 10.46-52
Saint Augustine of Canterbury
 8:30am – +Ed McKay

Friday, May 28 1 Pt 4.7-13 ~ Mk 11.11-25
 8:30am – +Harvey Orlando

Saturday, May 29 Jude 17-25 ~ Mk 11.27-33
 5:00pm – +Dr. Ronald Tolan

Sunday, May 30 Prv. 8.22-3~ Rom 5.1-5 ~ Jn 16.12-15
 9:00a.m. For the people
 10:30a.m. +Antonio Liotta
 12 noon For the people of Little Buffalo & Dunkin in Alberta, Ontario

In your prayers please remember:

Marie Palleschi, Mary Hallam, and others who have asked for our prayers.

Priesthood

“Call no man your father on earth”. Why then, I would ask, do Catholics address their priests as “Father”? I cringe now, not so much at my misunderstanding of Catholicism as my misunderstanding of the Bible. After years of researching and praying, it became clear to me that the Scriptures indeed present God’s priests as fathers. In biblical religion, a priest is a father – and even more a father than the man you or I might already call by that name “on earth,” our natural or adoptive dads. Let’s begin at the beginning. In studying the Old Testament, we can divide the history of the priesthood into two periods: the patriarchal and the Levitical. The patriarchal period corresponds to the book of Genesis, while the Levitical period begins in Exodus and lasts until the coming of Jesus. Fatherhood is the original basis of priesthood. The very meaning of priesthood goes back to the father in the family – his representative role, spiritual authority, and religious service. The firstborn is the father’s heir apparent, the one groomed to succeed one day to paternal authority and priesthood within the family. From the beginning, priesthood belonged to fathers and their “blessed” sons. As all Christians are identified with Christ, the Church becomes the “assembly of the firstborn”. St. Peter, speaking to the Church, takes up the standard that Israel had lost in the desert: “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people”. Now once again, priests are fathers in the Church, which has now become “the universal family of God”. The apostles, who were Christ’s first priests, clearly saw their own role as paternal. St. Paul asserts his spiritual fatherhood: “For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel”. Paul was a father not because he was married and reared a family; he did not. He was a father because he was a priest: “a minister...in the priestly service of the gospel”. That is the true biblical teaching. Our priests are so much more than managers or functionaries. They are fathers. The sacramental priesthood is not so much a ceremonial function as it is a family relation. Thus, my pastor is father to a large family. Before God, he must take responsibility for thousands of people. His fatherhood is not merely metaphorical. True fatherhood involves the communication of life. As a natural father, I have communicated biological human life – but, in the sacraments of baptism and Eucharist, a priest communicates divine life and the divine humanity of Jesus Christ. Because of his spiritual fatherhood, an ordained priest requires our respect – every priest, in spite of his weaknesses or sins. When God said, Honor your father and your mother,” he didn’t qualify the commandment. He gave no exceptions. When a man fails in priesthood, we should pray for him, confront him privately with our concerns, confront him with other witnesses; and, if all other attempts fail, we should take our case to the bishop, all the while honoring the man, his priesthood, and his fatherhood. This is what children do for their fathers.



Confirmation

Our community congratulates all of those who have received and those who will be receiving their Confirmation.

May the spirit of Jesus guide you in your future ministry.

Fr. John

Rogers Tower

Dear Friends

I have been informed that some literature has been distributed in our neighborhood regarding a new Rogers Communications tower in our parking lot.

This communication did not originate from the parish or Rogers Communications.

This project was made known to our community in the bulletin of March 7, 2010 with an information meeting on March 10, 2010 in the church. A second information session was held at St. Gregory Catholic School on the evening of April 21, 2010. The concerns and requests of the last meeting were addressed and the requested information was supplied by Rogers Communication within a few days of the meeting.

In consultation with a number of parishioners, this project has been in the discussion phase for well over twelve months.

I'm sure many of you are aware that St. Gregory's Catholic Church is a 'landlord' of Rogers Communications and has been for well over ten years where transmission equipment and antennas have been in place, on the south east corner of our property.

The proposed changes are at the request of Rogers to improve wireless services to the area.

Rogers is presently in the process of applying for the required permits and will advise us of any developments. I shall in turn do the same through bulletin updates.



BUNDLE UP WEEK-END

The truck will be in the Church parking lot, **Saturday, May 29th & Sunday, May 30th.**

The Society is accepting the following items: Baby clothes, children's wear, accessories, boots, shoes, bedding, drapes, ladies wear and men's clothing. Please no furniture, appliances, pots & pans or light fixtures.

Religious Education

For a number of months some of our young friends have been preparing to receive Jesus in a special way. As a community I invite you to join them – here in church or spiritually - on the following dates:

First Holy Communion during the regular Masses

Saturday, June 5, 2010 @ 5:00pm

Sunday, June 6, 2010 @ 12:00pm

Please keep in mind that reserved seating is only for the candidates. Family and friends will be seated on a first come basis.



SAVE THIS DATE

All the Ladies of the Parish are invited to the year end luncheon, **Sunday, May 30th** after the 12 noon Mass. It will be a catered affair in the Church hall and the cost is \$20.00. Tickets will be available after all the Masses. Ladies invite your daughters, mothers and friends to join us.

Please bring non-perishable food items. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd will receive donations for new emigrants.

Professional services

On the weekend of June 12 & 13, 2010 after every Mass, in the Parish hall, there will be a number of professionals that include lawyers, funeral directors and others to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding wills and funeral arrangements. Why not take advantage of this opportunity to be informed on a service many of us will eventually need.



2010 Provide-a-Meal

The Provide-a-meal casseroles should be delivered to 28 Reigate Road between now and 8:00pm on Wednesday, May 26th.

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Collection of March 21 st	\$ 50,233.00
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Collection of April 25 th	\$ 69,365.00
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