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Saturday April 29, 2017 <u>4:30 p.m.</u>

+Marg Shea

Monday May 1 - Ferial

Tuesday May 2 – St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Sunday April 30, 2017 <u>8:30 a.m.</u>

+Lucia Valerio

Wednesday May 3 – St. Philip and St. James Apostles

Thursday May 4 - Ferial

11:00am

First Communion Children

+Jose Faller +Gerry Hartery Friday May 5 – Ferial



#### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: CHILDREN MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND



#### **3rd Sunday of Easter**

In the Easter season we hear accounts of our risen Lord appearing to the disciples. Today's gospel is a well-told story and we are challenged to hear with new ears. The disciples are walking to Emmaus, upset and confused, when Jesus appears among them. It is after Jesus blesses and breaks the bread that their eyes are opened and they recognize who is in their midst.

Perhaps we are burdened by sadness or confusion, unable to see God in our midst. We may need to see through a new lens. The disciples recognized Jesus while at table sharing food and drink. Eastertime is filled with opportunities to gather at family tables. As we gather with family and friends, may we begin by thanking God for the gifts in our lives and ask for the wisdom and understanding to see God present in each day.

Today, may we be attentive to Christ present among us. May we recognize him in those we have gathered to pray with, in our presiding priest, in the proclaimed Word, and as we come to share in the Body and Blood of Christ. May the gospel remind us to ask the Holy Spirit to open our minds, hearts and eyes so that we will recognize Christ in our midst and be a sign of Christ's living presence in our world.

Catherine Ecker, Barrie, ON



# CHILDREN'S LITURGY Every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult to the restrooms and all public areas of the Church, at all times.

# FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND....

In our Catholic Faith there are Seven Sacraments which take us from the cradle to the grave. Baptism at the beginning of life and prayers for the dying at the end of our earthly life.

There are Three Sacraments that are understood to be Sacraments of Belonging or joining our Catholic Faith. They are Baptism, Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation. This week-end at the 1100A.M. Mass the following children will receive Jesus in Communion for the first time.

I want to thank our parish Instructors and St. Paul's School teachers for preparing the following children for this important Sacrament.



Ruth

Mylo

Herman

Eva

Alexis

Alissa

Sacha

Eugenie

Amv

Jaydah

Benie

Jared

Antoine

Makenzie

Kenyon

Suwathi

#### **BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into our parish family the following young people, *Dylan*, *Edith*, *Winifred*, *Ava*, *Ryan*. Please keep these little ones, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their journeys of faith.

#### 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

There is a 10 day Pilgrimage to Portugal to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima offered over three dates in October 2017. Lisbon Fatima, Santarem Portugal,

Lourdes France and Barcelona Spain will also be visited. For further details call James Adair at 1-855-564-1008 or email at ilmadair@thecatholictour.com

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER



May 7th is ShareLife Sunday and Bruce Rivers, Executive Director of Covenant House, will speak to our parishioners

regarding their work with youth.



Following all Masses on the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Pauline Book Fair.



Join Fr. Smith downstairs in the Breakfast Club room, after all Masses, the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup> for conversation & light refreshments.



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