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## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 9/10

May 22/23

Oct 23/24

Feb 13/14

June 26/27

Nov 13/14

No March Baptisms

Aug 14/15

Dec 11/12

April 17/18

Sept 18/19

## Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

## Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

## Pastoral Council

Chairperson	Laura Rossiter	905-546-0781
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## Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or call:

Father Bob Liddy, C.R.  
519-885-0331 ext 312  
Sister Mary McIntyre, C.S.J.  
905-528-0138

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### LAY MINISTERS for MAY 1 / 2

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Rose O'Connor Lynda Narducci Phyllis DeRosa Koetting	Verdi Gough Larry Gough Mary Tompkins	Bill DiFrancesco Andrea Wade Josie Shea
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Margaret Moran Joanne Venzon David O'Connor	Ted Dekker Phyllis Dwyer Sandy Mlekuz Maria Ennett	Betty and Cam Howey Diane Shea Aniko Ivanyi Bernice Clark
<b>Servers</b>	Paul Agresta Christian Mattina Solana Mattina	Natalie Zidanic Grace Zidanic Mikayla McCollum	Larissa Reid Andrew Linger Catherine Linger

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

**Ladies mark your calendar** for our annual Pot Luck Supper, which will be on Monday, **April 26** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We'd love to try your favorite recipe and have you take home some new favorites. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

**Did you know....?** The village of Engelberg today is the leading Alpine resort in Switzerland, but during the Middle Ages it was known for the educational accomplishments of its Benedictine monastery, Engelberg Abbey, whose school was well-known and regarded throughout the country. It is likely this earlier claim to fame that led the Irish-born composer, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, to name one of his hymn tunes after this popular tourist destination.

Born in Dublin in 1852, Stanford spent most of his life in England, where he had a successful career as a choral conductor, teacher, and composer. His prestigious musical posts included professor of composition at the Royal College of Music, conductor of the Bach Choir, professor of music at Cambridge, and conductor of the Leeds Philharmonic Society. Knighted in 1902, Sir Charles produced over 200 compositions in all the major genres, including symphonies, operas, concertos, choral music, and *Engelberg*, the tune that we sing this weekend as the closing hymn at the 5:00 and 11:30 Masses.

**Upcoming Choral Concert:** On Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 PM, our Parish Choir will be joined by the choir of Richmond Hill United Church for a concert in the church. The program will include a variety of choral music, from 16<sup>th</sup> century Latin motets to modern sacred music and spirituals. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be received. Everyone is welcome, so please mark your calendars and invite a guest.

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is time to start thinking about enjoying some social time with some of your fellow parishioners. We have booked Knollwood Golf Course for Sunday, **June 13<sup>th</sup>** for our annual golf tournament. Details will be coming. As we play a "best ball" tournament, everyone can contribute to their team's success, no matter what their handicap is. Please mark your calendars now, as we know how quickly weekends in June fill up.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2010** will be celebrated from May 2 to May 7. This year's theme, "*Catholic Education*" *Rejoicing in Hope*, comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always... and the God of Peace will be with you" (Phil 4:4,9). During this week, schools will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with special prayers and presentations. We ask that the parish continue to pray for our Catholic schools, that they may be marked by God's hope and joy. Contact your local Catholic school for more details.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

**HAVE YOUR COFFEE SAY THIS SUNDAY.** - Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses: besides the usual treats, this month from the Home and School group, and the monthly sale of Fair Trade coffees, teas, and chocolate products, there will be a blind taste test of regular and decaf coffee from our present Toronto roaster and from one of the local roasters of Fair Trade coffee that has sprung up in the past year or two. The Social Justice Committee wants your input on whether you prefer our present coffees or the local alternative. Based on your responses to our survey today, we may decide to switch to a local supplier as soon as next month's Coffee Sunday.

**A free trade agreement** between Canada and Columbia is now making its way through the House of Commons.

The Columbian human rights lawyer Yessika Hoyos Morales told a parliamentary subcommittee on human rights: "The security situation has worsened in Columbia. It has not improved at all." In 2009, there was "a dramatic surge" in homicides (2,178) committed by paramilitary groups in Medellin. They also fought for control of the drug trade, raped and forced the displacement of several hundred families.

Hoyas also described the continuing rise in the murders of trade unionists including her own father. He was one of 2,709 union activists gunned down since 1986. Trade unionists tend to be advocates for working Columbians, an unofficial opposition to powerful political and corporate interests.

A recent Amnesty International study found that more than 60% of people forced from their homes and land come from areas of mineral, agricultural and other economic importance. The fighting has provided a useful cover for those seeking to expand and protect economic interests. Canada should not allow trade and investment to worsen the situation by allowing Canadian companies to profit from land grabs.

In 2008, the all-party parliamentary trade committee tabled a report urging the government to undertake a comprehensive rights review. Shortly after, Tory MP Gerald Keddy withdrew the support of Conservative committee members for such a review.

If Canada signs the trade agreement with Columbia we will be backing a regime of human rights violators under President Alvaro Uribe. You can write to your MP about the need for a comprehensive impact study before the signing of the trade agreement.



**The Offertory Collection for April 17 / 18 was \$5,978.73.**  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**MONDAY, APRIL 26**

8:00 Edward & Theophile Allain Ella Allain  
 In Honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel  
 St Joseph Parish Catholic Women's League

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27**

8:00 Charles Frederich Elza Tomas

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**

8:00 Pat Ewart Carol & Don Smith

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

8:00 Jim Higgins Sr. The Higgins Family

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30**

8:00 Peder Larsen Polly & Ray Plant

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**

5:00 Anne O'Brien Ted O'Brien  
 Bill Ormond Margaret Moran

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**

9:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish  
 11:30 Frances Lillis The Family  
 Nicola Lombardo Vicky Scozzaro & Family

us is not in as much control as we may think or hope. More than once lately, I have been reminded of that old joke: "You know what happens when you tell God your plans? God laughs."

That joke was as true for the early church as it is for us today and, I am sure, for all those believers in-between then and now. The security we have cannot be in our attempt at organizing and controlling life, trying to coral the spirit. God scribbles outside the lines we draw. Our peace, our hope, our security must be found in the God who loves us, forgives us, holds us in being, guides us like a shepherd and longs for our wholeness, happiness and joy.

Like those who struggled and worked the Spirit in shaping the early church, we too need to trust in the same presence of the Spirit in our daily lives. We may not understand what is going on or be in control of what is unfolding but God certainly understands and is in control. What we must pray for, as the late Henri Nouwen wrote, is for enough light for the next step. That's all we need . . . no more, no less.

**WE CONGRATULATE** Jaime Tyleman who received her First Communion last weekend. May God bless you and all the young people who will receive their First Communion this weekend.

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**Desk Scribbles . . . 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Easter . . . April 25, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.**  
 Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rev 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

Make no mistake about it, the early days of the church were far from peaceful. Most of the first believers were still practising their Jewish faith until it became clear that their belief in Jesus was moving them outside the boundaries of formal Judaism and temple worship. There were also no manuals to consult or books of reference. Prayer, a shared life and mutual support, open consultation, and shared wisdom were what they brought to the table to face the many questions that arose and to brace themselves for the persecutions that erupted from the rule of the Roman Emperor Nero and those that followed him. Paul's conversion to Christianity and his mission to bring preach to the Gentiles added a whole new challenge to these early days. Yet they persisted, one day at a time.

In our second reading this Sunday, John the Seer envisions the ultimate day of victory and salvation. This is the day as we sing of in one of our Easter hymns when: "The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung!" And in the gospel we are reassured as followers of Jesus that he will lead us to the pastures of life as our Good Shepherd.

Practically speaking, how does any of this apply to our lives? I received a call the other day from the surgeon's office that I have a date for my hip surgery. The first date they gave me was not going to work well ---- not that it was totally unworkable but I called to see if I could adjust the date to a better calendar space. So, now I am scheduled for the third week of July. All things being equal, it will allow me to recuperate for the last part of July and most of August. Thinking about my upcoming surgery and many other things that are happening in the life of other people in our St. Joseph's community, I realized that life for all of

**St. Joseph Pastoral Council  
 Nominations**

**Three new members are needed for September 2010 to replace outgoing members of the Pastoral Council.**

**\*Members attend a monthly meeting (summers excluded) as well as various ad hoc meetings and parish events for a term of 3 years.**

**Will you help with this ministry to your parish?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there another parishioner you think might be interested?**

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