



5th Sunday of Easter – B

Are we Christians like withered branches? Or do our lives pulsate with Christ's life as we are trained, pruned and purified for a more abundant existence, to God's glory? Today's gospel insists that, cut off from Christ the vine, our lives are without meaning and our accomplishments have no value. Because the vinedresser prizes the vine, branches are trimmed if they remain sterile. Everything hinges on our union with Christ, for it is through him that we share in God's own life. If we live for God's glory, the requests we make to God will be answered, Jesus promises. The abundant fruit of union with Christ can be seen in Paul's fearless preaching after his conversion, and in the growth of the churches referred to in Acts; these flourished and knew God's comfort despite difficulties. John's letter tells us that God expects faith in Jesus and active love, not just talk. If we are trying to love we should not lose heart because of failures. God will make sure that we bear fruit to his glory.



5th Sunday of Easter – May 03, 2015

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor Mallia** at 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



SEEING WITH HEART ...

13th DAY OF REFLECTION for Catholic parents of **lesbian** daughters, **gay** sons and **transgendered** children

WHEN: Saturday, June 6 from 9 am to 5 pm

WHERE: SCARBORO MISSIONS

2685 Kingston Rd, Toronto, Ontario.

PRICE: \$40.00 (includes lunch)

INFO: call JOHN MONTAGUE on 416-523-6449

ShareLife Campaign 2015

ShareLife Collection – 3rd Offering
this weekend ... May 02/03

Visit www.sharelife.org, for more information.



God reward your generous heart!



Next Sunday, May 10. is ...

MOHER'S DAY

		May 04 – 10 2015
Mon 04 Novena 1	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Cynthia Alfonso [I] – Birthday <i>Novena Special Intentions</i>
Tues 05 Novena 2	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Cecilia Fernandes [I] – Birthday <i>Novena Special Intentions</i>
Wed 06 Novena 3	8:00 am 7:00 pm	May Garcia + Rafael Alfonso [I] <i>Novena Special Intentions</i>
Thur 07 Novena 4	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Cynthia + Andres Alfonso [I] <i>Novena Special Intentions</i>
Fri 08 Novena 5	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Pilagia Romey [D] <i>Novena Special Intentions</i>
Sat 09	9:00 am	Cecilia Krug [D]
<i>First Communion</i>	2:00 pm	<i>Novena Special Intentions</i>
Novena 6	4:30 pm	Benjamin + Tomasa Balallo [D]
	6:00 pm	<i>Prayers & Benediction only</i>
Sun 10	9:00 am	Mircea & Celina [I]
6th Sunday of Easter	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	<i>Novena Special Intentions</i>
Mother's Day Novena 7	2:00 pm	Day 7: Fatima Novena [NO MASS] Rosary, Prayer & Benediction

First Holy Communion meetings ...

Parents are reminded that **First Communion** classes continue this Sunday. Candidates will meet again for the celebration of **FIRST COMMUNION** on **May 09** in the church hall from **1.00 pm and not later than 1.30 pm**. The mass starts at 2.00 pm. Other gatherings are on **May 24, 31 & June 06**. *Thanks.*



Confirmation classes are completed ...



Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, **May 19 – CONFIRMATION DAY – at 6.30 pm**. A practice will be set up by the schools for Tuesday morning. Also scheduled is a "Farewell Meeting" for all candidates on Saturday, **May 23**. *Thanks.*

Catholic Education Week ...

Our publicly funded Catholic schools invite all our parishioners to join them in celebrating this year's **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** which runs from **May 3 to 8**. During the week, the Catholic community celebrates the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community, to our society and to the province at large. Catholic education continues to integrate Gospel values into every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. This year's theme for this special week is: **Exploring Paths of Joy**. For more related information visit online the Archdiocese of Toronto at www.archtoronto.org. Let us pray for all educators and students, giving thanks to God for those who with faithful fidelity spread the Good News.



Exploring the Paths of Joy



5th Sunday of Easter – Sun. May 03

The Children's Liturgy and **First Communion class** meet today at the usual time for the last time before the 'big day' next Saturday! In all of this weekend Masses there is a second collection – our 3rd offering for **SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**. The **LORD'S FLOCK** has a prayer meeting from 2.00 pm in the hall.

Fatima Novena Devotions – Mon. May 04 – Tues. May 12

Daily morning Mass [Monday to Friday] is at 8.00 am as usual followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Evening Novena devotions start at 6.15 pm and include: Rosary, Novena Prayers & Holy Mass. *Devotions on Saturday and Sunday follow a different pattern and the celebration of Mass is not included.*

Retreat for Grade 10 students – Wed. May 06

More students from **Jean Vanier High School** have a **day's retreat** in our church hall. We wish them well and pray for them.

Weekend activities – Sat. May 09

Morning Mass is at 9.00 am. The celebration of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS start at 2.00 pm** – families and friends are to be seated in church 15 minutes before. The anticipated Sunday Mass is at 4.30 pm and this weekend's **second collection is for the Pope's Pastoral Works**.

6th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day – Sun. May 03

There is a Children's Liturgy meeting today at the usual time. The **LORD'S FLOCK** has a **prayer meeting** from 2.00 pm in the hall.

Holy Year – Jubilee of Mercy [6]

1550: proclaimed by Paul III (*died 10 November 1549*),

presided over by Julius III; 1575: Gregory XIII

1600: Clement VIII; 1625: Urban VIII

1650: Innocent X; 1675: Clement X

1700: opened by Innocent XII (*died 27 Sept. 1700*),

closed by Clement XI

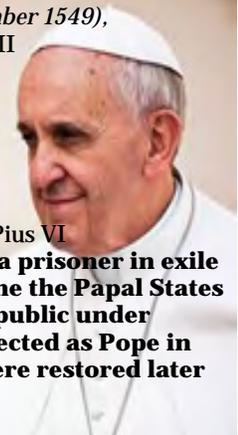
1725: Benedict XIII; 1750: Benedict XIV

1775: proclaimed by Clement XIV

(*died 22 September 1774*), presided over by Pius VI

1800 – no Jubilee – Pope Pius VI died a prisoner in exile in Valence (France) in 1799 – at the time the Papal States had been replaced with the Roman Republic under Napoleon's protection. Pius VII was elected as Pope in Venice in 1800 and the Papal States were restored later that year.

1825: Leo XII



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Hosted by the OLF Social Committee

Weekly Sessions in **LINE DANCING (Cardio)**

by a qualified trainer on two levels:

1) *Beginners* and 2) *Advanced*

every Thursday, **6:00 to 7:00 pm** (advanced)

and **7:00 to 8:30 pm** (beginners)

Fee: \$5.00/person per session.

Proceeds go to OLF Renovations Fund

For details & registrations call the office at **416-757-2806**.

ALL ARE WELCOME

March For Life – Thurs. May 14, 2015

The **18th annual National March for Life** will take place in our Nation's Capital on **May 14, 2015**. The rally begins on Parliament Hill at 12.00 noon. The theme: **Let Life Win**, is a motto we encourage all Canadians to live by. The theme brings to light the reality that everyone faces hard and difficult choices in their lives, and when they do, they should let life win!



For info visit: www.marchforlife.ca or call: 416-204-9749

TO ALL MOTHERS ON MOTHERS DAY

To all Mothers that have passed on.

To all Mothers that are now with us.

To all Mothers that are yet to be.

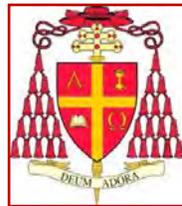
**Mothers will always remain supreme,
Tried and tested, consistent and keen,
Never to waver, to fight or to dare,
Never to doubt, she'll always be there.**

**Defying all comers, all odds, opposition,
Teach of her love, her faith, her tradition,
To sacrifice all, her body her health,
To give every penny, the last of her wealth,**

**To nourish the life of child at breast,
For ever to choose that you are the best,
To tell you to give, to the young and the old,
Forever be true, be right and be bold.**

**Be gentle be kind to ever you find,
Leave no one behind, don't turn and be blind,
To take her hand not hesitate,
Together to walk through heaven's gate.**

By the grace of God.....Dennis Hayes.....20-April-2015



NEPAL EARTHQUAKE – HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of a serious earthquake on April 24 that devastated huge areas of Nepal. More than 4,000 people reported dead and thousands more injured or left homeless. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- ❖ online through the Archdiocese of Toronto portal at www.archtoronto.org or
- ❖ by phone through the Development office: 416-934-3411
- ❖ or through the parish [using the envelopes marked *Humanitarian Relief* at church entrances] and making cheques payable to: **OLFatima Parish – Nepal Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief.**

We offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced.