



Sunday 05-16

10:00a.m. Fr. Jacek's Ordination Anniversary
 12:00 p.m. +Natalia Przestrzelska
 7:00 p.m. ++Josipa & Nikola Milkovic

Monday 05-17

8:15a.m. +++Mary, Joseph, Paul Simpson
 8:15a.m. +Francisca Molnar

Tuesday 05-18

7:00p.m. Julia Zylkowska, God's blessings and
 all necessary graces on her birthday
 7:00p.m. +Marie Bolzon

Wednesday 05-19

8:15a.m. 1.) +Erzsebet Pap
 2.) Zofia Czajka-for health & all necessary
 graces on her Feast Day & Mother's Day

Thursday 05-20

7:00p.m. 1.) Fr. Rafal Dygula, God's blessings and
 all necessary graces on his 25th Anniversary
 of Ordination
 2.) Marek Oleszkiewicz, for health and
 all necessary graces

Friday 05-21

8:15a.m. +Elsa Tonin
 7:00p.m. Za żywych i zmarłych członków Różańca
 Świętego

Saturday 05-22

8:15a.m. +Angelo Furfaro
 7:00p.m. +Angelo Bolzon

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 05-23

10:00a.m. +Estrella Severino
 12:00 p.m. O Boze bogosławienstwo i potrzebne laski
 dla Rodziny Stankiewicz
 7:00 p.m. Wiktoria i Krzysztof, birthday blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

ASCENSION OF THE LORD-MAY 16, 2021

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem to wait to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com

IN THE NEXT WEEK IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS

Monday 05-17 - Rev. Rafal Tomon
Tuesday 05-18 - Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Wednesday 19 - Seminarians
Thursday 05-20 - Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Friday 05-21 - Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Saturday 05-22 - Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 16 - The Ascension of the Lord
Tuesday 18 - St. John I Opt. Mem
Thursday 20- Feast of St. Bernadette of Sienna
Friday 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes and companions; Eugene de Mazenod, Opt. Mem.
Saturday 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Opt. Mem
Sunday 23 - Pentecost Sunday
Monday 24 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 - Canada Day
Tuesday 25 - St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin, Opt. Mem.
Wednesday 26 - St. Philip Neri, Memorial
Thursday 27- Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury
Sunday 30 - The Most Holy Trinity
Monday 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fea

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

It is an important opportunity to help destigmatize mental health and treatment. There is growing research and support for connecting a person's religious beliefs and spirituality into their mental health treatment. We can all offer a listening ear and an understanding heart.

GLOBAL PRAYER FOR CHINA

is a response to the Call for Prayer for the Church and the Peoples of China, from His Eminence Charles Cardinal Bo of Yangon, in March. The Global Prayer initiative is focused during the week between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, May 23-30, this year. May 24th is the day of Our Lady Help of Christians – the day Pope Benedict dedicated to prayer for the Church in China. Pope Francis reiterated that call in 2018. Check out the website. Pray for the Church in China!

ON MAY 11th, POPE FRANCIS CREATED A NEW CATHOLIC MINISTRY,

open to women and men, announced in an Apostolic Letter, Antiquum Ministerium (Ancient Ministry). "The Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Christian faith. ... It is the task of pastors to support them in this process and to enrich the life of the Christian community through the recognition of lay ministries capable of contributing to the transformation of society," said the Holy Father. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will

develop national norms (formation, mandate, etc.) for the implementation of this new ministry, the Ministry of Lector, and the Ministry of Acolyte.

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA – MAY 20



Born in 1380, St. Bernardine of Siena left the world at an early age in order to lead a hermit's life. When he was twenty-two, he entered the Franciscan Order, one of whose glories he is. Having been made General of the Order, he resigned this charge in order to devote himself to preaching. He preached the name of Jesus with such love that it wrought the transformation of many souls. He was instrumental in effecting many conversions. He died at Aquileia, in the midst of his missionary labors, on May 20, 1444, and was canonized six years later.

SAINT EUGENE DE MAZENOD-MAY 21

In 1815, St. Eugene de Mazenod founded the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate to evangelize the poorest populations of Provence that were being neglected. He then sent his missionaries to proclaim the Gospel in America, South Africa and Asia. Later on, he was appointed Vicar General of Marseilles and, in 1836, Bishop of this same diocese. Until his death on May 21, 1861, he was at the service of his people with an extraordinary pastoral charity, nourished by an intense interior life. In his city, rapidly developing at the time, he created numerous parishes, built new churches and installed new Religious Institutes. — Cardinal Bernard Gantin



SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES AND COMPANIONS – MAY 21



Saint Christopher Magallanes was joined in martyrdom by twenty-one diocesan priests and three devout laymen, all members of the Cristeros movement, who rose up in rebellion against the anti-Catholic Mexican government during the 1920s. Having erected a seminary at Totatiche, he secretly spread the Gospel and ministered to the people. Captured by government authorities, he was heard to shout from his jail cell: "I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico."

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the
Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
July 8th to July 16th, 2021**

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?
You can participate in the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

**Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0**

THE ASCENSION

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

Excepted from The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.