



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR MAY 11TH – MAY 16TH

Weekday Masses 10-person maximum

Weekend Masses cancelled until further notice (Fr. Stephen Private Mass only)

Daily Private Prayer 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except Monday) 10-person limit

Tuesday, May 11 th	8:30 a.m.	+ James McMahon, requested by the Estate
Wednesday, May 12 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Joseph Weglarz, requested by Sally
Thursday, May 13 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Anna Szokalski, requested by the Tyka family
Friday, May 14 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Anna Szokalski, requested by the Tyka family
Saturday, May 15 th	4:30 p.m.	+ Ann Widdis, requested by Marie Morrissey
Sunday, May 16 th	9:30 a.m.	- <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
	11:30 a.m.	+ Julia Mazepa, requested by her daughter & family

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Hender & Donna Ellis, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Peter McCarthy, Erin Sullivan, Linda VanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

WELCOME, WELCOME: Congratulations to **Rogan Kyle Byrd**, to be welcomed into the people of God this weekend through **Baptism**.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH



COVID-19 continues to dominate and control much of our lives. All of this affects children, but since they take their cues from adults in their lives, we can help them to feel resilient. Remind them of how happy you are, despite all that is happening, that you are together as a family. Remind them of the beauty of nature that is all around for them to see and enjoy, that technology lets them connect with other family and friends and that through all of this we can continue to pray and ask for God's blessings. When they hear anger and frustration, they feel worry and concern; when they hear optimism and calm, they too feel those emotions. Let us remind our children how much we love them; help keep them strong during the pandemic.

SPOUSES CORNER



In every couple relationship there are two rhythms, one belonging to each spouse. Some people are slow-walkers who like to stroll through life, others are quick-steppers who like to keep up a fast pace.

When two spouses have different rhythms, big strains in the relationship can occur, especially if one spouse expects the other to match their own style. We should learn to love and celebrate both our own rhythm, and that of our loved one, but we must also learn to accept that our spouse may not want to walk at the same pace we enjoy. So, use compromise and learn to understand, not fight, the rhythms of those you love.

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS: There is a Special Collection this Sunday, **May 9th** in support of the Pope's pastoral works, to fund those affected by world disasters, such as floods or earthquakes.

POPE FRANCIS IS URGING THAT THE ROSARY BE PRAYED throughout the month of May, beseeching our Blessed Mother for an end to this pandemic. This effort is being coordinated by the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization and you may go to their website to find more details, prayer resources, and to view the daily broadcasts of these Marian devotions:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/news/2021-04-23.html>



Vocations

by Fr. John Perdue, Director, St. Joseph Vocation Society

Spring has sprung! I hope you are enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of this beautiful season as much as I am! What a joy to have the windows open, to leave the house without a coat and to hear birds singing in the morning. I hope and pray that you had very meaningful Easter celebrations. I am always heartened when I witness or hear stories of the ingenuity of our pastors, who are adapting to livestreaming Holy Mass, coordinating phone chains and online community events and offering faith formation online – the light shines through the darkness (Jn.1:5)!

The steadfast and creative leadership of our priests ought to inspire us to pray for more men like them! Please renew, this moment, your commitment to praying for Vocations in our Diocese by praying the Prayer for Vocations and the Prayer to St. Joseph every day. Your prayers are working! I have given application packages to two young men who are interested in applying to the seminary this fall. They are still discerning their application, so they may or may not end up in seminary, but the fact that young men are sensing a call and making an effort to explore it is wonderful!



Peter Lukow



Peter Bissonnette

DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG MAN WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD PRIEST?

Given the circumstances of the pandemic, it has been more challenging than usual for me to meet young men who are considering the priesthood. I have not been able to visit Catholic High Schools or to preach in our parishes. In a time like this, I could sincerely use your help. Could you please take a moment and consider whether there is a young man in your life who may be called to the priesthood? Perhaps he is a member of your immediate or extended family? Or a parishioner? Or a young man you know from the community? If you are able to encourage him to contact me to receive some support in his discernment, I would be deeply appreciative. Young men do not naturally know what to do if they are sensing a call, and some guidance and direction goes a long way. Thank you for giving this some serious thought and for any action you take.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, you call each of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous men and women from our families and parishes who will serve your people as priests and deacons, as religious sisters and brothers.

Open the hearts and minds of those you have called, so that a new flowering of religious vocations may show forth the fidelity of your love and make you known as the light of the world and the hope of eternal life.

Amen

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O, Great St Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and accepted God's mysterious plan for your life.

Through your intercession obtain God's grace for all those who are called to be Priests and Deacons, religious Sisters and Brothers, and help them embrace their vocation with joy, courage and determination.

Pray for them that they may give their lives to Christ wholeheartedly as you did, and be with them as they persevere to the end, through all of life's joys and sorrows.

St Joseph, bring all those called, especially the young, to a deeper knowledge of Christ and his Holy Mother, so that they may more easily reflect in their vocations the self-giving of Jesus and Mary.

Share with them your care for the Church whose Universal Patron you are, so that they may share with you one day your glory in heaven.

O Great St Joseph, pray for the Church, pray for Canada, pray for our families, and for our youth, pray for vocations and pray at last for me.

Amen

"It is all the more important not to forget the humble daily fidelity to the ministry... of those that he has given to his Church as priests." — Pope Francis