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### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday Vigil:** 17:00  
**Sunday:** 10:00  
**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday to Friday:** 8:30

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis.  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 16:15-16:45; Sunday 9:15-9:45, or anytime on request.  
**MARRIAGE:** Contact the office before setting the wedding date. Marriage preparation course and meetings with Fr. Robert are required.  
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is ill at home or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

### WARDENS

Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond, David Flood, Anthony Mancini, Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan.

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### Ascension of the Lord

17 May 2015

#### Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

During the month of May, it is good to spend some time in prayer with Mary. Two depictions of the Annunciation can help us gain a deeper understanding of the importance of Mary's role in salvation history.



The first has the angel Gabriel bowing before Mary. The joint humility of the angel at the feet of Mary, who is herself kneeling before God in prayer, reflects the awesomeness of the event. Both are aware of the cosmic importance of this quiet exchange. Both appreciate that they are participating in God's wonderful plan and that the world will never be the same.

The second image depicts both characters standing; it naturally follows the scene just described. Here Mary and Gabriel are facing each other, seemingly engaged in a dance. There is an aura of celebration, of pure joy as both characters have a full understanding of what has transpired. Salvation history is fulfilled! God's promised Messiah has taken human form! The eternal has entered the temporal and Mary and Gabriel rejoice.



Meditating on the mysteries of the rosary not only deepens our prayer life but can lead to greater theological understanding. Mary, being born without the stain of sin, was in no need of the Word Incarnate – the Word, the Son of God, yes, but not Jesus the Son of Man. Mary, being perfectly conformed to the image of God, gained nothing from His Incarnation: she was already assured her place in Heaven. Nor would she have jeopardized that place by refusing to be the Mother of God: she would have remained without sin. Her Fiat, an absolute act of free will, was also an act of absolute selflessness. Her unflinching love of God and of others fueled this act. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (Jn 3:16). The same is true of Mary, the Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Mary is our Mother of Faith just as Abraham is our Father of Faith. Both were asked to sacrifice their only child, their son. Both said yes unconditionally. Both trusted in God's goodness and in His desire for all of creation. This is true of the sacrifices we make daily, great or small. This is especially true when we suffer loss, through sickness, addiction, death... If we place ourselves in Christ's wounded hands, trusting in His plan, we sustain Mary's 'yes' as it resounds throughout history.

Mary is our dearest prayer companion as she has full knowledge of Jesus, Who was made flesh in her womb. She accompanied her Son throughout His joy and His suffering on Earth and never failed Him. It is therefore beneficial to spend some time with Mary every day, contemplating the mysteries of God through the rosary, either alone or with family or friends. Mary is our sure guide to a deeper devotion to Jesus.

Mary Sinnett  
Assistant to the DRE

**PRAYERS:**

**For the sick:** Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Lemieux, Estella Lim, Maria da Luz Madeira, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Sammy Sinnett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, Jacques Viau.

**For those who have died:** Diethild Tiengo

**For those about to be married:** Philip Chandra and Melissa Coussa-Charley (May 30).

**For vocations:** In talking with your children, do you remember to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God’s call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one’s life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Prayers and best wishes to Alessandru Caciula, Elliott DeBargis, Ryan Flood, Lorenza Fumai, Adriano Moruzzi and Noah Sylvere-Mahmet on the occasion of their First Communion this Sunday. Please also remember Alejandra Barona who will receive her First Communion next month when she visits her uncle Msgr. Jaime Barona.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** Please remember our twelve young candidates as their Confirmation celebration nears. Please keep Sofia and Vanessa Buggé, Adriano and Sofia Cecere, Sophia Chehade, Sarah Elkas, Julianna Farias, Olivia Flood, Adriana Fumai, Alexander Issa, Jeremy Royer and Veronica Tartaglia in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Thomas Dowd will preside.



**BABY SHOWER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Thank you for your donations to date. We are continuing to accept donations of new or gently used baby clothes and layettes as well as baby products such as soaps, wipes, diapers and so forth. Please deposit items in the boxes placed at the main entrance to the church and by the parish hall entrance at 71 Roosevelt Avenue. If you have larger items to donate, please call the parish office first. All items will be donated to an organization which assists women in crisis pregnancies.

**TUESDAY STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP:** On Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in the boardroom, all are welcome to join the study and discussion group. It is not necessary to have attended previous sessions. We continue our look at the documentary series “Catholicism” by Father Robert Barron. This session we will view: *The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit*. Includes Thomas Merton, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila. Discussion will follow and coffee will be served.

**GOD’S COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE:** Father Robert is leading a study and discussion group, looking at the meaning of Covenant and how it pertains to our relationship with God. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m in the boardroom. Everyone is welcome; it is not necessary to have attended previously.

**DISASTER IN NEPAL:** Development and Peace is collecting donations from the public to meet the needs of victims of last week’s devastating earthquake in Nepal. **The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, all of the donations made by Canadians until May 25 to support the victims of the earthquake.** Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Nepal. Please see the link at the [parish website](#) or go to [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org).

MASS INTENTIONS		
<b><u>Saturday, May 16– Ascension of the Lord</u></b>		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<b><u>Sunday, May 17– Ascension of the Lord</u></b>		
10:00AM	Joaquin Aquino	Mila Aquino
<b><u>Tuesday, May 19</u></b>		
8:30AM	Gloria Edovas	Gobeil Family
<b><u>Wednesday, May 20</u></b>		
8:30AM	Evelyn McMenamin	The Estate
<b><u>Thursday, May 21</u></b>		
8:30AM	Florence Evans	The Estate
<b><u>Friday, May 22</u></b>		
8:30AM	Joel Gorrospe	Raquel Bondoc
<b><u>Saturday, May 23 - Pentecost</u></b>		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<b><u>Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost</u></b>		
10:00AM	Julia A. Brennan	Mila Aquino

**STEWARDSHIP:** Our collection last weekend was \$1742.00. Our second collection was \$705.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 John 4:15 How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to defend your faith or clarify a question about your faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in your faith and share your witness with others.

**SANCTUARY LAMP:**



The sanctuary lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to have the sanctuary lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$20.00. Please call the office to arrange a memorial for the sanctuary lamp.

This week the sanctuary lamp burns for the recovery of Lolita Matheson, requested by the Gobeil family.