

6th Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2017

Intentions - May 21 - Today's Mass is for the holy souls in purgatory, requested by Jan Campbell.

Intentions are \$15.00

Offertory Collection

May 14 - \$659.25 **Thank You**

St. Gabriel's Yard Sale

Saturday June 3rd from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. **50% of the profit will go toward the Flood Victim Fund.** Please bring you donations to the church next Sunday or on Wednesday May 31st between 5:00 pm -7:00 pm.

May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia: Saint Rita was born in Umbria, Italy, in 1386. Although she wanted to be a nun, her parents betrothed her to a cruel, ill-tempered man whom she married at age 18. When her husband was murdered 18 years later, her twin sons were determined to avenge his murder. Rita pleaded with them to forgive the murderers, and her prayers eventually prevailed. Now a widow, Rita sought to enter the convent but was initially refused because some relatives of her husband's murderers were members. In time, through prayer and her personal intercession, a promise of peace and reconciliation was secured and she was admitted to the Augustinian convent at Cascia, living there 40 years in prayer, contemplation and service of the poor. She was canonized in 1900 and is a patron of impossible causes.

May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable: A teacher of great repute, Bede is the only English Doctor of the Church. Born in the north of England about 673, he was sent to a Benedictine monastery at the age of 7, and was educated in a neighbouring monastery, where he remained for the rest of his life. At 19, he became a deacon and at 30, a priest. Bede was considered the most learned man of his time and gifted writer. Though he excelled in biblical commentary and history, he also wrote extensively in other areas, including poetry, biography, and chronology. His most famous work is the authoritative *Historia ecclesiastica* (Ecclesiastical History of the English People), the only source for much early Anglo-Saxon history.

Saints of the Week

His particular gift seems to have been his ability to recognize, with precision and clarity, the needs of his contemporaries and to judge accurately the historical significance of the events he and they were living through. His wisdom and learning earned him the respectful title of "Venerable," which the Church formalized in 853. He died on this day in 735.

Today's Gospel Reflection: Jesus tells us that we keep God's commandments because our love for God has established a deep and intimate relationship between us and God that spills out in acts we know will be pleasing to the Beloved. Rather than burdensome laws, then, commandments are concrete expressions of our love for God and each other. On our own it is impossible either to know God or love God, and that is why Jesus promises us the Spirit will come. If we wish to grow into our love for God we must become attentive to the Spirit who dwells within us. We get to know the Spirit within us by being faithful to prayer, finding the presence of God within, realizing his goodness and cultivating grateful hearts. (Living Liturgy, P.138)



The Council on Aging of Ottawa 8TH Annual Conference on Spirituality and Aging: 'Loneliness and the Renewal of Hope'. **Wed., June 7, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at 1247 Kilborn Pl. An inter-faith exploration of the relationship between spirituality and aging. A half day conference especially for seniors and caregivers. A few copies of application brochure are available on the back table.

St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa: Seeking volunteers to help out as Pastoral Visitors and Mass Escorts. Availability required is **9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, one day per week, Monday - Friday and Sunday. Also seeking Palliative Care Visitors for Saturdays and 'on call'. Contact: Kathy Thompson, Manager of Recreation and Volunteers (613-731-0094 ext. 235).

A population that does not take care of the elderly and of children and the young has no future, because it abuses both its memory and its promise.

- Pope Francis

West Carleton Food Access Centre: When you grocery shop this week, please remember the West Carleton Food Access Centre.



Spaghetti Dinner

We are mainly looking for donations, money donations, tickets help on the the setting up and cooking. **Postponed** f o o d selling and hands to the day of the event as of Columbus are taking over

CBCCA (55 + Adults Corner)

Friday May 26 7:30 - Rural Root Presents; Ghost of a Chance
Saturday May 27 7:30 - Rural Root Presents; Ghost of a Chance

People needing transportation to get to any other events, appointments, or to go shopping, can arrange it through WOCRC by calling (613) 591-3686 x 3.

For any information about seniors issues/programs in The Bay, please contact Andy Rapoch - 613-290-8311.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Gerry Borris, Raymond Cameron, Colleen Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Christine Fraser, Mary Jardine, and Richard Vollmer. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*



An Invitation:

If you are visiting, know that we are honoured by your presence. Our parish serves the needs of the community in many different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities and comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

We hope that you will join us after mass for the Rosary, and every Sunday in the month of May.

