

3rd Sunday of Easter, 04 May, 2025


Intentions:
May 04 - For those who have no one to pray for them and the holy souls in Purgatory, requested by Janne Campbell.
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection
April 27 - \$645.55 Holy Land \$110.00 Thank You


May 04
Saint Marie-Léonie Paradis: Élodie Paradis was born in 1840 in L’Acadie, Quebec. At age 17 she took vows with the Marianite Sisters, a branch of the Congregation of Holy Cross. She taught in Montreal, New York and Indiana before finding the opportunity to fulfill her calling of dedication to the care of priests and seminarians. In 1877, Mother Marie-Léonie (Élodie’s religious name), with 14 young Acadian women, founded the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, in Memramcook, NB. Mother Marie-Léonie worked tirelessly for others and was known for her generosity and humility. She died in 1912 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2024.



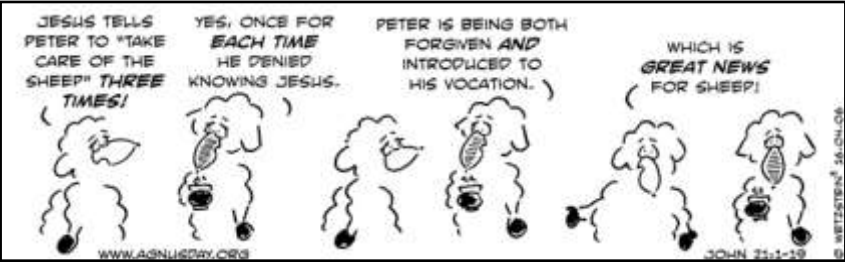
May 06
Saint François de Laval: François de Montmorency Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of Quebec City. Born in France to a noble family, he was educated by the Jesuits and ordained in 1647. Despite controversy, he was made bishop in 1658 and arrived in New France the following year. In 1663, he founded the Seminary of Quebec - now Laval University - to supply priest for his vast diocese, which extended to all the French-speaking territory of North America. He later established a minor seminary and an industrial school. His pastoral concern for the settlers and the Native people often resulted in conflict with civil authorities. François was an outstanding educator and administrator, a generous benefactor, a caring bishop and a pious man whose spiritual influence was widespread. He well deserved his title of “Père de la Patrie” (Father of the Homeland) and was canonized in 2014.

 **Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Gospel Reflection: Resurrected life has its demand—but the incredible thing about our God is that God provides us with all we need, beginning with offering us new life. Accepting the abundance that God offers means that by following Jesus we become Jesus’ resurrected presence with the grace to lead others to him. Every day we must take care that our actions announce God’s blessings at the same time that they speak of God’s goodness and care. Leading others to Jesus doesn’t mean doing big things; it means doing the little things well and so reflecting the life of Jesus in us. (*Living Liturgy, p.116*)



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June 07
July 05
July 26 *
Aug. 16
Sept. 13
Oct. 18
Nov. 15
***Christmas in July.**



Pope’s Intentions for the Month of May
For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Administrator's Corner
Gifts of the Holy Spirit series:
Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit, beginning with the first and foundational gift—wisdom.
The Holy Spirit is the divine love shared between God the Father and God the Son. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be with us always, serving as our guide and advocate. When we speak of wisdom in this context, we do not mean ordinary human wisdom, which comes from experience and learning. Rather, wisdom is a special gift from God—an ability to discern between good and evil, and the strength to choose what is right. It allows us to perceive the events of life not merely through our human senses but through God's perspective.
A prominent biblical figure associated with wisdom is King Solomon.

He provided us with two remarkable examples of wisdom. At the beginning of his reign over Israel, he received a dream in which God invited him to make a request. Solomon did not ask for riches, a long and happy life, success, fame, or victory over his enemies. Instead, he humbly prayed for wisdom to govern his people. In response, God praised him and made him the wisest man on earth, granting him additional blessings—riches, honour, and the promise of longevity, provided he remained obedient.

Solomon’s wisdom was further demonstrated in his famous judgment between two women disputing the motherhood of a living child. His proposal to divide the infant in two, offering each woman half, revealed the true mother—who, out of love, was willing to surrender her child rather than see him harmed. Thus, Solomon’s wisdom led to justice.

We must recognize that, as long as we live, we will face spiritual warfare. If we fail to prepare ourselves properly for battle, we should not be surprised to find ourselves vulnerable when challenges arise.

Wisdom, as a divine gift, requires our cooperation. We must cultivate an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, much like the bond between a loving father and his son. Through this closeness, the Spirit will lead us in the ways of wisdom, transforming our hearts and guiding us to live according to God’s will rather than our own preferences.

The Holy Spirit does not grant wisdom as a means to answer every complex question or situation in life. Instead, wisdom allows us to discern what is of God—what pleases Him. This perspective brings peace, contentment, joy, and confidence in our identity as God’s children, strengthening our relationships with others.

Can we truly serve God without the gift of wisdom? Is it possible to attain the perfection that Jesus asks of us without learning to think as He does?

With God's wisdom, we can navigate life's joys and challenges in a way that fulfills His divine plan.


Prayer:
O God of my fathers and Lord of mercy, You created all things by Your word and formed humankind through Your wisdom. You have entrusted us with dominion over Your creation, calling us to rule in holiness and righteousness, and to judge with uprightness of soul. Grant me the wisdom that sits by Your throne, and do not cast me away from among Your servants. Amen.

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Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
	Sunday 9:00 am Mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.
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