

## 5th Sunday of Easter, 18 May, 2025

### Intentions:

**May 18** - In loving memory of **Mary and Fred Jardine**, requested by Janne Campbell.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

### Offertory Collection

May 04 - \$766.00.

May 11 - \$525.00 Vocation Works \$130.00 Thank You

### .May 21

**Saint Eugène de Mazenod:** Charles Joseph Eugène de Mazenod was born in France in 1782. Ordained in 1811, his religious experience led him to minister to the poor and the young. Interested in popular missions, Eugène founded a missionary institute of priests and lay brothers in 1826, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, whose particular charism is to minister to those who have never heard of Christ. By the middle of the 19th century, in response to requests for help from North American bishops, especially Bishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal, the congregation sent several of its small number to Canada. Within 10 years of their arrival, the Oblates had covered all of Canada and expanded into the United States.

Eugène became bishop of Marseilles in 1837 and reorganized the diocese, accomplishing great works. A fervent supporter of the papacy in matters of education and infallibility, he continued as superior of the Oblates until his death on May 21 1861. Eugène was canonized on December 3, 1995. Today, the members of this community work around the world in remote missions and in education. In Canada, Oblates established the College of Bytown which became the University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University) and Novalis, as well as numerous parishes and dioceses from coast to coast.

### 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.

**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:** The gospels tells us over and over in ever so many ways that love means self-sacrifice. In many human ways we already do this and could think of no other way to act: parents sacrifice plenty for their children; spouses know that love often demands self-sacrifice; we readily respond to others' tragedies with gifts of money and service; we reach out to the perfect stranger on the street who is in need. In fact, we act out of the love that Jesus commands in this gospel by doing the everyday things we do because we share in Jesus's mission when we love. And if an examination of our lives suggests that perhaps we are not so self-sacrificing as Jesus, then this gospel is an invitation to love more completely. (*Living Liturgy, p.124*)

**Vincentian Meditation:** Jesus tells us "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." These words mean much to Vincent de Paul and Frederic Ozanam, and indeed to all members of the Society. There are millions who watch pictures of poverty on our television screens and feel generous towards the poor. Their reaction, so often, goes no further than feeling. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, however, imitates Jesus in that you are not content to feel generous, but you show your generosity at a particular time and place. The Society has always been recognized for its practical charity. It is a mystery how God could love mankind, disfigured by sin and infidelity. Likewise, it is a mystery of God that you, as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, are able to love people who are disfigured by the effects of poverty and injustice, and who are often so unattractive in their poverty. As you work for and visit the poor, take heart from the thought that you are indeed the disciples of Jesus! (*McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 731*)

## Administrator's Corner

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Pray for the Gift of Counsel:

The third gift of the Holy Spirit is counsel or right judgment, enabling us to judge promptly, correctly, and intuitively, distinguishing between good and bad choices. People respond differently to life's situations, with some drifting due to lack of direction, others making half-baked decisions based on narrow perspectives, and a few making sound decisions grounded in timeless values, often contrary to societal norms. Following this ideal approach can be challenging, but it's considered the most fulfilling path.

The gift of counsel has two distinct dimensions. The natural dimension is developed through experience, maturity, and human insight, enabling us to navigate everyday situations and make practical decisions. In contrast, the spiritual dimension is a gift from the Holy Spirit that surpasses human capability, providing divine guidance and empowering us to discern God's will and plan for our lives. This spiritual dimension allows us to distinguish between good and evil, right and wrong, and make decisions that align with God's plan. Below are two inspiring examples that will aid us to have a better understanding of this gift.

A young woman landed her dream job shortly after graduation, with good pay and job satisfaction. However, she soon discovered underlying aspects that conflicted with her values, requiring unethical and likely illegal behaviour. After prayer and consultation, she decided to quit and prioritize her integrity. Having gained her peace of mind, her final words were, "Nothing was as good as standing for what she believes."

Further, think of our newly elected Pope Leo XIV. In 1975, he rejected Harvard Law to serve Peru's poorest villages. He had everything a young man could dream of but rather opted for a life of complete surrender. He joined a missionary group and moved to Peru, not to the cities or the tourist spots, but to the remotest villages—where children die from treatable diseases and families walk miles just for clean water. Robert didn't just live among the people; he became one of them by embracing their struggles. He built shelters, provided basic necessities, taught Math to educate children, and cared for the sick with compassion and kindness. This action showcases his remarkable commitment to his faith and humanity. As his friends pursued careers as lawyers and doctors, he chose a distinct path, becoming a shepherd, a brother, and a quiet warrior of faith silently yet powerfully living out his beliefs. His dedication slowly built his reputation, and the Vatican eventually took notice, calling him to lead the church as Pope.

Dear parishioners, Let us seek the gift of counsel, embracing its divine guidance to navigate life's complexities. May we be inspired by the examples of the young woman and Pope Leo XIV, prioritizing integrity and faith.

Come, Holy Spirit, grant us the gift of counsel. Help us always to recognise the good you call us to and promptly seek it with wholehearted zeal. Amen.

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