

6th Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2026

Intentions: In celebration of our **1st Communion Candidates.**

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection:

May 03 - \$570.00 Thank You.

Candidates for 1st Communion

Lawren Alexa Sernoskie
Ryker Vincent Thomson
Harley Grace Lewis
Hayley Skull

May 13

Our Lady of Fatima: This title was given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after she appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, between May 13 and October 13, 1917. The three messages or “secrets” of Fatima stress the importance of repentance, conversion of heart, and dedication of Our Lady, especially through daily prayer of the Rosary.

May 14

Saint Matthias: The Acts of the Apostles (1.15-26) tells us that Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Peter, quoting a psalm, told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle; someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and the assembly cast lots, the lot falling to Matthias.

Pope’s Intentions for the Month of May: That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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



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*)

Vincentian Meditation: “Upon awakening, may my first thoughts be of God. May I make acts of adoration, thanksgiving and abandonment of my will to His most holy will. Reflecting on my lowliness and powerlessness, I shall invoke the grace of the Holy Spirit in which I shall have great confidence for the accomplishment of His will in me, which shall be the sole desire of my heart. (*Gibson and Kneaves, Praying with Louise, pp. 50-51*)



Novena to the Holy Spirit starts Friday (15th May) this week. We will recite the prayer after each mass (venue St. Michael). If you cannot make it to daily mass recite it at home. Note that 18th and 19th of May there will be mass at 9am at St Michael.

Next Sunday mass will be Cell phone Sunday and coffee Sunday. Please come with your cell phone to download “FORMED” for updating our catholic faith.

May 30th will be a retreat for Teen Girls age 13-19 venue St Michael Corkery, time 10am to 3pm with free lunch. For registration please call Jillian Duffy (226) 237-5677.

Administrator's Corner

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS — JN 14:18 HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Last weekend, Jesus spoke to His anxious disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me.” His ascension was near, and they feared what life would look like without Him. Jesus reassured them: *I am the way, the truth, and the life.* With Him, there is a path to follow, truth to embrace, and life to live. When we walk with Him, we are on the road to true and lasting happiness.

This weekend, as we celebrate Mother’s Day, Jesus repeats that same promise: **I am not abandoning you.** He returns to the Father, yet He does not leave us alone. He sends *another Advocate* the Holy Spirit to remain with us forever. An Advocate is an intercessor, a defender, a friend, and a comforter. The Spirit stays with us, pleads for us, teaches us, and dries our tears when words fail. In a beautiful way, our mothers share this same gift of staying with us.

Pope Francis expresses it simply: “*The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. Without Him, we would be orphans.*” The Spirit gives life to the Church, holds us together, and makes Christ present in every generation.

St. Augustine adds: “*What the soul is to the body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ.*” And what the soul is to the body, a mother is to the family. She holds it together. She gives it life. She is often unseen, yet without her, a house is not a home. The Spirit makes the Church a family; a mother makes a home a family. Both are Advocates. Both remain with us, teach us, and make love visible.

We see this in the Acts of the Apostles. Philip brings Christ to wounded Samaria, and joy follows. The Spirit transforms trouble into healing. A mother does the same, she steps into the mess and turns it into a home.

Jesus says, “*If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*” But He knows we cannot do this by our own strength. So He promises: “*The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you always.*” The Spirit empowers us to love as Jesus commands patiently, sacrificially, faithfully just as our mothers have loved us.

Today, as we thank God for our mothers and prepare for Pentecost, we ask the Lord to awaken again the Spirit we received at Confirmation. May we, like our mothers and like the early Church, bring comfort to the distressed and hope to the lonely. May the Church always be a home where no one feels orphaned.

We pray for all mothers, living and deceased: may the Advocate who never abandons us hold them in His peace.

Happy Mother’s Day.

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Lost and Found: Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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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
	Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9am mass
	Thursday 8:30 confession, 9am mass
	Friday 8:30 confession, 9am 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.
Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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