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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 9, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 8 – 16, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (8th)	For our Spiritually Adopted Babies req. St. James K. of C.
9:00 am Sunday (9th)	For our Spiritually Adopted Babies req. St. James K. of C.
1:00 pm Sunday (9th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, MAY 10th
9:15 am Tuesday (11 th)	Special Intention Olinyk Family req. Charlie & Lois Olinyk
9:15 am Wednesday (12 th)	+Deceased Parents Catherine & Richard Toal req. Irene & Bill O'Byrne
9:15 am Thursday (13 th)	In Honour of the Holy Family req. Jose Barrera
9:15 am Friday (14 th)	+Helen McMullin (1 st Anniv.) req. Herb, Sandra & Shannon McMullin
<u>10:45 am Friday (14th)</u>	<u>Communion Service at Sturgeon Creek II</u>
5:00 pm Saturday (15th)	+Helen McMullin req. Herb, Sandra & Shannon McMullin
9:00 am Sunday (16th)	+Helen McMullin req. Herb, Sandra & Shannon McMullin
1:00 pm Sunday (16th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Father Gerald will be away the week of May 10; therefore, there will be no Scripture Study on Tuesday, May 11. Father Gloccheski has consented to celebrate morning Masses at 9:15 am Tuesday through Friday.

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Narthex. Representatives of all parish ministries are urged to attend.

MAY – MONTH OF OUR LADY

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First Reading: The Jerusalem Church's resolution to send Judas and Silas with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch with the Church's decision, underscores the support and care that is to mark the relationship among the local Churches within the universal Church. A ruling that will grant freedom to Gentile converts from the practice of the Mosaic Law is not delivered as a simple proclamation, but is carried by representatives of the Church to symbolize the relational bonds of the Christian community within the one universal fellowship.

Second Reading: In John's vision, the heavenly Jerusalem's gates and foundations represent the 12 tribes of Israel and the apostles, respectively. Faith in the one eternal and living God attested to among the tribes of Israel ultimately leads to an acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as the sure foundation of eternal life. The community of Israel and the community of the Twelve form a unity of faith in the living God.

Gospel: Jesus proclaims the initiation and preservation of God's indwelling. Faith in Jesus' word and a desire to live in love mark the initiation of the indwelling presence of God in the heart of believers. This presence is preserved by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who reminds us of the words of Jesus. Jesus teaches His disciples that His going away is not to be feared, but welcomed, for it will occasion the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. *(Sourcebook)*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

I will be in attendance at a five-day workshop this coming week, May 10th-14th, called *Returning to Spirit: Residential School Healing and Reconciliation Program*. "Returning to Spirit" was initiated and developed by Marc Pizandawac, an Algonquin from Kitiganzibi First Nation, and Ann Thompson, a Sister of St. Anne from BC. The two met during a workshop that Pizandawac was conducting in Yellowknife, and from that conversation, "Returning to Spirit" was born. Through the initiative and efforts of Bishop Denis Croteau, omi, this process was adopted in other dioceses. Five years later, the workshops have enabled hundreds of church and First Nations persons to reclaim and reconstitute their personal and communal lives. Archbishop Weisgerber asked the priests of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg to consider participating in this process when we gathered for our annual Study Days in the Fall of 2009. In Phase One of the process, aboriginal and church persons meet separately to go through the identical week-long process. During this week, participants develop a common language and a common frame of reference for addressing their lives and their different perspectives on the same history. We are to become aware of how each of us create stories around painful life events in which I am right and the other is wrong. There is an illusory protection in such a story, and we often hold onto it in the vain hope that the past will change and will be vindicated. Please pray for the clergy and church members who participate in this important workshop. *(Fr. Gerald)*

Congratulations to our First Communicants: At the Saturday, May 8th 5:00 pm Mass, the following children received Holy Eucharist for the first time: Joshua Bond; Elliot Bonnefoy; Jordan Braun; Karl Cruz; Liisa Jalonen; Ian Macdonell; Jeremy Medina; Eunice Medina; Darwin Ross; Kaylene Taylor; Craig Turner.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Ruth Kuch; Karen Kirkpatrick; Lloyd Moist; Bert Whitnack; Marlene Scheffler; Allan Egan; Eleanor Kapitany; Stella James; Dolores Mulaire; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Lohow; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan; Mike Falavena; Baby Andi Robertson; Livia Johnson; Jen & Maria Farkas

Happy Mothers' Day to all Mothers; Grandmothers; Godmothers: Today we celebrate Mothers' Day. Of course, during the month of May the Church remembers, in a particular way, Mary, the Mother of God. Mothers are a true blessing. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as an example, we acknowledge and honour them this day. May their faith and example be an inspiration to the whole Church. And for our mothers who have passed from this life, we pray that, through the mercy of God, they may rest in peace.

GOOD NEWS! The baby you spiritually adopted last September will be born this month. The A.C.C. Knitters deserve a resounding "Thank you!" for the many hours they spent over the past several months lovingly crafting the baby layettes which are on display in the Narthex. Please take time to have a look at all the cute little articles and gifts donated by parishioners. A representative from Villa Rosa will speak on behalf of the organization at all Masses this weekend. You will find in your bulletins special collection envelopes marked Villa Rosa. All funds raised through this collection will be used to assist moms who made the decision to carry their babies to term and who have received care throughout their pregnancy by the staff of Villa Rosa. Thank you to everyone who held these moms and their babies in prayer and to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of yet another Mothers' Day Baby Shower.

ROSE SUNDAY: *Roses for Life* will be available at all Masses this weekend. All proceeds are forwarded to Manitoba League for Life to enable them to continue their Pro-Life educational projects and to serve as a public witness to remind others about the Pro-Life message.

Rummage Sale: We are gratefully receiving any saleable items, especially **Jewellery** which is always very popular. Our next sale will be on **May 14** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Workers will be needed in the morning for set-up and in the evening during the sale. Thank you for all the help we receive.

Volunteers needed to clean the sacristy and worship area: We need four or five people to join our group of committed parishioners who undertake this important service. Commitment consists of approximately two hours each week for one particular month. Usually the cleaning is done on Thursdays following the 9:15 am Mass but if this is not convenient, then it can be done at your convenience whenever the office/church is open. Please phone Kitty (832-7175) if you are willing to help out in this area.

Stewardship Reflection: Jesus gives us the gift of peace. This gift can only be received in an intimate, personal relationship with the Risen Christ. Peace offers another gift – confidence. There is a God-grounded confidence in knowing that Jesus calls us to ministry through the gift of our baptism. We are formed for ministry in our faith communities, and then we are sent to confidently share the good news by the example of our lives. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

Assiniboia Christian Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in Room 10. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

Pre-authorized Debit (PAD): Parishioners who support the parish by PAD contributions and wish to change the amount of their contribution, the form is available in the office.

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Canned Salmon or Tuna.

March for Life: The annual *March for Life*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place in Winnipeg and across Canada on **Thursday, May 13**. This peaceful walk takes place to promote LIFE at all stages from conception to natural death. Gather at The Forks, between the Johnson Terminal and The Forks Market Building at 5:30 pm as the walk will leave The Forks at 6:00 pm sharp and proceed down Broadway to the Legislative Grounds where there will be a short presentation.

Pentecost 2010 “Let The Fire Fall” – A weekend you will want to experience and will remember, May 21-23, St. Norbert Community Centre, 3450 Pembina Hwy. Experience dynamic presentations on: The Healing Ministry of Jesus Continues Today; Jesus our Rock and Anchor; Making His Path Straight; The Road to Glory; Set Ablaze by the Power of the Word; Gifted and Empowered. For more information and to register, contact CCRS of Manitoba at 895-7544 or email them at CCRS@Catholicrenewalservices.com

Spring Garage Sale will again be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2400 Portage Ave., on Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, and on Sunday, May 23 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. All proceeds donated to *Development & Peace Organization*.