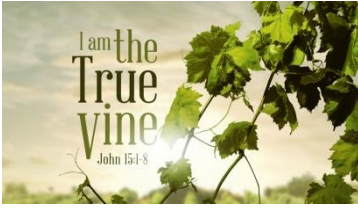


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

“Abide in me, and I abide in you”



How do you treat those who cause you grief or harm, especially those who are close to you in some way? In his last supper discourse, Jesus addressed the issue of fidelity and disloyalty in relationships. Jesus knew beforehand that one of his own disciples would betray him. Such knowledge could have easily led Jesus to distance himself from such a person and to protect himself from harm's way. Instead, Jesus expresses his love, affection, and loyalty to

those who were his own, even to the one he knew would "stab him in the back" when he got the opportunity. Jesus used a quotation from Psalm 4:9 which describes an act of treachery by one's closest friend. In the culture of Jesus' day, *to eat bread* with someone was a gesture of friendship and trust. Jesus extends such friendship to Judas right at the moment when Judas is conspiring to betray his master. The expression *lift his heel against me* reinforces the brute nature of this act of violent rejection.

Jesus loved his disciples to the end and proved his faithfulness to them even to death on the cross. Through his death and resurrection Jesus opened a new way of relationship and friendship with God. Jesus tells his disciples that if they accept him they also accept the Father who sent him. This principle extends to all who belong to Christ and who speak in his name. To accept the Lord's messenger is to accept Jesus himself. The great honour and the great responsibility a Christian has is to stand in the world for Jesus Christ. As his disciples and ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20), we are called to speak for him and to act on his behalf. Are you ready to stand for Jesus at the cross of humiliation, rejection, opposition, and suffering?

Eternal God, who are the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you, that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom, in Jesus our Lord. (Prayer of Saint Augustine)

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Every weekend while the provincial "Stay-at-Home" order persists, Communion Services will be held on Saturday evening and on Sunday during the times when our regular Sunday Masses would normally be celebrated. Those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions are strongly encouraged to remain home. No public Masses are taking place at this time. The dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains.

Each Communion Service can only accommodate 8 people, in addition to an usher and the presiding priest or deacon. Registration is required in order to attend a Communion Service. Walk-ins are not permitted. Please register on our parish website as you have done in the past.

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on Fridays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/exposition-of-the-blessed-sacrament-and-adoration-tickets-130608933837>

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 3 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MAY 4 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Melchiorre Culmone

+ Michael O'Sullivan

+ Deceased members of the Perry Family

THURSDAY, MAY 6 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate.

FRIDAY, MAY 7 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Purissima Melchiorre

+ Tom Quigg

SATURDAY, MAY 8 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Gloria Libardo

SUNDAY, MAY 9 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

S.I. Parish Community



ShareLife agencies need your support during the pandemic

Vita Centre is a ShareLife funded agency that provides support, education and counselling for pregnant and parenting women in Peel.

“We give heartfelt thanks to all the heroes who donate to ShareLife. Your support makes it possible for vulnerable parents to have the supports and resources that allow their children and themselves to thrive.”

– Tanya Pereira, Vita Centre

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

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There are 3 easy steps to Sign Up on FORMED:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish code: L5K
3. Enter your name and email

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available in the parish office and at the back of the Church for those who are attending the weekend Communion Services. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available in the vestibule of the church or the church office.

ATTENTION PARENTS

2021 First Communion and Confirmation celebrations must be postponed. Parents will be contacted when the Archdiocese of Toronto gives permission to proceed with these celebrations, and this, of course, depends on the progress of the pandemic.

PRAYER GROUP VIDEO SERIES

Beginning Thursday, May 13, join Deacon Don and the Prayer group on Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, for a new video series. “Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told” is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley. All are welcome. To get the Zoom link please contact Deacon Don at ddroberts828@yahoo.ca

THIS WEEKS PICKS

A graphic for FORMED's 'Pick of the Week' for May 2, 2021. It features three content recommendations: 1. 'WATCH THE WAY OF ST. JAMES' with a documentary about pilgrims. 2. 'LEARN ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART' featuring a video with Fr. Mark Hart. 3. 'LISTEN REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON' featuring an audio talk. At the bottom, it says 'Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.'