

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter I -- Year B

MON. May 11

12:05 PM † **WILLIAM & MARY BARR**

--Sadie & Bill Barr

TUES. May 12

9:15 AM St. Michael's School Mass at the Church

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **PAT FLEMING**

WED. May 13

12:05 PM † **EDEL QUINN**

--Legion of Mary

THURS. May 14 *St. Matthias*

10:00 AM Mass at Victoria College Retirement Home

12:05 PM † **GORDON KELLY & JANE RAUEN**

--The Kelly Family

FRI. May 15

12:05 PM † **DECEASED AND LIVING MEMBERS
OF MEHR FAMILY**

Saturday, May 16

5:00 PM † **BILL DALY**

--Mary Buckley

Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM † **MARIA GARNCARZ**

--Elizabeth Szawara & Family

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **6th Sunday of Easter**

1st: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48 2nd: 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel: John 15.9-17

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Meade, John Kuchma, Sheilagh Goguen, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Joyce Hall, Jim Corkery, Alice Heffernan, Willard Cochrane, Marion Maguire, Jack Baggaley, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Bill Vincent, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

REFLECTION

By using the image of a vine and its branches, Jesus helped his listeners understand the interconnectedness of relationships between the Father, Jesus, and his followers. Jesus is the vine and we, the followers, are the branches that grow from the vine. The gardener, the one who provided the growth and did the trimming, was God. When we are living examples of God's love and act as Jesus did, we provide much fruit. When we fail to do this, we create a lot of dead wood and produce no fruit.

Reflection for Families For many of us, there are certain things we enjoy in our lives. There's a good chance that some of our pleasures stem from days before we became parents such as a weekly golf outing, shopping, a night out with friends, or short get-aways. Of course it is healthy to take care of ourselves, but this reading gives us an opportunity to see if there are some things that no longer contribute to our growth on the branches. The fruit we bear is faith and love. Do we need to do some pruning in order to show our children that we are truly fruit-bearing branches on Jesus' vine?

COLLECTION REPORT

∞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ∞

May 3 Sunday Offering--to be updated next week
Restoration Fund

Thank you for your support!

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wed. 13—12:30 PM Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Wed. 13—2:00 PM Patrician Meeting in Parish Cen.

Wed. 13—7:00 PM C.W.L. General in Parish Cen.

Thurs. 14—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive & Bid
Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 14—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC



Patrician Meeting –May 13

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to their Patrician meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Centre. The topic will be Confessions. Refreshments to follow.

C.W.L. General Meeting –May 13

A general meeting of the Catholic Women's League will take place this **Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Centre. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Henderson representing Ten Thousand Villages which is a project to initiate a non-profit fair trade store in Cobourg. Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. If a ride is needed, please contact President Anne Marie at 905-377-8907.

Mother's Day Brunch Columbus Community Centre

Today, May 10, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a special Mother's Day Brunch at the Columbus Community Centre. Cost is Adult - \$8.00, Children 5 to 12 years \$2.50. Call 905-372-2991 to reserve a table for your family to sit together on Mother's Day.

Life Before Profit!

Bill C-300 adopted in the House of Commons!

Remember those petitions signed in the 2008 Fall Action campaign for Development & Peace? Those cards were presented to the Prime Minister with recommendations. The 'Bill' on the corporate social responsibility of Canadian mining companies operating abroad was passed in the House of Commons on April 22, 2009. Development and Peace members 'were excited' to hear this report. "this victory is without a doubt due to the hard work of our members across Canada."

Pope's Pastoral Works –May 17

...I was hungry and thirsty, I was in need of clothing, shelter, medicine and you helped me...
Next weekend, May 16/17, is the annual collection of The Pope's Pastoral Works. When a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world, immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. Please give generously.

You're Invited...

May is the anniversary of the First Apparition of our Lady at Fatima. On Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6:30 PM, St. Therese Parish in Courtice will have a Fatima Night starting with the Rosary at 6:30 PM followed by Mass at 7:00 PM. A candlelight procession will follow Mass.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ENJOY THE DAY OFF!

Ordination



The Church rejoices as one of her own is ordained a transitional deacon. Seminarian Jerry Tavares who was assigned here at St. Michael's for 15 months as part of his pastoral formation, will be ordained **May 24th,**

2009, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, here at St. Michael's Church. All are welcome to this wonderful celebration!

Events for the weekend are:

Friday, May 22 – 7PM: Holy Hour for Vocations and Preparation for Holy Orders

Sunday, May 24 – 11AM: Mass of Ordination
There will be a reception in the St. Michael's School Gym following the Mass to celebrate Deacon Jerry's ordination. Please join us!

Bishop De Angelis has assigned Deacon Jerry to St. Anne's Parish in Peterborough for the summer.



Villa St. Joseph Retreat Center

Stepping Lightly—A Retreat Day: Wed. May 20, 2009 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Topic: *Walking with trust and inner freedom; Gentling our response to all of God's Creation.* Sister Alma will facilitate this day.

Marian Month continues...

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. **Just a reminder**



that the rosary will be prayed prior to all week day and weekend Masses during May. A leader will begin 15 minutes before each Mass. So plan to arrive earlier during May, to take part in this wonderful devotion.