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## May 12, 2024 ~ Ascension of The Lord



## **Apples and Pears**

As a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits. It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts

make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2–3)—all prompted by God's Spirit. Fr. Joseph Juknialis Liguori Publications

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

### Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday: 7:00pm Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am (*Weekday holidays* - Mass moves to 9:00am) Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions included in Wednesday Mass Adoration follows Friday Mass.

Masses are available online

## **Reconciliation**

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:00pm & Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm or call the parish office for an individual appointment with a priest.

## <u>Marriages</u>

A minimum of six months advance notice is required. A marriage preparation program is required to be married in the church.

#### **Baptisms**

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule the pre-baptism course and for more information. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.

## Collection May 4/5 2024

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Green Envelopes	\$6,553.50
Loose Collection	1,429.00
E-Transfers	670.00
Total of above	\$8,652.50

## **Miscellaneous Contributions**

Easter Sunday \$20.00 (Total \$12,549.00) Pope's Pastoral Works \$1,005.00 (Total 1,075.00) Archbishop's Appeal \$1,140.00 (Total \$1,460.00) Acknowledged with gratitude.



## **Knights of Columbus**

Weekly crib tournament - every Tuesday, 7pm, St. Teresa's Room, church basement. Enter by west side basement door.



## Chalice is coming to St. Teresa Parish!

At the weekend Masses June 1 and 2, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity

to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.



Sister Elizabeth Davis, rsm -A Conversation in the Spirit." On Saturday, May 18th, the Basilica hosts Sister Elizabeth Davis rsm who will present " A Conversation in the Spirit" speaking about her experience at

the Synod of Bishops in Rome, 2023. In the morning she will facilitate a "model" Synod where all participants will participate in small group round table discussions on Synod topics and then a large group plenary session. The Session will begin at 9:45AM after the 9AM Mass. Lunch will be served at 12PM. Please register by May 15th if you are attending: the Basilica Office (709) 754-2170 or thebasilica@rcsj.org.



**Trouter's Special Update** winner of \$1,000 – Peter Lewis #1221) The Final Draws will take place at

the Parish Office on Wednesday, May 15 for the \$10,000 Grand Prize plus five \$1,000 prizes.

We have 141 tickets available for sale. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office, and at the Masses this weekend, May 11 & 12. We are almost there. Thank you for your support.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY is next weekend May 18/19 This great feast is sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the PENTECOST SUMPAV Church"

How will we celebrate at

St Teresa's

At the Masses for Pentecost, we invite anybody who has a national dress, or traditional, dress from their country or region, to wear it. If you do not have a national dress, please consider wearing something red to honour the Holy Spirit.

We will have a map of the world and Newfoundland and Labrador available so that, wherever you come from, you might place a pin on the map, so that we can celebrate the diversity of our origins, and the wonder of our unity in the Holy Spirit.

St. Vincent de Paul - Collection Just a reminder that cheques for St. Vincent de Paul must be made out to St. Vincent de Paul and not to the parish.



## **Tickets - Patio Set**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets in the church, on a patio set starting May 18/19. The cost is \$1 each. Winner will be drawn on Father's Day, June 16.

## Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Canadian Churches for Just Peace

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, as a member organization of Kairos, an ecumenical movement for ecological justice and human rights, is participating in a global movement walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza during the month of May.

This ecumenical initiative aims to be a pilgrimage of churches in Canada as we walk or wheel/roll in solidarity with Palestinians and Israelis on the road to justice and peace. We are inviting church and faith communities, to join in these actions for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. Our communal goal is walk 42 kms, the length of the Gaza strip. A national walk will take place in Ottawa on May 22. If you would like to participate local please visit the Kairos website, kairoscanada.org and register or contact Patricia Walsh Warren directly at pwalsh@devp.org.

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## To the Moms Who Are

- To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent iov.
- To the Moms who are remembering children who bave died, and pregnancies that miscarried.
- To the Moms who decided other parents were the
- best choice for their babies. to the Moms who
- adopted those kids and loved them fierce.
- To those experiencing frustration or desperation in
- 💋 infertility.
- To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.
- To those who mothered colleagues, mentees,
- neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.
- To those remembering Moms no longer with us.
- To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood.' wherever we have found it and in whatever wavs we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

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Hannah Kardon.

Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church

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# May 19 - Pentecost Sunday First Reading - Acts 2.1-11

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Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13 **Gospel** - John 20.19-23

## Mass Intentions May 13 - 19

Mass intentions May 15 - 17		
Monday	7:00pm	Carter and Brien family, Paul
		Ronayne, Mass in Thanksgiving
Tuesday	8:00am	Tom Mason, William Lush,
		Intentions of Maulina Pelletta
Wednesday	7:00pm	William and Marion Carroll,
		Marg, Gus and Barry Walters,
		Augustine Stamp
Thursday	8:00am	Frances Beson, Patrick Griffiths,
		Sister Angela McGrath
Friday	8:00am	Delores Bourgeois, Peter Francis
		Power, Zewditu Debesay,
		Intentions of Margaret Byrne
Saturday	5:00pm	The Parishioners
Sunday	9:00am	Mannion and Campion families,
		Irene Murphy,
		Intentions of Glenda and Jack Carter
	11:00am	Jean Payne, Patricia Power,
		Fred Norman



A Word from **Pope Francis** Jesus' ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from

the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ's presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history. Regina Caeli, Rome, May 28, 2017

Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the St. John's and Area Council of Churches will take place on Friday, May 31 at St. Andrew's Church Hall (The Kirk) at 6pm. The invited speaker will be Dr. Anne Walsh, Redemptorists Lay Missionary. Special music will be provided by Carolann Reid-Oliver and George Efford. Tickets for the AGM and Turkey Dinner are \$20 and available from Dr. Michael Collins - 709-726-7236. All are welcome.