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**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way. As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

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**Pastor**  
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen  
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane  
(Dean of Haldimand)

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule  
on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Must be registered and practicing  
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**May 15, 2022 - Year - C**  
**The 5th Sunday of**  
**Easter**

May 15, 2022

## The 5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	May 16	<b>NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY</b>	
	6:30 pm	Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Tues	May 17	9:00 am +Harold & Yvonne Garrett	by the Newman family
Wed	May 18	9:00 am +Bill & May Jones	by the Newman family
	10:30 am	- 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration / Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 19	9:00 am +William Ross	by family
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Bible Study Group in the Crying Room	
Fri	May 20	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group	Fr. Christopher
	9:00 am	+Amalija & Bill Kump	by the Newman family
	10:30 am	- 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered.	Fr. Christopher
	7:30 pm	- 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 21	8:30 am Catholic Women's League/ Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary (Alternating)	
	10:30 am	- 12:00 Noon Priestly Ordination of Deacon Daniel Corso	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 21	<b>The 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	
	5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 22	10:00 am +Betsy Muileboom	by Frank & Cathy Cartaginense

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Women's League and Knight of Columbus to recite the Holy Rosary each Saturday in May at 8:30 am. (Alternating)  
May 14/15 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive short presentation before Mass.  
Knights of Columbus Rain Barrel Drive, Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Priestly Ordination of Deacon Mr. Daniel Corsco  
Saturday, May 21, 10:30 am Cathedral  
Installation of New Catholic Women's League Executive at the Sunday Mass, May 29.

#### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has now been reinstated for the first time since March 2020. Most people have resumed a wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. Therefore, the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays no longer apply.

The 'Virtual viewing' of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation, yet live-streamed Masses may be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example, those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply.

The Church's Canon Law 1247 obliges Catholics "to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." The Catechism of the Catholic Church subsequently adds exceptions to this prescription: "unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their pastor."

We now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. Come Home, to the Mass.

#### UKRAINE RELIEF

The Diocese of St. Catharines has been in contact with Rev. Anton Szymychalski, pastor of St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church in St. Catharines who is grateful for our interest in offering practical assistance. At this time they are directing everyone to visit the Ukrainian Canadian Congress website (<https://www.ucc.ca/>) and click on the "I want to help" button. Rev. Anton will keep in touch so that when they have a specific need or when refugees connected to their parish are expected to arrive locally, they will let us know what assistance is most needed, whether related to finances, housing, employment, transportation, etc.

Our parish financial appeal has now ended. If you still wish to make a financial contribution, you can do so via the website for Canadian Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Thank you.

#### UPCOMING BAPTISM

May 15 - 12:30 pm Liam Arcari  
Welcome to our Family of Faith

#### ORDINATION OF DANIEL CORSO

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Corso Family joyfully announces and invites you to attend the Ordination of Daniel Anthony Corso to the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by: The Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines

Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines L2R 5M8

Reception to follow at St. Alfred Church, St. Mark Room 272 Vine Street, St. Catharines L2M 4T3

#### THE POPES PASTORAL WORKS May 26

This Collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two thirds of the collections is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271, is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report.

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