

Eucharist and Marriage: God's Covenant Love

After the Easter season, the Church celebrates a series of "theme" feasts, highlighting diverse aspects of our Catholic identity. At **Pentecost**, we proclaimed our identity as a Spirit-filled people, empowered to bear witness to a diversity of gifts in the one Spirit. Last Sunday, as we marked World Environment Day, we recalled that we are created in the image of the **Trinity**: in our lives, loves, and relationships, in our earth and cosmos, we reflect a God who is mutual, self-giving, overflowing communion of love.

Today, we commemorate the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**. We are a Eucharistic people. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we are transformed from within: we *become* Christ's Body and Blood, our lives broken for others, poured out in loving service of all humanity. This is what Jesus calls the "new covenant in his blood." God does not enter into a *contract* with us: a legally binding agreement in which non-performance renders the agreement null and void. God invites us to a **covenant** of faithful love. No matter how often we fall short of our side of the bargain, God always remains faithful. Why? Because that is who God is: faithful love. So Jesus says to us: "*I am with you always, until the end of time.*"

This weekend, we also celebrate this love reflected in those who have embraced covenant love with a partner through the sacrament of marriage. Without forgetting those who embrace the single life by choice or circumstance, or those whose marriages have ended in death or by divorce, we give thanks for the couples in our parish who bear witness to Christ through a love that is faithful, committed, and life-giving. We honour especially the newly-married – including Iain and Meghan Lowe, who will be testifying at our Matrimony celebration on Saturday, and those celebrating special anniversaries. Let us make our own the prayer with which Pope Francis closes his letter on the family, **The Joy of Love**:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families also may be places of communion and prayer, and authentic schools of the Gospel. May families never experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE ALRAYES FAMILY

The Syrian refugee family of six that we are sponsoring finally had their interview at the Canadian Embassy in Jordan on May 9. It appears that the meeting went well. Thank you so much for your prayers, but please continue to pray. It is a long and difficult process for any refugee family. If all goes well, the family will soon submit to medical exams and an orientation to Canadian society. Then security checks are necessary before a final decision and the issuance of the visa. The Canadian interviewer hopes that the family will be in Canada by the end of 2017.

For more information, including recent newsletters to the Alrayes and an updated photo, please consult the parish website www.stmonica.ca and scroll down Ministries – Faith and Justice – Refugee Sponsorship.

MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 17 TO 25, 2017

Saturday, June 17: Our Lady's Saturday

- 4:00 Italo & Anna Mariani & Italo Falcone By Luisa & Angelo Falcone
 Tito & Annita Forlini By Albano & Fausto Forlini & Family
 Antonio & Domenico By Pietrini Turini
 Paoli

Sunday, June 18: Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

- 8:30 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Emma & Colombo Salvati, Deceased members of the Stangoni Family, Robert Hanson.
 11:00 Adamo Francescangeli By Wife & Family
 Giovanni & Palma Farinelli By the Farinelli Family
 Costanza & Rosolino Sparapani By Maria Sparapani

Monday, June 19: St. Romuald

- 8:00 Linus Doyle By Marion Doyle & Family

Tuesday, June 20: Weekday Mass

- 8:00 In Honour of St. Silverio By Mazzella Family

Wednesday, June 21: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

- 8:00 Ivio Mazzella By his Daughter

Thurs, June 22: St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher, St. Thomas More

- 8:00 Lucia & Giacomo Palucci By Maria Teresa Palucci
 Msgr. T. Mooney & Joseph Mui By the Hyland Family

Friday, June 23: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 8:00 Pasquale Albansi By Emilda Albansi
 Angela, Antonio & Stefano By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara
 D'Astolfo

Saturday, June 24: The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

- 4:00 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta
 Antonio Bei By wife Gabriella Bei & Family
 Joseph Rampersaud By his Wife

Sunday, June 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 Giuseppina Fiori By her Children
 Lionel (Bill) Brookes By his wife Elisa Nucci
 Stella & John Brimo By Lisa Brimo
 11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Domenic & Rose Caringi, Patricia Murphy, Fioravante Rotiroti.

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of June 10/11, 2017 totalled \$2,805.80.



"Save the Date"

Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape Shrine

We are currently preparing a day long parish pilgrimage to **Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivières, Quebec.** We invite you to "Save the Date" of **Saturday, September 30** so that you can be part of this prayerful and empowering experience. Details will follow in August.

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FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION

Registration forms for **2017-18** Season are now available at the entrances of the church, church hall, & rectory. **PLEASE NOTE: All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form before August 14 (to know how many books to order) & return it to the rectory to guarantee a spot.** Cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more if you register by Sunday, June 25. **(After that date, \$20 will added on: \$80-\$100, \$105-\$125, \$125-\$145).** Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further info or an electronic copy of the registration form, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at jennie.armstrong@bell.net.

THE "BLANKET EXPERIENCE"

The Refugee Committee invites you to the interactive presentation of "The Blanket Experience", which helps sensitize people to the plight of refugees. It will take place **this Sunday, June 18th, after the 8:30 a.m. mass until 10:45 a.m. in the basement of the rectory.** The presenter is Constance Trepanier, a Jesuit Refugee Service Intern.