



ST. PATRICK OF THE ISLAND – BULLETIN WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020– 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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This Week's Readings:

In today's readings Jesus promises us "I will not leave you orphaned. The Father will send you another Advocate to be with you forever".

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17 – The Apostles, Peter and John prayed that the Holy Spirit might come down upon them.

1 PETER 3:15-18 – Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

JOHN 14: 15-21 – "The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father."

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:



Josephine, Audrey Angelozzi, Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy.

Anyone affected by the virus.



THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

- Mary Gallant



REFLECTION FOR 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we near the end of the Easter season, the Lord makes us a promise. He will be with us, he will not abandon us. He will be among us, but in a new way. The readings of this Sunday, introduce us to the Holy Spirit. Our ancestors in the faith experienced the Holy Spirit, as being very discreet. He is present at the beginning of creation. He protects God's work. He inspires the prophets. He comes to Mary. He is with Jesus since his baptism. And Jesus promises that He will always be there for us.

What is so special, is that He is so discreet, that we become aware of his presence only long after he has helped us. All through the long history of the Church, when all seemed hopeless, He inspired men and women to get involved. He gave them gifts: wisdom, strength to bring hope, change to open the future. All we have to do is look at the lives of all the saints, past and present.

Even more, look at your own stories. In bad times, when everything seemed hopeless, maybe an encounter with a friend, a telephone call, a TV program, a passage from the Bible, a message on Facebook, gave you hope, energy, a new outlook. Could it be that the Holy Spirit had something to do with this?

The answer will come only through hindsight in prayer and meditation. Last week, I experienced the beauty of Zoom. One night, we prayed the rosary, another night we shared our faith. Could the Holy Spirit have something to do with this? Yes, Jesus does keep his promises!

Pope Francis' Message For These Times:



"Many people have recently lost their jobs. Let us pray together for our brothers and sisters who are suffering for lack of employment...I would like to remind you that on 14 May, believers of every religion are invited to unite themselves spiritually in a day of prayer, fasting and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus."

- Pope Francis



IS ISOLATION GETTING TO YOU?

Do you need to talk to someone? In these difficult times, some days can be stressful and your faith tested. If you need to talk, we are here to listen. You can call Deacon Nic at 514-703-3736 or Anne Coulter at 514-453-8634.

ST PAT'S OUTREACH

In the coming days, volunteers from the parish will be calling your homes to see how you are doing, if you need anything or if we can help in any way.



Prayer for this Community

For all the people of our community,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

For peace and harmony,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our families and friends,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our civic and religious leaders,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who work for the good of others,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who suffer pain, loss and sorrow,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who believe in God,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

Lord,
listen to our prayers
for the men, women and children of our community.
Bless us and guide all our actions.
Be with us at all times,
for we place our lives in your hands
now and for ever.

Amen.

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