

SAINT PATRICK'S

THE COMING WEEK

Mass Intentions at St. Patrick's for the week of May 23 - 29, 2022

Monday, May 23	<i>No Mass at St. Patrick's Church</i>		
Tuesday, May 24	7:00 pm	† Adela Kalisz	† Mike Murray
<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help (devotion)</i>		† Patricia Baker	† Martin Allen
Wednesday, May 25	9:00am	† Marion St. Pierre	† Mary MacDonald
Thursday, May 26	9:00am	† deWit Family	† Bernard O'Neill
Friday, May 27	<i>No Mass at St. Patrick's Church</i>		
Saturday, May 28	5:00pm	Intentions of Parishioners - St. Patrick's	
Ascension of the Lord	10:00am	Intentions of Parishioners - St. Patrick's	
Sunday, May 29	12Noon	Intentions of Parishioners - St. Patrick's	

● **From the Pastor's Desk** - The Season of Easter is coming to an end (7 weeks of Easter Season).

Next Sunday - The **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**, the return of Jesus to heaven in His human but glorified body. It is the sign and seal of the accomplishment of Christ's mission on earth.

The following Sunday is the **Feast of Pentecost** - meaning 50 (50 days after Easter), the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the church (It is called, "the birthday of the Church"). On the weekend of Pentecost, **June 4/5** we will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation at the 12Noon Sunday Mass**. Bishop Joe Dabrowski will be the celebrant. Please support them with your prayers.

Our **parish hall** is it getting lots of attention (after 2 years of not being used) - members of our CWL are working very diligently on re-organizing the kitchen, washing all dishes and utensils and bringing the hall to the pre-pandemic time. Hopefully soon will be able to have coffee Sunday and welcome our parishioners to our social activities. Thank you ladies for your help and contribution.

● **The Pope's Pastoral Works - May 22** This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. On-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 throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See.

● **Healing and Reconciliation: An Historic Journey of Pope Francis to Canada**

Pope Francis will make a pastoral visit to **Canada from July 24 to 29, 2022**. The Pope's visit will provide a unique opportunity for him, once again, to listen and dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, to express his heartfelt closeness and to address the impact of colonization and the participation of the Catholic Church in the operation of residential schools throughout Canada.

● **The Day of Prayer for the Church in China - May 24**

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

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Vote Like a Catholic (Catholic Conscience)

Guide offers look at how parties' platform compares to Church's social teaching

As the writ dropped May 4 for Ontario's June 2 provincial election, the political junkies at Catholic Conscience were ready – to help Catholics discern their votes according to Church teaching.

The goal is to “make it possible for people to look at what each of the parties are offering on each issue and compare it to Catholic social teaching, and do that across a range of issues,” Catholic Conscience executive director Brendan Steven told The Catholic Register.

It goes without saying that none of this material will tell any voter who to vote for and different Catholics will continue to vote for different parties and candidates.

Since 2015 Catholic Conscience has geared up for federal, provincial and municipal elections, producing wheelbarrows full of literature and comparison tools, all in the hope of increasing Catholic voter turnout and keeping Catholics engaged in civic life. For Catholic Conscience, voting isn't just a duty. It's an opportunity that engages faith on every front.

“The kinds of things that the province directly deals with have more of an effect on the lives of everyday, ordinary people”.

Provincial responsibility for education, health and social programming also means that Catholic institutions will be affected, including Catholic school boards, Catholic hospitals and Catholic social welfare agencies.

While only the NDP has released a full platform early, voters are already in a good position to judge the major parties with seats at Queen's Park. The Conservatives have proposed a budget that, since it can't be passed before the legislature rises, will effectively be an election platform.

The Liberals released their full platform May 9, but in the days leading up to it “have actually made a lot of policy announcements,”. The same can be said for the Greens, whose policy announcements have been a daily event for weeks.

“We're going into this election with a lot on the table already, which is not always the case,”.

Catholic Conscience offers non-partisan help to parishes who want to host all-candidates meetings, workshops on applying prayer and discernment to a voting decision, a weekly election email newsletter and more for any parish that wants to get out the vote.

More information is at www.catholicconscience.org.

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