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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER REFLECTION



Soon, we will celebrate two feasts. The Ascension will close Jesus' earthly life as he is raised to the Father, while the feast of Pentecost will draw our attention to the descending Holy Spirit who comes to fulfill Jesus' promise to us: "I will not leave you orphaned . . . I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth."

These final moments in the Easter season prepare us to accept the great commission we hear in John's Gospel to go forth in this life to love and to serve the Lord. We become signs of God's presence by strengthening our families and friendships, respecting life, attending to our environment, keeping our bodies healthy, prayers for others, consoling the sick and those in need, finding Christ in our sufferings, witnessing Christ in our lives each day, showing compassion and prompting reconciliation.

Rev. Matthew Durham, CSB, Windsor ON

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### Readings for May 24

Acts 1:1-11. Ephesians 1: 17-23. Matthew 28: 16-20.

**MAY 17, 2020**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



It was not the way that I had thought I would celebrate my 45th but it was an awesome day none the less. The many best wishes that I received from you, my Parish Family, as well as former parishioners from across the Diocese was heart warming. Having the chance to preside at the Eucharist with both of my Associates and reflect on the meaning of the Gospel call to be servant. I was also the recipient of a catered dinner, courtesy of Fathers Jude and Peter. It was Chinese and it was delicious. It was a beautiful and fraternal gift that they shared with me. This pandemic has caused me, and I think many of us, to reexamine what we deem as important and open our hearts to gratitude for the elements of life that simply are. Also being Mother's Day there were many different ways of expressing our love for the women who have given us life. As I watched the news Sunday evening I saw some heart warming ways that individuals - especially children - expressed their love for Moms. Let us learn the new ways of making a difference in the lives of each other.

Four years ago I was ending my studies in Rome and heading off on a journey through Europe with my brother and sister and their spouses. I have been recollecting the wonders that we saw and how lucky we were to be a part of those countries and their beautiful landmarks and people. I wonder if travel will be a thing people will enjoy in the near future. It might be another opportunity to think how lucky we have been and what will be the adventures that will unfold for us in the future.

Yesterday we had the chance to be a part of a wonderful opportunity to give to needy families. May 16 Miracle was a great way to bring our community to an awareness of how we can share with less fortunate families. It's something that we should be doing all the time. Our St. Vincent de Paul Societies as well as our Caring Kitchen and our Soup Kitchen work throughout the year to make sure that persons have the necessities of life. I realize that many of us donate on a regular basis to these groups but it would be wonderful to think that we would be hands on people in helping out. Consider volunteering in some way in serving.

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard,  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.  
(Entrance Antiphon, Isaiah 48:20)*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### The strength of faith

Reading I Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17  
(Philip in Samaria)  
Reading II 1 Peter 3: 15-18  
(on Christian suffering)  
Gospel John 14: 15-21  
(promise of the Paraclete)

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, "And I will ask the father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14: 16)

**Adult:** The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?

**Child:** The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?



### BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) is the main fundraiser of the year for Right to Life Kent-Refuge Pregnancy Resource Centre; as you well know this year's BBB Campaign has been greatly impacted by Covid-19.

Good news for them, they have been able to set up the BBB Campaign virtually from the [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) webpage. Anyone can donate to this campaign using this link:

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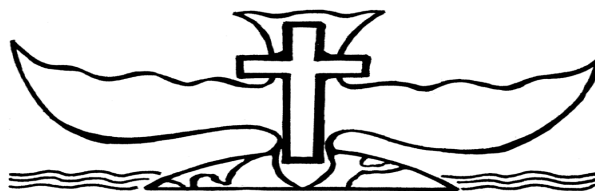
You may also donate by cheque. Please make the cheque payable to Refuge and on the "RE" line indicate BBB or Baby Bottle Boomerang. Cheques can be dropped off or mailed directly to the following address:

Right to Life Kent-Refuge  
39 Grand Ave W  
Chatham ON N7L 1B4

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!



*Happy Anniversary* Congratulations to Irvin and Julie Ducharme who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 21.



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## HOW TO DONATE

As we are all forced to slow down in our current world, unfortunately some things continue along, such as our household bills and expenses. The same goes for our parishes as well, that operate mainly on donations received at Mass. If you normally donate with your offertory envelope when you attend Mass, there are some other options.

### E-TRANSFER

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St. Agnes - stagnes@dol.ca

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Create the e-transfer and in the comment/note area, please indicate your envelope number or your address and which fund you are donating to, such as Sunday Offertory, Easter, Building, Share Lent etc.

No password is needed as the parishes are set up for autodeposit.

## CHEQUE

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St. Agnes Parish

52 Croydon St.

Chatham ON N7L 1L3

Attention: "Name of parish you are donating to"

### PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)

If you wish to set up PAD, you won't have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass or be concerned that you can't donate because you can't attend Mass, such as our current situation.

There is a form available on the website ([www.ccfp.dol.ca/how-to-donate](http://www.ccfp.dol.ca/how-to-donate) or click Giving/How to Donate on the top menu). You can print off the form and fill it out and either scan the form and a void cheque and email it (using the email addresses above), or mail the form and void cheque to the office (using the address indicated above). Please note for this method, the form must be received before the 15th of the month in order to take effect the next month.



*Make a joyful noise to God,  
all the earth!*

Psalm 66

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*To Everything there is a Season...  
"a time to be healed..."*

**Please pray for the sick of our parish family**

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Cathy Bachynski, Eva Beausejour,  
Giselda Bocchino, Donald Bulley, Deb Carr,  
Betty Carruthers, Esther Chari, Judy Cudney,  
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Bill Reaume, Jen Rumble, Sandra Sonneveld,  
Verna Southgate, John Taylor, Cora Van Brunschot  
and Genny Wrotkowska.

*God, grant them your peace.*

*"a time to die..."*

Please remember in your prayers all deceased  
relatives and parishioners especially Henriette Parent.

*Eternal rest grant unto thee.*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

May 18 Acts 16: 11-15. John 15: 26 - 16: 4  
May 19 Acts 16: 22-34. John 16: 5-11  
May 20 Acts 17: 15, 22 - 18: 1. John 16: 12-15  
May 21 Acts 18: 1-8. John 16: 16-20  
May 22 Acts 18: 9-18. John 16: 20-23a  
May 23 Acts 18: 23-28. John 16: 23b-28



**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan  
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Tomas Kuriackl, C.S.T.; Rev. William Thompson,  
O.M.I.; Mrs. Andrea Dula, Campus Minister; Deacon  
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**ST. URSULA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9551**

Covid-19 has slowed the council down but  
we kept going by emails and phone calls.  
During the last two months we have  
agreed to keep the same slate of officers  
for another fraternal year. The council  
has donated \$1,000 to food banks (Salvation Army  
and Chatham Outreach for Hunger). The council also  
donated \$500 to a young parishioner, Pierre Caron to  
further his studies. "All for one, one for all!"



**BISHOP'S DINNERS FOR 2020 ARE CANCELLED**

From David Howie, Executive Director, St. Peter's  
Seminary Foundation: Present circumstances and  
uncertainties for the future render the prospects for  
this year's Bishop's Dinners very problematic. Out of  
an abundance of caution, it has been decided to  
cancel both Bishop's Dinners, in London and Windsor.  
We reached this decision in consultation with  
diocesan and St. Peter's Seminary Foundation  
leadership and with our Bishops. Plans are in place to  
have our celebrations in 2021. Details will follow in  
due course.

The St. Peter's Seminary community, along with  
Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski, sincerely thank  
all those who have faithfully sponsored and attended  
these wonderful occasions in the life of our diocese.  
With God's help, we will be able once again to  
gather in faith and friendship and eagerly look  
forward to seeing one and all once again.

**CHURCH CHUCKLE**

I'm really not into spring cleaning.



Come to think of it, I'm not into  
summer, fall or winter cleaning either.

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You can use your Visa or Mastercard (regular credit card, as well as Visa and Mastercard debit cards) for any type of donation or payment you wish to give or make. This includes both one-time donations and/or recurring donations.

Once we are able to gather again at Mass and have regular office hours, there will be more ways to access this payment method as well as more uses. When the time comes we will be sure to let everyone know.

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- Using your **mobile device's camera**, scan the QR code (see codes beside with the particular parish name you wish to donate to), and simply follow the instructions on the screen to make your donation.

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## PRAYER

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
in the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who service the sick  
and give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead  
and give them your Spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill  
and give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap your arms around the world  
and hold us in your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then serve  
as instruments of that love to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen.