

# **Precious Blood Cathedral**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

**Parish Secretary:** Sue St. Jules Office Hours:

Rev. Father Hamish Currie **Assistant Pastor: Rev. Father Clarence** Narendra

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM and 8:30 PM

Weekday Masses: 8:00 AM No Mass on Wednesday

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

Baptism:

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please make arrangements one month in advance by contacting the Parish office.

Marriage:

Please make marriage arrangements 6 months in advance by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing:
Please allow at least 6 months for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

> **Knights of Columbus: Kerry Pavoni** 705-575-2044

**CWL President:** Louise Bichler 705-945-8259

**Liturgical Music / Choir :**Bruce Douville bruce.douville@gmail.com

#### **Bulletin Announcements:**

Email yours to pbcathedral@on.aibn.com Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

> **Prayer Line:** Corona McNally 705-575-6975



Due to Covid 19

ALL CHURCH SERVICES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

The Parish Office is operating with very limited hours but messages will be checked regularly.

Thank you for your donations, to drop off mail please come to Queen Street Office door and there is a mail slot in the Office door.

#### **Journey Lottery Draw Date Postponement Due to COVID-19**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak the Journey Lottery draw that was scheduled for Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> at noon has been postponed to a later date. When the COVID -19 restrictions have ended we will advise as to the new draw date and the additional opportunities to purchase tickets prior to the draw. If you have already purchased a ticket and have any objections to this postponement please contact Terry Bos via email at bost@saultairport.com

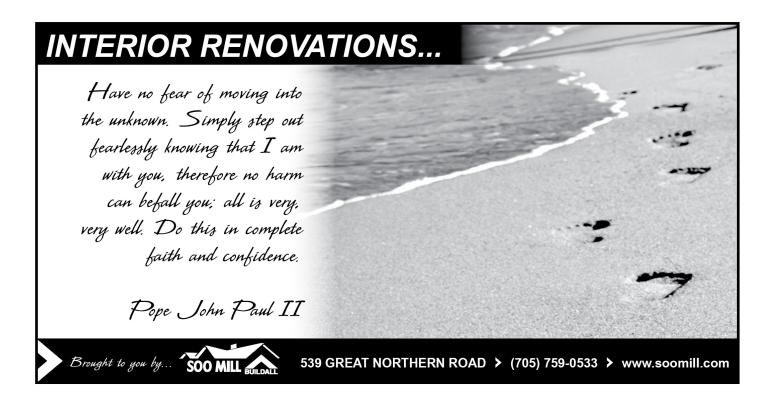
#### Weekdays Scripture Readings: 11th to 16th May 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 14.5-18	John 14.21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14.19-28	John 14.27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15.1-6	John 15.1-8
Thursday	Acts 1.15-17, 20-26	John 15.9-17
Friday	Acts 15.22-31	John 15.12-17
Saturday	Acts 16.1-10	John 15.18-21

## **Shawl Ministry**

If you know of someone who is in hospital or at home or at the Hospice that is in need of comfort from a shawl.

Please call Corona at 705-575-6975.





#### MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF SAULT STE. MARIE

May 6, 2020

On this feast of Saint François de Laval, patron saint of Canadian Bishops, Pope Francis announced publicly his decision to appoint me as Coadjutor Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. This is the beginning of a new chapter in my life, one that will build upon multiple experiences that have taught me to trust the Lord. I have always been amazed at the callings I received from the Church; however, I did not always understand why I was the one chosen to assume responsibility for a new parish, a new diocese, a new ministry or a new undertaking. My first "fiat" is rooted in my love for God and for his people. It was from this fundamental principle that I responded to all the other callings in my life, offering my service with humility and thanksgiving. God's plan is not always obvious, but it is revealed to us as a Mystery. No matter how many questions I ask, the answer is often the same: "My grace is sufficient for you." So I walk gently and joyfully on a path that will be strewn with signs of divine Providence.

It is with mixed feelings that I write these words to you. Having celebrated Good Shepherd's Mass last Sunday, I feel bad for leaving you. I feel as though I were abandoning you, knowing that we are at a time in our history when the normal course of our Church life has been changed by the pandemic. This increased uncertainty about the future is added to all other issues currently touching your lives. I see so many things that still need to be finished or even started. Projects of all kinds have been discussed and / or partially started. You will need to be patient and to trust that the new Bishop will take over and provide the necessary leadership according to God's plan. Rest assured that there is an exceptional staff at the Diocesan Center, and each of them will support the new Bishop. I also have great confidence in the clergy who assume their responsibilities in their respective parishes. I am very grateful for their dedication and good collaboration over the past four years.

I plan to begin my responsibilities as Coadjutor Archbishop on June 16, 2020. Until then, I will be present in the diocese to meet the many needs and to plan with the diocesan team the steps that will follow. The restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic may complicate gatherings that would allow us to say "goodbye". We will undoubtedly find answers to our multiple questions in the days to come.

I remain with you in thought and prayer. I entrust everything to the intercession of Mary Immaculate and of Saint François de Laval.

+Marcel Damphousse

Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

Coadjutor Archbishop elect of Ottawa-Cornwall



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Thank you to all who have sent in your parish offering envelopes.

Your generosity in this difficult time is much appreciated.

## The Pregnancy Centre's annual Baby Bottle Campaign is going virtual this year!

Simply go to our website - www.algomapregnancy.com - and click on the Baby Bottle Campaign banner on the home page to donate on-line with your credit card. Or if you prefer, you can send a cheque in the mail to the Pregnancy Centre (177 McDougald Street, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 3A9) between Mother's Day and Father's Day, and just write "baby bottle campaign" at the bottom of your cheque. It's as easy as that! Every little bit helps, and it adds up to make a huge difference!

Pregnancy can't be "paused", so we are still working hard during the COVID19 pandemic to make sure much needed baby supplies are available for non-contact pick up in our front porch, and we are still providing clients emotional support over the phone and through e-mail. We want all of our clients to know that we are here for them and that they are not alone, even though it may feel that way right now.

Your support of our virtual Baby Bottle Campaign this year ensures that the Pregnancy Centre can continue serving clients throughout this pandemic – and beyond. Thank you!

## **Prayer Line**

Anyone wishing to have prayers for a special Intention, or someone who is ill, having surgery, for the deceased, or any other intention may contact Corona at 705.575.6975

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### Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the gospel for the **5th Sunday of Easter**, we hear Jesus console us, asking us to not let our hearts be troubled because he goes only to prepare a place for us and that "No one comes to the Father except through me."

In the continuing weekday readings from the **Acts of the Apostles**, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles "the Holy Spirit just as he did us" and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to Jewish laws. Paul followed the Spirit to expand his travels, ending with his decision to go to Macedonia.

John's Gospel continues the "Last Discourse" of Jesus, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel during the weekdays. These gospels offer a layered and poetic look at the kind of inseparable love we share with God. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." He promises the Holy Spirit who "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." He offers us peace and encourages us "not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." He tells his followers, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Saturday, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn't like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won't like our announcing and living it either.

On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we hear the incredibly comforting news from Jesus in **John's Gospel**: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" as he promised to send the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth to us