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**88.1 FM Radio Station allows people to listen to St. James Mass in the park lot,
then drive vehicles to the entrance to receive communion**

**Nativity of Our Lady
108 Chibekena Inano, Pikwakanagan, Ont.**

**St. Ann's Church
50 McCauley Mountain Road, Cormac, Ont.**

Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

Thank you to everyone who participated in masses last weekend for our inaugural livestream presentations of our masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at St. James. The St. James Masses can be viewed at the actual mass time on our St. James Facebook Page. Fr. Ken encourages everyone to participate in our masses and stay strong in our faith. We thank Terry Mask of Groove Communications for the livestreaming success and various adaptations, he had to implement to this happen. Thank you to Fr. Bill Kenney for presiding at our masses, while Fr. Ken is recovering. We are very grateful for his services.

Reservations inside the churches are necessary: Thirty people are permitted inside St. James and Fifteen people are permitted at Nativity of our Lady. **If you are younger and able**, please consider the parish hall or the choir loft for seating at St. James, and the side hall at Nativity. This will respect people with health challenges to access the main area of our churches. Remember the parking lot option, as this is working really well.

A request to all parishioners inside the churches now: upon entrance and receiving holy communion, kindly walk down the aisle, "single file" and maintain the 2 metre distance between one another. **At St. James and Nativity of our Lady, please sign the sheets in using a sanitized pen at the entry. This is a Covid 19 regulation, and we appreciate your patience and understanding - we must protect one another.**

The 2020 financial statement is enclosed with your bulletin this weekend. Whether small or large, we are grateful to every parishioner for every contribution. St. James, Nativity of our Lady and St. Ann's parishes remain strong and viable because of all of you. May God bless each one of you for your commitment and generosity to your church and to your faith.

In your prayers kindly remember and pray for those in our community who have died recently. May they feel God's loving embrace and presence, in the heavenly kingdom.

Kindly remember those of our families and friends in our community, who are isolated, or suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially Esther O'Malley, Orpha Breen, Sharon Menard, Clare Lavalley, Mike Kineer, Wyatt Lehman, Shelley McLeod, Colleen Prendergast, Joanne Sarazin, Teresa Plotz, Marie Swant, Louise Contant, Lloyd Vincent and Kathryn Oostrom. Remember those who are suffering from COVID 19 and please include Fr. Ken in your prayers for his recovery.

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Theme for May 2nd: Vine and Branches. The Easter message of life in the risen Christ continues in today's gospel of the vine and the branches. Apart from Jesus the vine, there can be no spirit-life for his disciples. The letter of John reminds us that it is this same Spirit that enables us to recognize Jesus as God's son and to keep his commandments. The Spirit at work in Acts moves the recently converted Paul to present his message in Jerusalem regardless of the personal danger involved. Thus the vine and branches constitute a living reality within the human soul and within a growing church.

Saturday, May 1st – Sunday, May 9th ANNOUNCED PARISH MASSES

Saturday, May 1st at 5:30 p.m. at **St. James:** Mass Intentions for Gerry Scheer from Kevin Sullivan & Catherine White and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Pembroke

Sunday, May 2nd at 9 a.m. at **Nativity** – For the Intentions of all Parishioners

Sunday, May 2nd at 11 a.m. at **St. James:** For the Intentions of those who generously gave Flower Donations for Easter

Saturday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m. at **St. James:** Mass Intention for Ernestine St. Louis from Suzanne, Diane Denise & Families

Sunday, May 9th at **Nativity:** For the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, May 9th at **St. James:** Mass Intention for Helen Kilgour from Dean & Shelley Sullivan

Saturday, May 8th Lector: Johanna Zomers

Saturday, May 8th Eucharistic Minister: Gilles Barrette

Sunday, May 9th Lector: Alanna Hermans

Sunday, May 9th Eucharistic Minister: Mark Searson

Message from Bishop Guy Desrochers: I would like to remind the clergy and faithful of our Diocese that this coming **Saturday, May 1st**, on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, **all Diocesan Masses will be celebrating for the intention of the Sisters of Saint Joseph** who are celebrating 100 years of religious presence in our Diocese this year, since their arrival in Pembroke in 1921. Let us rejoice for their faithful presence and for all the works they have accomplished in our Diocese throughout these many years of devoted service to the people of God.

The following CBC internet coverage was published on January 24, 2020: *The Sisters of St. Joseph has been operating on the shore of the Ottawa River since 1921, when the congregation began farming a 5.4-hectare plot of sloping land on what was then Pembroke's outskirts. The acreage was once home to 80 nuns who trained, operated a Catholic mission and worked as teachers, nurses and caregivers for the elderly in several Ottawa Valley communities. They also welcomed in seniors who couldn't afford the cost of conventional homes or find housing elsewhere in Pembroke. In 1953, the Sisters of St. Joseph opened a new convent on the original site (just west of Downtown Pembroke).*

**+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Bishop of Pembroke**



The Early Church

...about 3000 added to their number that day. Acts 2:41
...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47
...and the number of men grew to about five thousand Acts 4:4
...more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. Acts 5:14
Then the church... grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord. Acts 9:31
The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. Acts 13:49
So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. Acts 16:5
In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. Acts 19:20

Fifth Sunday of Easter **Sunday, May 2nd, 2021**

Your Easter offering at St. James the Less for Sunday, April 25th was \$1,185.00

Your Easter offering at Nativity of our Lady Mission Sunday, April 25th was \$230.00

Thank you to those who continue to contribute weekly offerings despite the Covid 19 restrictions.

Your kindness and generosity is very appreciated.

The gates to the St. James Cemetery have been opened for the season. We would ask that you drive only on the paved or graveled paths as the grassed areas are still very soft. You are welcome to place flowers on the monuments, no solar lights or flowers on the ground please. Interments will commence when the ground has firmed up.

With thanks, Gus Cammaert



Special Request to CWL Members from Membership Secretary Lois Cretien: if you have kept your five or ten year membership pin, and have advanced to a CWL “senior membership”, would you kindly return your “novice” pin to the Parish Office?



Pembroke Diocesan CWL Annual General Meeting for 2019 and 2020 will be a “**virtual meeting only**” by **zoom** either by computer or telephone. If you would like to attend please contact Colleen Prince 613-628-3527 by **May 8th, 2021**.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care was chosen to run simultaneously with the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association's National Hospice Palliative Care Week, **May 3-9, 2021**. The need for help in the country to respect life through palliative care assistance is something everyone can pray for from home individually. This week, take time to pray for those in palliative care, their families and their caregivers and for governments to acknowledge and support the need for improved palliative care services.

March for Life – Week for Life: May 9 – 15, 2021. Visit <http://www.marchforlife.ca/> for up-to-date information and virtual links to the week's events.

2021 National Week of Life and Family: Material, prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), is available at <https://www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/>. The week of **May 9-16, 2021**, will be observed, with the theme, “Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life”.

Statement to Support the Implementation of UNDRIP in Canadian Law – Monday, April 26, 2021: The members of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) published a statement to support the implementation of *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (UNDRIP) in Canadian law. Copies of this letter are available on tables in our parishes.

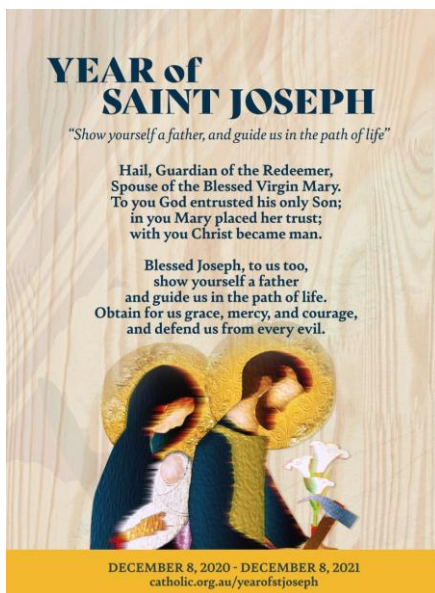
Message from the Catholic Bishops to the Faithful on the Expansion of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: During this Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life we have in him, we desire to engage our Catholic faithful on a subject of crucial importance to all of us. Bill C-7 has now become law, expanding euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, known as “Medical Assistance in Dying” (“MAiD”). Our Bishops accompany us in prayer and vigilant advocacy against a culture of death, which continues to erode the dignity of human life in our country. We have a letter from CCCB in our churches, or we can email the letter to you.

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Pentecost Mission – Receive the Holy Spirit!: Renewal Ministries – 4 Sunday evenings from **May 23rd to June 13th**. Join us via livestream for a four-part Pentecost Mission that will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and help participants welcome Him more deeply into their lives! Each session will include dynamic preaching and teaching, followed by a time of worship and prayer for greater activation of the workings of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to journeying with you closer to the heart of Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit! Information/registration: <https://www.renewalministries.net/pentecost-mission/>.

The May Ecclesia is available to everyone. We have copies in our parishes and it is available on-line through the Pembroke Diocese Website. Parishioners are requested to complete the English survey on Page 19, ou le français à la page 17.



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has proclaimed a **“Year of Saint Joseph”** from December 31, 2020 to **December 31, 2021**. Pope Francis wrote that St. Joseph has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.” At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis has a prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together.

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.

Fr. Ken encourages everyone to take a prayer card at the entrance of the church.

Celebrating the Year of Saint Joseph: Resources to commemorate the year of St. Joseph can be found on the Diocese of Pembroke website at <https://pembrokedioocese.com/year-of-st-joseph/>

