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Catholic Education Week: May 5-9th

Tuesday, May 6th

12:05pm + Carmel Cox

Requested by Theresa Lapointe

Wednesday, May 7th

12:05pm + Bryan Comeau

Requested by Theresa Lapointe

Thursday, May 8th

12 :05pm + Nenita Bicol Aquirre

Requested by Rodelio Aquirre

Friday, May 9th

11:00 am Holy Hour

12:05pm + Nelson Robillard

Requested by Peter & Marie Lacroix

Saturday, May 10th

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10:00 am + Margaret Peggy Lavigne

Requested by Bill Lavigne

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 10th

5:00 pm Special Intentions for

Fr. John M. Lee, C.P.

Requested by Gord & Cathy McKay

Building
Fund

Sunday, May 11th

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:30 am +Esther McCallum

Requested by The McCallum family

Pope's Prayer Intention for May

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Roll, Rise, and be Renewed

It was Easter Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. But for Peter and the disciples, it was like an extension of Good Friday. Peter and the disciples were discouraged and disappointed. Their dreams were shattered, their hopes crushed. Their master had died an ignominious death on the cross. After all, there was nothing to the great dreams of their Master. It was all finished. And so, they were going fishing, turning to their former way of life. They had given up on their master.

And then, a stranger entered their lives. An unknown bystander on the shore by the Sea of Tiberias. They let him into their lives, answering his questions and responding to their suggestion to cast their net on the 'other' side of the boat. So, they cast their net and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. And then, they recognized their Master.

They saw the 'other' face of Christ – not the familiar face of the earthly Jesus, but the unfamiliar face of the risen Lord. And everything changed, a turnaround from being fishers of people, from the labor of fishing to the mission of witnessing to the resurrection. The message of the Resurrection is that Jesus never gives up on his disciples. Despite their denial, betrayal and abandonment, Jesus returns to them and takes them back again. He calls them a second time and restores them to their status as disciples.

The transformation wrought by the Resurrection was not just a reality for Jesus, but as for the disciples as well. Like Jesus, they had risen from the dead – from discouragement and disappointments to new hope and excitement at the mission of witnessing to the Gospel.

This is true as well for us, today's disciple of the Lord Jesus. Despite our unfaithfulness, wickedness and indifference, Jesus never gives up on us. He calls us, not just once, but a second time, a third time, several times, all the time.

And fascinatingly, often his call comes to us *through the stranger*. It is interesting to note that the risen Lord is often mistaken as a stranger – as the gardener by the tomb, as the stranger on the road to Emmaus, as a bystander by the Sea of Tiberias. For indeed, with

the stranger lies surprise: a new possibility, contact with that part of God and of reality that we have never experienced before. That is why the stranger can lead us to experience the newness of the Resurrection.

May Easter inspire us to roll away the stones we have built and allow our Risen Lord to renew us.

*Grace and peace,
Father R C R A*

ShareLife: Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

Thus far we have raised **\$9,144** toward our goal of **\$21,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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C.W.L. News

Our next meeting will be May 12th at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

Catholic Register NEWS

St. Margaret's Parish is pleased to announce that you may now pick up the current issue of *The Catholic Register* newspaper at the back of the church every weekend, beginning May 11th. Please enjoy quality Catholic Canadian journalism and share accordingly. Any small donation from time to time is greatly appreciated. The former courtesy subscriptions have been discontinued.

Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday

Offertory \$4,360.11

**Amount includes PAG & Donate Now*

An Evening of Jubilation and Praise St. Michael's Choir School Concert

As part of our 2025 Year of Jubilee Year celebrations, St. Margaret's will have the honour of hosting the St. Michael's Choir School for a concert at 6:30 PM on Friday, May 30th, 2025. Tickets are \$50 each.

ABOUT ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

Founded in 1937 with the purpose of providing sacred music for services at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** in downtown Toronto, **St. Michael's Choir School** is a centre for musical and academic excellence. SMCS is one of only six choir schools in the world affiliated with the **Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music** in Rome. Each boy admitted to SMCS is trained in vocal and instrumental music and sings in at least one of the school's many choirs. In addition to the annual Christmas concert, the choirs of SMCS tour regularly and perform at many local events. Balancing the sacred and the secular is customary for the school. **St. Michael's Choir School** is not only renowned for its music program, but also for its academic achievement, consistently ranking at the top of Fraser Institute surveys. For 88 years, graduates of SMCS have pursued studies in science, education, medicine, law, business and, of course, music. The last category includes such well known musical artists as **Michael Colvin, Stewart Goodyear, Kevin Hearn, John McDermott, Claude Morrison, Robert Pomakov, Michael Shade, Stephen Hegedus, Matt Dusk, Andrew Craig, Joshua Tamayo, Jordan DeSouza**, and the late **Michael Burgess**, to name a few.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers: David Boyce, Lauraine Marshall, Jose Mendoza, Gary Edwards, Gladys Robitaille, Barb Ledoucer, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, , Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Stephen Roach, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenaude, Betty Laurin, John Gunther

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Pope Francis and Bob Dorion

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