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Newsletter for the week of May 10th 2020

In compliance with the shutdown ordered by Premier Doug Ford, all parish properties, including the church itself, the parish hall and the office will be closed till further notice.

If there is anything you need, please leave a message at the office. If it is of an urgent matter, please contact Fr. Joseph at 705-920-1514

The following masses will be celebrated privately by Fr. Joseph as they were previously requested for these dates. If you would prefer to have them celebrated after the churches open, this can be arranged with no extra stipend required.

St. Bartholomew :

Sunday May 10 – For the People / Missa pro popula

Tuesday May 12 – For those who died through Covid 19 by Michelle & Arnet

Saturday May 16 – For the Virgin Mary by Silvana

Sunday May 17 – Gordon Besserer by Danny & Louise

St. Francis Xavier :

Thursday May 14 – For Souls in Purgatory by Jeff & Sandy

St-Étienne/ St. Stephen the Martyr :

Friday May 15 – Ray & Cathy Morgan by James Morgan

Sunday May 17 - For the People / Missa pro popula

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity at this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

Donations May 3rd 2020

Church envelopes (white)	\$ 525.00
Renovations	\$ 55.00
HOP	\$ 490.00
Ministry Formation	\$ 60.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 50.00
Total Deposit	\$ 1180.00

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Congratulations to Angie Charlebois, winner of \$50 in week #3 of the Parish Lottery!

The Living Faith booklets are in (April/ May/ June). There will be a large tin in the corner of the closed entrance to the basement at St. Bartholomew Church. Please feel free to pick up a copy and place the cover back on the tin. Parishioners at St. Etienne will find a clear container by the door of the Church. Please replace the lid after taking a copy.

Parishioners in Cartier that would like Living Faith booklets, please see Sandy Young.

These booklets are provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Chevaliers de Colomb.

Homily for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Today, Jesus invites us to renew our trust in him as the way, the truth and the life. As Christians, we are on a pilgrimage, the climax of which will be reached when Jesus triumphantly welcomes us, as sons and daughters of God, into the heavenly home that God has prepared for us. So until then, we are called to faith, to love and to hope. In his words, Jesus said; do not let your hearts be troubled...! (John 14:1).

When we love someone with all our heart, we want to be with that person. It is the same with our relationship with God. Today Christ promises us a beautiful future with God. However, we must give ourselves to the present moment and do our best despite the challenges and distractions that we may face. COVID-19 may have isolated us from one another but we are not isolated from prayer which connects us spiritually to God and to one another. So let us stay connected with our prayers and derive strength from our loving service to one another.

As we have placed our trust in God, may we never be disappointed, Amen!
Happy Sunday and Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers. Much love to you all!!!

"Je suis le chemin la vérité et la vie." (Jean 14, 1 -12) Aujourd'hui, Jésus nous invite à renouveler notre confiance en lui et à nous souvenir qu'il est toujours là avec nous. Comme chrétiens, nous sommes en pèlerinage, dont le point culminant sera atteint lorsque Jésus nous accueillera triomphalement dans la maison céleste que Dieu nous a préparée. Jusqu'à ce moment, nous sommes appelés à avoir confiance en son amour. Il nous a bien dit de ne pas troubler nos cœurs. (Jean 14:1)

Lorsque nous aimons quelqu'un de tout notre cœur, nous sommes heureux d'être en sa présence. C'est la même chose dans notre relation avec Dieu. Aujourd'hui, le Christ nous promet un bel avenir avec Dieu. Cependant nous devons nous donner au présent, faire de notre mieux, malgré les défis et les distractions auxquelles nous pouvons être confrontés. COVID -19 peut nous avoir isolés les uns des autres mais nous ne sommes pas isolés de la prière qui nous relie spirituellement à Dieu et notre prochain. Alors, restons connectés par nos prières et tirons-en la force d'être de service aux autres. La confiance que nous plaçons en Dieu ne peut jamais nous décevoir.

Bon dimanche et bonne Fête des mères à toutes les mamans!! Je vous souhaite beaucoup d'amour!