



Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish

"We, the people of Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish, accept as our mission to be a welcoming, diverse parish family who shares our gifts and talents that God has given us to serve others in need as we grow in our Faith."

May 4 & 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY—9:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.

**ROSARY AT 9:10 A.M.

WED—10:00 A.M. AT RIVERVIEW

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Readings for Next Sunday

The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading—Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading—Eph 1:17-23

Gospel—Mark 16:15-20



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6th Sunday of Easter

Introduction: Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – "Love one another as I have loved you." When we celebrate Mother's Day, let us remember with gratitude that it is generally our mothers who practice the agápe love of Jesus.

Life Messages

1) **Let us cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus:** a) The qualities we normally expect from our friends are trust, mutuality, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice. Jesus offers us all these qualities in our friendship with him. b) As a friend, Jesus has trusted us by sharing with us everything that he has heard from his Father. Hence, we have to trust him as a friend by listening to him through the Bible and talking to him by prayer. c) As our friend, Jesus will be always faithful to us. Let us return this fidelity by being faithful to him in doing His will. d) By calling us his friends, Jesus makes us equal to him. Let us be proud of this and lead lives worthy of our unique status. e) As an understanding friend, Jesus is ready to forgive us time and time again. Let us also forgive those who offend us. f) As a friend, Christ has told us everything so that our joy might be complete in him. Let us enjoy Jesus' Divine friendship. g) Jesus declared that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. He has done it for us. Hence, let us also love others sacrificially.

2) **Let us be persons for others:** Jesus demonstrated the love God, his Father, has for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as his disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do for their children by sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for them. That is, they "spend" themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving each the respect he or she deserves as a human being, God's creation. In moments of trial and stress, when people are hostile or ungrateful and we feel the pull of bitter resentment in our hearts, it is important for us to remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked. Hence, we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

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JOKE
OF THE
WEEK

After All These Years of Love

After all these years of love: An old couple was sitting by the fireside. He looked over at her, had a romantic thought, and said, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." The wife's hearing wasn't very good, so she said, "What?" He repeated, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." "After fifty years, I'm tired of you too," she replied.

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Please, continue to pray for Candace, Chloe, Eliana, and Gab as they complete the final preparations for their First Communion which will be held next Sunday, May 5, during the 9:30am mass.

Several rows of the front of church in the main section will be reserved for the communicants and their families.

Parking may be difficult on Sunday, May 5, as there will be more people in attendance than usual for the First Communion Mass.

CWL NOTICE

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, the CWL will be hosting a reception for four children who will be receiving their First Communion. It will be a pot lunch event and we invite you to bring something for the table (hot dish, salad, dessert, or your choice). Everyone is invited and we look forward to having you come and celebrate this special occasion. The reception will be held in the church hall following Mass.

Saint for the Week

St. Francois de Laval's Story—May 6

The Laval was born in 1623 in France. By the age of 24 he had been ordained a priest, and at 35 was ordained a bishop. In his early years he was trained under the Jesuits and thus became quite aware of the Jesuit missions to the New World and the heroic efforts of the Jesuit martyrs like Jean de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues. He greatly desired to serve in the New World, and in early 1659 he arrived at his posting in Quebec City. Despite numerous difficulties with the governors of New France as well as church authorities who were already there in Quebec, he quickly moved to expand the work of the church in the New World. He also established a Seminary in 1663 which became the forerunner of the first university of our nation, which is now named Laval University in his honour.

After his death in 1708, he was honoured with the title "pere de la patrie", that is, father of the homeland. He was beatified by St. John Paul II in 1980 and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

In the Collect prayer above, there is a phrase which includes a word we rarely use anymore. That word is zeal. Zeal is a fierce and unquenchable desire to do something. Some years ago I had a conversation with Fr. Michael Knox, S.J., who is the director of Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON. When I asked him about why so many priests and religious had this desire to leave country and family behind and work in a New World where conditions were challenging, dangers were ever present and often few rewards of their ministry were to be found, Fr. Knox mentioned one word: Zeal. He said they had a ferocious zeal for living our faith and sharing our faith with all whom they encountered, no matter the cost. And Bishop Laval was one of those persons of such zeal.

When I read the stories of people of the early missionaries to our country like Laval, Brebeuf, or Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine whose feast day is May 8th, I always feel humbled by their example, but I also feel awe regarding their zeal. Thi prompts me to then ask, where is the zeal for the faith in my life, my ministry? How much do I desire to share the faith like they did? And what about you? How much zela is their in your flfe when it comes to our faith. In this time of pandemic nobody is leaving this country travelling elsewhere to serve as missionaries of the faith. But every single one of you is called to do your part in living the faith, loving the faith, and sharing the faith, with as much zeal as you can muster.



Liveloud

Praise & Worship Concert

Experience a Catholic Praise and Worship Concert night presented by Liveloud Canada. Liveloud has been traveling to different Canadian cities now for over 10 years. It has made trips to Winnipeg in 2015, 2017 and 2019 and this year, it is back! After leading worship at the World Youth Day in Portugal last year, the Liveloud band is back! The concert will be on May 19th from 7-9pm at Canad Inns Polo Park. Tickets are \$15 and available to be purchased online. If you would like to know more about the band and their music, just search Liveloud on YouTube or Spotify or check our Facebook page Liveloud Canada or IG @liveloudcanada. For ticket inquiries, please contact Patrick at 204-509-0023 or visit: [simpletix.com/e/2024-liveloud-central-concert-tickets-153069](https://www.simpletix.com/e/2024-liveloud-central-concert-tickets-153069)