

Bulletin - April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

During life, faith is an on-going struggle and there are moments of crisis when our minds are darkened and our vision of God blurred by clouds of doubt. Having doubts can actually turn out to be a growing point in the life of faith. Believing challenges us to change our lives as a result of our encounter with Jesus.

-Desmond Knowles-

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns*

FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION

If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00

Mass Intentions

2nd Sunday of Easter- April 16, 2023

Sat. Apr. 15 - 5:00 pm - Agnes Mayfield (Mary Mayfield)

Sun. Apr. 16- 9:30 am - for the people

Tues. Apr. 18 – 9:00 am – No Intention

Wed. Apr. 19 - No Mass

Thurs. Apr. 20- 9:00 am – No Intention

Fri. Apr. 21 – 9:00 am – No Intention

3rd Sunday of Easter- April 23, 2023

Sat. Apr. 22 - 5:00 pm - for the people

Sun. Apr. 23- 9:30 am - for the repose of the soul of Mary Boyle

Sale and Food Market FUNDRAISER in Support of Refugees and Newcomers to Canada

Saturday, April 29th; 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kingston Street Mission (Oddfellows Hall) 218 Concession Street

DOORS, the refugee sponsorship organization with whom the Archdiocese of Kingston partners, and Kingston Street Mission, are hosting a fundraiser on April 29th at the Kingston Street Mission (Oddfellows Hall). This is an opportunity to engage our Anglican and Catholic church communities in support of refugee sponsorship. Some of our newly arrived refugees will be participating in volunteer roles, including providing the food for the event. Please join us for a clothing sale and mini-international food market. For questions/more information contact Laurie McLean, Assistant Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator at doorsfinance@ontario.anglican.ca We hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting of St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae

Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie Street, Kingston

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae of Hotel Dieu Hospital will be held on **Tuesday, April 18th at 10:00 am.**

Entrance through the side door off Clergy Street. Limited parking on nearby West Street.



ARCHDIOCESE of KINGSTON

29 March 2023

Returning to Mass at Pentecost

As I look back over the last three years, I wish to begin by acknowledging the courage, generosity and understanding that have been displayed in the face of adversity and unforeseen challenges. Many people, in their different walks of life and with their varied responsibilities, gave of themselves so generously. Amongst them, I want to express my gratitude to those who gave of their time and energy to keep open our churches. The parishes of our archdiocese have realised Pope Francis' vision that they be "a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 28). I want to acknowledge all those who developed creative, new patterns of prayer and made participation in parish Masses possible through the internet.

A beautiful and profound aspect of our Catholic faith is the desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so in gratitude and with joy. We are made for the worship of God, and we give expression to this fundamental aspect of our human nature and our Christian identity by our presence at, and participation in, the celebration of Mass.

Moreover, as Henri de Lubac reminded us, the Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity, enabling us to worship God and be a visible sign of faith in the world. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church, in which the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, requiring our participation and our presence.

During the Covid pandemic, the Sunday Obligation was impeded and needed to be fulfilled in other ways. I thank God that this situation has now changed and the reasons that have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. The challenge before us now is the restoration of the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. Sunday is a weekly gift from God to His people. It is not something that we can do without. The Sunday Eucharist is food for each one of us in our personal lives, and in the unique task with which we have been entrusted.

I understand there are still some members of the faithful who, for reasons of health, do not yet feel able to return to Mass. It has always been the teaching of the Church that it is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation when a Catholic is impeded from attending Mass in person

because of situations such as ill health or care for the sick. Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted from the online streaming of Mass but 'Virtual Masses' online or on television do not fulfil the Sunday Obligation, even while they are a source of continued spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person (such as those who are elderly and sick), to whom the obligation does not apply.

We are a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. I invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person this Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed by His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, we receive the grace and strength to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives. It is to be the foundation stone of our lives, bringing together every aspect of our life and mission. In the days to come let us cultivate a deeper desire for the Real Presence of the Lord. The Eucharist is the cause of our deepest joy, enabling us to offer our profoundest thanks to God.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston

**Join St. Martha students
in a story of family, friendship, and faith
as they present...**

"The Lion King"

Music and lyrics by **Elton John** and **Tim Rice**.

Additional music and lyrics by **Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer**.

Book by **Roger Allers** and **Irene Mecchi**.

Based on the Broadway production directed by **Julie Taymor**.

St. Martha Catholic School

April 25 - 28 6:00 p.m.

\$5.00/adult \$3.00/student

To reserve tickets, call 613-544-4050

DISNEY'S LION KING JR is presented through special arrangement with
Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance
materials are also supplied by www.MTIshows.com

Abide in Me (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)

Thursday mornings (April 13th - June 8th) 9:30 am – 11:00 am

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall (1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston)

You are invited to participate in a program of prayer for spiritual growth based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Abide in Me is a nine-week program designed to help you deepen your relationship with the Lord through personal prayer (1/2 hour daily) and a weekly group sharing experience on Thursday mornings (April 13 to June 8) 9:30 – 11 am at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall Rm B (Enter through Offices) 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston.

Cost: \$25. Pre-register by emailing Miriam at ourladyofdivinefire@gmail.com or online at <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/abide-in-me-2023>. A short phone interview will follow. Space is limited and no registrations will be accepted on or after the first session.

Project Rachel at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge is offering a retreat for women who suffer the loss of a child from abortion. The next retreat will take place in **early May 2023 at the Refuge, near Madoc**. If you are interested in this retreat, please e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org, or phone (289)691-6840. Our web page is stmarysrefuge.org/Rachel.

National March for Life in Ottawa

A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 11th, 2023, from St. Joseph's parking lot at 392 Palace Road at 7:15 am to arrive on time for Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica, 220 Kent St. at 10 am. The cost is \$20.00 per person. For more information about the March, see www.campaignlifecoalition.com and click on March for Life. You can reserve your seat by registering in person with Susan at St. Joseph's Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12noon and 1:00 pm-4:30 pm OR by e-transfer at kingstonmflbus@proton.me

The Letter: Special Viewing at The Screening Room

Tuesday, April 18th; 5:30pm The Screening Room (120 Princess St., Kingston)

"Everything is connected." Pope Francis makes this very clear in his Encyclical Laudato Si' (2015). Now the Laudato Si' movement, along with Pope Francis, are encouraging us to "a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet". In this insightful film, THE LETTER, we witness four representatives invited to Rome to share the work they have undertaken in responding to the environmental challenges we are all facing.

You are invited to a special screening of this inspirational film at 5:30 pm on April 18th at the Screening Room – 120 Princess St. Following the film, there will be an opportunity for discussion with local climate leaders. As we are all impacted by the growing, global climate crisis, let us come together to discover more deeply the roles we all have to play in saving our Common Home.

School of Identity (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)

Friday, April 21st, 6:00pm - 9:30 pm and Saturday, April 22nd, 8:30 am - 9:30 pm

St. Paul the Apostle Church, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd, Kingston

Come experience this opportunity to help you grow in your identity as a beloved son or daughter of God. This event highlights essential elements of the Encounter School of Ministry (ESM) quarter on Identity and Transformation, and is geared to help you adopt a Kingdom mindset, increase your intimacy with the Father, and prepare you to walk in your supernatural inheritance as a baptized believer in Christ. Speakers: Miriam Wright, Director of the ESM Kingston Campus, and Eric Fillion, Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). Admission is FREE for Friday evening only; \$50 for full event (\$75 for couples; \$25 for students). Registration required. Details: <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/esm-school-of-identity-april-2023>. For more information, email: kingston@encounterschool.org.

Pilgrimage to Italy, France, Spain & Portugal

September 18th – October 2nd, 2023

Under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Cosmas Ajawara. 15-day pilgrimage from September 18 – October 2, 2023. Cost: \$4,990.00 (Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal departure, incl. taxes & tips). For further information contact International Heritage Tours – 1-877-999-8868 or email Stan – stan@ihtours.com or Liliana – liliana@ihtours.com

Multicultural Food Festival

Sunday, June 11th, 2023; 12noon – 3:00 pm

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall & Outdoors (1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd. Kingston, ON)

The CWL & Knights of Columbus have collaborated to host a Multicultural Food Festival to showcase the many countries represented at our parish! Taste foods from around the world. Enjoy music, a fun photo booth, and a craft corner for young/old alike. All proceeds go towards the parish fundraising efforts. Admission by Goodwill Offering.

Franciscan Meeting: "Come, Help Me Rebuild the Church"

Wednesday, April 26th, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Holy Family Church

Come and hear the story of St. Francis' appeal to help rebuild the Church by living the Gospel. As followers of Jesus you are the front-line builders of the church, the people of God. Pope Francis invites us to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ through the Gospel. Interested? Come and discuss how we can do that together.