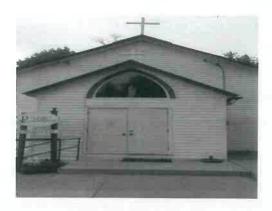
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#### **Sacraments**

**Weekday Masses** 

Please refer to the schedule in the bulletin

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 4:30 PM (Highland Grove)

Sunday 9:00 AM (Chandos/Apsley)...

11:00 AM (Cardiff)

**Baptism** 

by appointment

Reconciliation

30 minutes before weekend Masses

Anointing of the Sick & Communion for Shut-Ins

Please call the office 613-339-2852

Marriages

First appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding date Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation session

**Devotions** 

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Wednesday 11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Eucharistic Adoration / Rosary / Benediction

First Fridays 11:30 AM (Cardiff)

First Saturdays 5:30 PM (Highland Grove)

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#### ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A) MAY 21, 2023 MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 20	Highland Grove	4:30PM	For the people of the parish	
Sun. 21	Chandos	9:00 AM	Holy souls in purgatory	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Basil & Gertrude McEnery	Peter McEnery
Mon.22			OFF	
Tue. 23	Highland Grove	7:00 PM	+Basil & Gerturde McEnery	Peter McEnery/
Wed.24	Cardiff	11:00 PM	Intention fo Paul Hughes	Sandy Cole
Thu. 25	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Art & Dorothy George	Peter McEnery
Fri. 26	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Art & Dorothy George	Peter McEnery
Sat. 27	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the intention of Peter	Pter McEnery
Sun 28	Chandos	9:00 AM	Souls in purgatory	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	For the People of the parish	

Weekly Financial Report							
	May 14, 2023	May 07, 2023					
Highland Grove	\$480.00	\$205.00					
Chandos /Apsley	\$850.00	\$1375.00					
Cardiff	\$780.00	\$ 195.00					
Total (Offertory)	\$2110.00	\$1775.00					
Mss Stipend	\$40.00	\$540.00					
Easter egg		\$120.00					
Pope's Pastoral Work	\$170.00						
POP March 31	\$1640.00						
POP April 15	\$2035.00						

Lectors							
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff				
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM				
May 20/21	Gary B.	Frances P.	Theresa P				
May 27/28	Melissa B.	Gene T.	Charlene F.				
June 3/4	Mackenzie B.	Sharon C.	Peter Mc				
June 10/11	Katie B.	Frances P.	Gary B.				
June 17/18	Gary B.	Gene T.	Theresa P.				

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#### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY (MAY 21)

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (film, radio, television, newspaper, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

#### THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS (MAY 21)

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the collections for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271) Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271 is available in the Holy See's

yearly financial report.

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Readings Next Week (MAY 28, 2023) PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

#### John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the <u>Second Sunday of Easter</u> this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. (Loyola Press)

#### Pray for those in need of healing and health

Philip Hughes, Nick Novakowski, Rhys Telka, Jane Tsagrinos, Fr. Bart Burke, Eileen Carr, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Pierre Longevin, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Sally Rayes, George Chennette, Shannon Reid, Megan Connelly, Regina Gedge, Dan, Claudette Wilkinson, Patricia Weston, Eley Wisniewski, Al & Laura Quinn, Patricia Weston, Josie Recto, Sr. Naty Noblezada, Theresa Yaskolski, Even Marshall, Danny Wanless, Fr. Ron Meyer, Fr. Claire Hickson, Fr. Damian Smullen

What's that Word?"

MYSTERY.....When people talk about a MYSTYERY, they usually mean something that we do not or cannot understand. In this sense, it is synonymous with a riddle or an enigma. In Catholic terms, though, a mystery is something we would not

have known unless God had revealed it. He revealed the mysteries to us because he wanted us to know him and his plan for us. Therefore, a mystery makes sense, and we can understand it, but not fully because God is infinite and we are not. One of the reasons that HEAVEN will never be boring is that we will have the opportunity to explore the mysteries without ever running out of new things to learn; that exploration can begin now (Eastern Churches use the word "mystery" for sacrament; see CCC774.)

SIN....Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed or omission contrary to God's plan . It is an offense against God and a failure in genuine love because it makes us less than we have been created to be. Sin is addictive and self-destructive; it weakens the sinner and makes it more difficult to find true happiness, which comes from pleasing God. Ultimately, if we are unrepentant, sin can destroy us.. The word for sin comes from a Greek archery term that means "missing the mark". We sometimes sin by deliberately planning evil against another and carrying it out, but more often than not, we sin out of weakness. Overcome by selfishness, emotion or laziness, we hurt ourselves and others because we "fail short of the target" which is to act in a virtuous and loving way with the help of God's grace. The antidote to sin is Reconciliation.

Any Questions? ......What does God have to do with my finding happiness or fulfillment? Your stomach growls because it needs healthy food to fill it. God designed your body to signal that need. If there were no need for food, that growling would make no sense. Similarly, there 's a "growling" in the depths of every soul. But none of what the world offers really works to fill our growling souls. St Augustine, who had tried out every SIN under the sun, said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Can't I just be a good person without God? .... In some ways, yes. In other ways, not at all. Think about it. If you woke up and found yourself surrounded by the most amazing gifts you can imagine –precious gems, the coolest video games, thousands of dollars in gift cards (insert your favorite stuff here) and it never even occurred to you to find out who gave you these gifts and you had no urge to thank anyone for them, that would be serious moral flaw! God has given us life, breath and our very existence. Whether from shallowness or sin, it's serious moral flaw to fail to even look toward him, want to know him or thank him.

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LET'S LAUGH.....A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counseling came up. "Oh, we'll never need that . My wife and I have a great relationship," the husband explained. "She was s communications major in college and I majored in theatre arts. She communicates real well and I just act like I'm listening."



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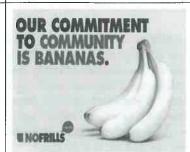
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