

HOLY ROSARY PARISH - WESTMOUNT, NS

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MASS TIMES: SATURDAY – 4:15 P.M. – SUNDAY – 10:00 A.M.
(no public masses during the current lockdown)



May 6, 2021

From our Pastor:

Greetings to all! I hope you are coping well with this lockdown.

In the Gospel for the coming Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus challenges his disciples to remain in his love--the same thing they do by keeping his commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." As followers of the Lord Jesus we are asked to refine that love for our own nourishment, and to offer it to all, as God as no favourites.

Marathon of Prayer to end the Covid 19 Pandemic: Pope Francis initiated the marathon of prayer on Saturday, May1 and **is asking everyone to join in the daily recitation of the Rosary during the month of May**, which is dedicated to Mary, **to pray for an end to the pandemic**. Each day the rosary will be recited at one of the 31 shrines dedicated to Our Lady throughout the world. On Sunday, May 23 it will be recited at Our Lady of the Cape here in Canada, the intention will be for the law enforcement, military and firefighters.

Mass for Shut ins: I will be taping the Mass this Saturday (8th) for the Feast of the Ascension (16th). Due to the protocols there will be no congregation. Thank you to Vernon MacIsaac, Gordon Leon and Cheryl MacSween who will be participating on behalf of all of you.

Happy Mother's Day to all the women in our parish and community who mother us all.

Thursday, May 13th will be the 40th anniversary of the assassination attempt on St. John Paul in St. Peter's Square. Do you remember where you were when you heard the news?

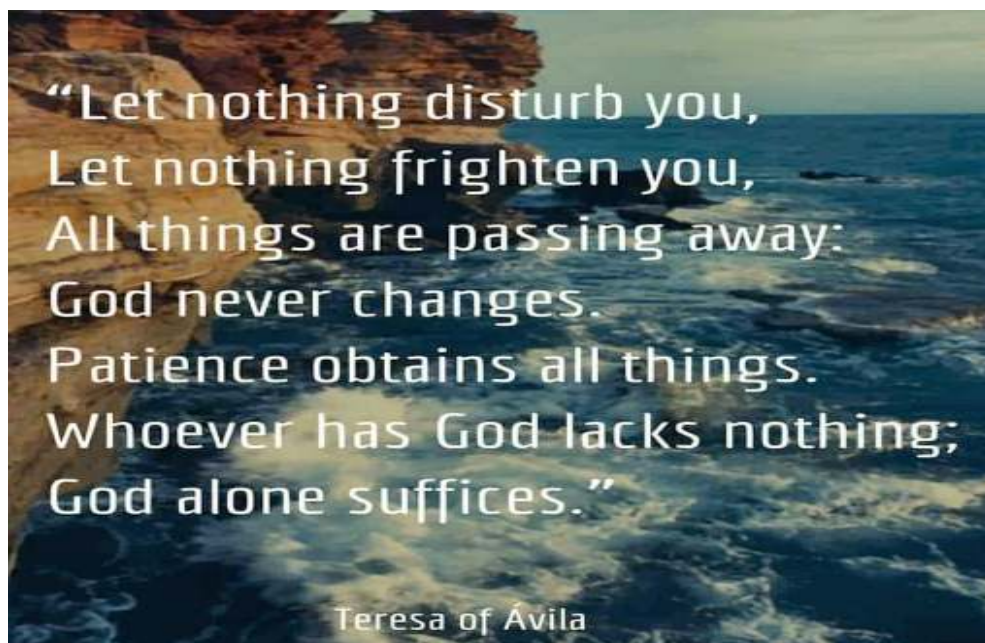
Pastor's tidbits:

- The Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the feast of Pentecost begins this Friday...
- My cousin, Jean Joudry of Dartmouth, died on Wednesday after a few months dealing with cancer. Jean is the fourth of 12 cousins that have died over the last few years.
- Our sympathy to Phyllis McCarthy (Florida) on the accidental death of her son this week...
- The contract for a new roof for the Glebe has been awarded to Gillis Home Building Supplies....work will begin when the weather improves...
- Today, Thursday (May 6, 2021) is the Feast of St. Francois de Laval, the first bishop of Quebec. I was able to attend his canonization when I was on my mini sabbatical in Rome. At one time all of Eastern Canada was under the Diocese of Quebec.
- Stay safe. Be patient. It will pass.

Saint Joseph, Patron of a happy death, of Canada, and of the universal church, we beseech your intercession in these difficult times.

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from evil. Amen



Happy Mother's Day