

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2010

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010

(Acts 13.44-52, John 14.7-14)

5:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their family
Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

(Acts 14.21b-27, Rev 21.1-5a, John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++)

10:30 Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family

***MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 - NO MASS
FEAST - ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES***

(1Cor 15.1-6, John 14.6-14)

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

(Acts 14.9-28, John 14.27-31a)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010

(Acts 15.1-6, John 15.1-8)

9:00 Miss Madeline McCauley by Constance O'Donnell
Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010

(Acts 15.7-21, John 15.9-11)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)
Mary Christina Mozer by her friends

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010

(Acts 15.22-31, John 15.12-17)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010

(Acts 16.1-10, John 15.18-21)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

(Acts 15.1-2, 22-29, Rev 21.10-14, 22-23, John 14.23-29)

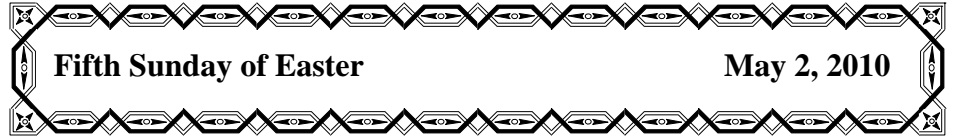
10:30 the Superales family

This Week at Ascension

Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room for
information call 931-5536.

Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Saturday: **Faith First - Confirmation Retreat** from 9:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m. in the Parish Room



Fifth Sunday of Easter (*John 13:31-33, 34-35*)

Some groups have secret handshakes to distinguish members from non-members and other groups have emblems or distinctive uniforms. The followers of Jesus also have something to set them apart from the crowd, their love for each other. Today's Gospel reading ends with Jesus telling the apostles that their love for one another will be the way other people know his disciples. Love is supposed to be what separates them from those who do not believe in Jesus.

A problem arises because the English language uses the one word, love, to describe a wide variety of experiences. We sometimes think of love as a feeling, but we can also use this word to describe many different types of relationships (e.g., the relationship between a parent and child, or the relationship between a husband and wife). This little four letter word can have several different definitions depending on the context within which we use it. With so many possible meanings, how can we know for certain what Jesus had in mind when he spoke the words in today's Gospel?

Although Jesus did not speak English, he may have known three different languages: Hebrew (the official language of the Jewish people), Aramaic (the everyday language of the people of Palestine), and Greek (the language of the Roman empire). Of these three languages Greek will be the most helpful in determining the type of love Jesus was talking about because it is the language of the New Testament.

There are several different Greek words for our one word "love", including *philia*, a love that describes the relationship between two friends; *eros*, sexual love; and *agape* a self-giving love. Of these three different words for love, agape is the one we most frequently find on the lips of Jesus. It is also the word for love in today's Gospel.

Agape is a love that focuses on the needs of the other person. It is freely given without counting the cost and without thinking of getting anything in return. Agape looks beyond physical beauty, colour of skin, political beliefs and status. It means reaching out to all people even if they are repulsive or if society considers them worthless. It is the love that should be the hallmark of every Christian.

For Reflection: "See how they love each other!" was the way non-Christians described the early followers of Jesus. Would non-Christians today say that about your parish community?



faith first
Celebrating First Communion

Congratulations to these children who are making their First Communion today.

Luke Barazin
Dominic Continelli
Conrad Dingle
Amanda Emblem
Sarah Filgiano
Julia Johnson
Julianna Khoury
Eric Marcil
Flavia Marroni
Ryan McGuire
Charlotte McKenzie
Jada Page
Olivia Pittman
Marie Péladeau
Natasha Ryan
Joey Saputo
Mathilde Sinor
Katalina Toth

Alesha Clarke
Marcella Da Silva
Quinn Doherty
Gabrielle Graceffa
Robert Fleming
Jack Kerklaan
Catriona Larouche
Liam Marcil
Gabriella Marsilii
Grace McGuire
Robert Najjar
Alicia Palkovi
Clara Prendergast
Vanessa Ross
Ryan Santini
Charles Simard
Daisy Smith
Eloise Valasek

The children have all worked diligently throughout the year to grow in knowledge and understanding of our faith, guided by their parents, and with the support of our volunteer catechists. May their lives be filled with the peace of our Risen Lord and the Love of the Holy Spirit!

You are not Forgotten: If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Father Pat

Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____