

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2010**

**SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010**

*(Jude17-25++, Mark11.27-33)*

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

**SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2009**

*(Proverbs8.22-31, Romans5.1-5, John16.12-15)*

10:30 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

**MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010 - NO MASS**

**FEAST - THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*(Zeph3.14-18, Luke1.39-56)*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010 - MEMORIAL - ST. JUSTIN**

*2Peter3.12-15a, 17-18, Mark12.13-17)*

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010**

*(2Timothy1.1-3, 6-12, Mark12.18-27)*

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010**

**MEMORIAL - ST. CHARLES LWANGA**

*(2Timothy2.8-15, Mark12.28-34)*

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)  
Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010**

*(2Timothy3,10-17, Mark12.35-37)*

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)  
Ed & Kate Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010 - MEMORIAL - ST. BONIFACE**

*(2Timothy4.1-8, Mark12.38-44)*

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010**

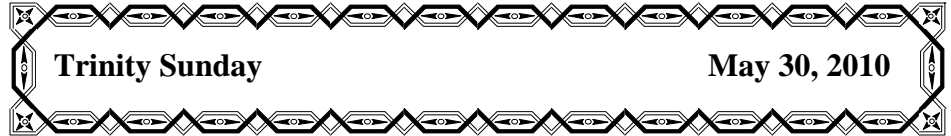
*(Gen14.18-20, 1Cor11.23-26, Luke9.11b-17)*

10:30

**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.



## Trinity Sunday *(John 16:12-15)*

Some modern-day feminists like to refer to God as "she." Although this may sound strange and will probably never become popular, there are biblical passages that do describe God in feminine terms. Isaiah 42:14 and 49:14-15 are just two examples.

Even St. Paul, the New Testament figure feminists call a male chauvinist more than any other, says in Acts 17:28-29 that we live, move, and exist in God because we are his children. Although Paul refers to God with a masculine pronoun in this passage, he seems to be clearly speaking about us being in God's womb because only a child in its mother's womb lives, moves, and exists in someone else. Notice that today's Gospel refers to the Holy Spirit as "he." Despite this, the Spirit is the most feminine of the persons of the Blessed Trinity. Because this assertion sounds so radical, we definitely need to explain it.

Although the Old Testament does not use the term "Holy Spirit," it does contain many references to the "Spirit of God." Although the Jews did not understand this term to mean the same thing we mean when we speak about the Holy Spirit, it is the foundation for our teaching about the third person of the Trinity.

Therefore, the way the Old Testament uses this term can shed some light on who the Holy Spirit really is.

The Hebrew words for "Spirit of God" are ruah Yahiveh. Ruah is a form of the word ruach, a Hebrew word that is feminine not only in gender but also in use. Since Hebrew is the language of the Old Testament, this indicates it would be proper to call the Holy Spirit "she."

The Old Testament sometimes also refers to God's Spirit as the Wisdom of God. Sophia, the Greek word for wisdom, is another feminine word. By Jesus' day, the Jews translated their Scripture (our Old Testament) into Greek and Jesus often quoted passages from this Greek translation. Therefore, Jesus and the apostles also would have been familiar with this feminine image of the Holy Spirit.

Although the above observations are interesting, they will probably not be enough to convince people to change the pronoun they use for the Holy Spirit. However, these examples should make it easier to respect those people whose mental image of God differs from yours.

**For Reflection:** Jesus tells us the Spirit will guide us to the truth. Pray that the Spirit will help you to truthfully assess the condition of your relationship with God and to see how that relationship can improve.



*faith first*  
**Celebrating**



Msgr. Sean Harty will preside at the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to the following confirmands.

*May they be filled with the Holy Spirit!*

Reda Belhadfa	Nichola Cherbaka
James Dalton	Mia Sara Drummond
Jeremy Gaco	Hannah Garson
Dominique Gravel	Gianna Guido
Michael Khayat	Patrick Khayat
Alice Lemay	Kathryn Duka-Manlagnit
Eric Marcil	Liam Marcil
Cesar Martinez	Brendan Meawasige
Tracy Mulumba	Susansa Obando
Thomas Pineau-Valencienne	Aidan Reckziegel
Charles Regimbal	Michael Respicio
Liam Ross	Emily Simard
Juliana Yang	

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**A Eucharistic Celebration Remembering ...**

**Those who have gone before us.**

Everyone is welcome to attend a memorial Mass at Ascension on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m. The Mass is in remembrance of the English-speaking Deacons, Members of Order of Service, those who were responsible for organizing the Christian Training Program and the husbands and wives who have died over the past twenty years or so. Msgr. Sean Harty will be the principal celebrant.

Light refreshments will be served following Mass. All are welcome.

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**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.

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