

## *Abundant Life: The Good Shepherd Alive in Us*

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd, who has come that we might have "abundant life". The Good Shepherd issues to each of us an invitation to find our home in the Father's **love**, to experience the **joy** God desires for each of us, to embrace God's call to **friendship** with one another, and to discover the **fruitfulness** that comes from a living relationship with God in Jesus.

Each one of us has received a special calling from God, a personal vocation. We often think of that in terms of a job to do, a task to accomplish, or a state of life to which we commit ourselves. But more fundamentally, it is a call to **abundant life**: we find our vocation at "that place where our deep gladness intersects with the deep needs of the world around us." Last week, at our final Faith-CAFÉ of the season, Theresa Murphy gave us some tools to help us access this gift of abundant life which lies deep within us, and to address the obstacles and patterns of negativity that get in the way of our living our true vocations. It was a beautiful experience of being gently empowered to confront our fears and embrace our invitation to "abundant life".

How is God finding his way into **your** heart? How are you living his call to abundant life? After a long winter, we rejoice in the coming of spring: reminded of God who is the source of life and beauty, at work in and through his creation. We so easily take all this for granted. We are also called to carve out quiet space to meditate on God's word, to thank him for our daily blessings, to ask for strength in our daily needs: to remain connected to Jesus, drawing life from the vine.

One unique and precious way in which Jesus' invitation to abundant life is realized in us comes in the gift of the Eucharist. Let us pray today for the 24 children of our parish who are celebrating this weekend their **First Holy Communion**. May they experience abundant life in the Eucharist, Jesus' true and living presence in the world. May God bless their families, their catechists, and all those who have prepared them for this special encounter with Jesus. And may Mary, Mother of Jesus and source of inspiration for all mothers, watch over them and guide them. **Happy Mothers' Day!**

### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

We would like to thank Mr. Martin Allaire and the Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Home for donating the beautiful flowers that were offered to all the wonderful women of our parish on Mother's Day. This generous gift brings such joy to this special occasion!



### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

We are happy to celebrate this weekend the First Communion of 24 young people from our parish. Congratulations to: Uldarico-Stone Aitken, Janelle Akbaba, Nathan Drake Allana, Isabella Baena, Caroline Brongel, Julian Candido, Sabastien Cano, Chiara Caucci, Benjamin Cere, Etienne Davy, Ria Emanuel, Dante Ersoni, Victoria Ersoni, Ben Hopper, Christina Hung-Thorpe, Erin Lindsey Manila, Samantha Marino, Jessica Regine Mislant, Marianne Ortaleza, Perlianne Ortaleza, Stella Palucci-Hallé, Jack Pilon, Elise Varganyi, and Marivic Villareal.

**May this be the beginning** of a long life of celebrating the Eucharist. May you always appreciate Jesus in His Word, in the Eucharist, and in people.

**Thank you to all** the catechists and catechist helpers who have so lovingly and faithfully prepared our young people for this special privilege.

## MASS INTENTIONS MAY 10 TO 18, 2014

### Saturday, May 10

4:00 Nicola & Stella Rotiroti

### Sunday, May 11

8:30 Agnese Teodori

11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Joseph Onesi, Luigi & Rosa Mammone, Deceased members of the Cullen Family, Angela Massaroti, Maria Manna Romano, Domenico Abbatiello.

### Monday, May 12

8:00 Nicholas Trolis

### Tuesday, May 13

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini

### Wednesday, May 14

8:00 Giovanni Ciampini

### Thursday, May 15

8:00 Assunto & Nozzareno Santache

### Friday, May 16

8:00 Ermando Giuseppe Nudo

### Saturday, May 17

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Leonard & Terry Winslade, Mike Kilbetrus, Deceased members of the Charles J. McDonald Family, Ignazio Ciampini, Aniello D'Addio, Danny Dupont, Alessandro Palladini, Arsenio Dagdag.

### Sunday, May 18

8:30 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta

Florencio & Ignacio Dandin

11:00 John Caporicci

### Weekday/Sunday Mass

By the Rotiroti Family

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

By Vivian Teodori

### St. Nereus & St. Achilleus

By Parishioner

### Our Lady of Fatima

By Louise Forlini

### St. Matthias

By Claudia & George

### Weekday Mass

By Maria T. Palucci

### Weekday Mass

By wife Elvira

### Weekday/Sunday Mass

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

By Concetta La Posta

By Myrna Dagdag

By Giangaspero Family

### Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish... Collection for the weekend of May 3 & 4, 2014 totalled \$3,853.75 and the Maintenance collection totalled \$1,643.00.

## FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION

Faith First registration forms for the 2014-15 season are now available at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory. All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form **before August 15** and return it the rectory to guarantee a spot. The cost of the program is \$75 for one child, \$100 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more. Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further information, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at [jennie.armstrong@bell.net](mailto:jennie.armstrong@bell.net).

## PASTORAL HOME CARE

There will be a Pastoral Home Care Reflection meeting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, May 13, in the parish rectory.

## LITTLE GIFTS (SUNDAY)

Our Little Gifts Sunday program has been extended to the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Children ages 2 to 7 years old are welcome.

## THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be said every Saturday in the month of May starting at 3:30 p.m.

## CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m.

## SPRING CLEANING DAY

Saturday, May 24

At St. Monica's Parish



9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Coffee & Muffins to start)

You will find sign-up sheets are at the back of the church this weekend to register.

## THANK YOU

To all those who baked, bought or did both, we thank you for your support in our hall dishwasher drive and The Food Pantry. Our "Loyola Boys" thank you for eating hotdogs and sandwiches and our "Villa Girls" thank you for supporting Breast Cancer Research through the book and jewelry sale.

## THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Please note that if you have ordered a copy of "The Joy of the Gospel", it will be available for you to pick up at all the weekend Masses on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May. The cost of the book is \$10.