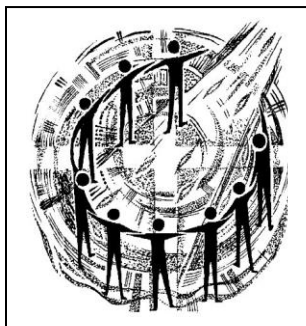


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by

giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, love one another, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost it is the risen Lord's parting gift to his Church.

We hear more from Paul and Barnabas: this might seem a little redundant, after last week's reading. Is it just a repetition of what we heard last week? A key phrase is they put fresh heart in the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. Preaching the Gospel, just as living it out, is not a once and for all moment, but a journey of perseverance, with its ups and downs, which Paul and Barnabas describe in this reading. Perhaps it is a suitable for us, as we journey through the long Season of Easter, to reflect on perseverance in the mission of living out the commandment we will hear in the Gospel today.

John's vision gets more and more dramatic week by week: last week we saw the huge crowd of the faithful, and this week our view is stretched beyond even that to see a completely new heaven and earth!

LIVE IN NANNY

An elderly couple who live in the area are seeking a live in nanny. They are Italian and speak English. If you are interested, please contact Lina at 416-783-4471.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL

St Charles Catholic Elementary school is hosting its end of the year Fun Fair and BBQ, on Saturday May 28 from 11 am to 3 pm. Bring the family, we will have local vendors, bouncy castles, face painting, and a parent run BBQ. It will be FUN for EVERYONE!!!

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH – OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

St. Alphonsus Church will be going to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown NY on Monday, May 23, 2022. The cost is \$38.00 per person. The bus will leave at 7:00AM from ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH. For more information and to book your reservation please call **Anna Maringola at 416-651-3185**.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE'

Please pray for the souls Rooco De Carolis, Maria Florio whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

ELECTION DEBATE FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

On Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., the Archdiocese of Toronto will host an election debate where representatives from the major political parties will discuss issues that matter to Catholics across Ontario. The debate will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube and Facebook accounts (@archtoronto), and it will be broadcasted on Salt+Light TV. This evening will include Cardinal Collins sharing his thoughts on the election. More than 12,000 people viewed the archdiocese's 2019 federal election debate, so we hope you will join many other Catholics in sharing your thoughts using the hashtag #CatholicVote2022. Please remember to vote in the provincial election on June 2.

