



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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| Saturday, April 19th 5:00 p.m. mass: | Fifth Sunday of Easter / For our priests / Marion Smith |
| Sunday, April 20th 9:00 a.m. mass: | Fifth Sunday of Easter / Confirmation 90th birthday of Laurette Goudreau / Stang Family †Kay Smith / Collette McGowan |
| 11:00 a.m. mass: | †Noreen Henry / Fr. Doucet Assembly #006 †Marie-Ange Bazinet / Denise Aquin |
| Monday, April 21st 9:00 a.m. mass: | Ferial Saint Anselm †Matilda Lerner / Steve and Rosemarie †Anselmo Reyes / George and Tess |
| 10:30 a.m. mass: | Southwood Care Centre: For all parishioners, living and deceased |
| Tuesday, April 22nd 9:00 a.m. mass: | Ferial †Paul Collins / Eric and Noreen Keefe †Antoinette Paget / Andre Paget |
| Wednesday, April 23rd 7:00 a.m. mass: | Ferial / Saint George / Saint Adalbert †Lily Bihis and †Felicia Hernandez / Evangeline Mongan |
| 9:00 a.m. mass: | †Maureen / Friends of Suffering Souls |
| 6:30 p.m.: | Prayers for the Sick |
| Thursday, April 24th 7:00 a.m. mass: | Ferial / Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen †Thea Block / Erika and Louis |
| 9:00 a.m. mass: | Joseph and Marion Offidani / Family |
| Friday, April 25th 7:00 a.m. mass: | Feast of Saint Mark †Noreen Henry / Christine and Antel |
| 9:00 a.m. mass: | Joseph and Marion Offidani / Family |
| Saturday, April 26th 9:00 p.m. mass: | Ferial / Our Lady of Good Counsel Joseph and Marion Offidani / Family |
| Saturday, April 26th 5:00 p.m. mass: | Sixth Sunday of Easter †Tillie Ikiw / Yacyshen Family |
| Sunday, April 27th 9:00 a.m. mass: | Sixth Sunday of Easter For all parishioners, living and deceased |
| 11:00 a.m. mass: | †Guy Joulin / Bill Panko †Caleb Paget / Andre |

CONFIRMATION AND YOU(TH)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Sacrament of Confirmation as a deepening of baptismal gifts. It says that the sacrament roots us more deeply in our identity as God's children; unites us more firmly with Christ; increases in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit; binds us more closely to the Church; and gives us special strength to bear witness to our faith (#1303). Well, if you ask some of the senior people around you, they, too, would remember Confirmation as the moment when their identity was changed: They "received the Holy Spirit" and became "soldiers of Christ." According to me, too, Confirmation is a sacrament where young people baptized as infants put their "personal signature and stamp" on their parents' decision. In Confirmation, you are anointed with the oil of the Holy Spirit and filled with his seven-fold gifts. Confirmation not only strengthens you, but sets you aside as witnesses to the mission of Jesus. It is a renewal of your commitment to the Catholic Church.

God has given you wonderful families who love you. God has given you material possessions. God has given you wonderful personalities. And above all, God has given you Jesus Christ, your most valuable possession. God has also given you this lovely time in your life, where you are called "Youth." A youth like you is like fire. With direction and guidance, you can change the very shape of the world. But if you chose to walk your own way without any direction, the fires of youth will be wasted. You are in this 21st century where you've been given enormous opportunities, far more than your parents or elders ever dreamed of having. And it is necessary that you do not waste these opportunities. Just as you find the time in your life for studies, your careers, your hobbies, etc., it is of utmost importance that you find some time for the Church. Know that you are a very important part of the Church and your time and talent is needed to strengthen it.

Parents, you have taken good care to raise your children and have raised them well in the Christian faith. It is good to give your child money, education, status, or a fancy car, but the most important thing you ever could give to your child is the possibility of them knowing Christ. While I thank you for rearing your children in the Christian faith, I also wish to remind you that your duty does not end at Confirmation: you need to encourage your children to know Christ even better. In this time of materialism, you need to stress on the importance of God in their lives.

My dear youth, you begin a new journey today in the company of the Holy Spirit. And you shall not journey alone. We, your larger family of St. Cecilia's Church, will be with you always. As you receive the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation, promise yourselves that these gifts shall not be wasted.

May God Bless you on this great day in your life and always.

Father Patrick Furtado, SAC



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, May
4th, 2008 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

