

# ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

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JOHN 21:15

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THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

# May 5-6, 2025

# MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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**Weekend Masses | Weekday Masses**

Saturday 5pm      Tues to Saturday  
Sun 9am & 11am      9am

**First Friday Mass**

7pm (no 9am Mass)

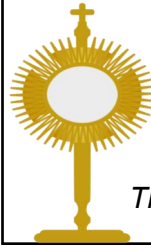
**Confessions**

Every Saturday 3 - 4pm  
or by appointment



**Adoration**

Fridays 9:30am—6pm  
First Friday: 9am—6pm



*There must be at least 2 people at all times sitting with our Lord.*

## PARISH OFFICE

Office is closed on Mondays  
Tues to Fri 9am to 4pm  
Lunch break 12:00 – 1pm

## Are you **NEW** or recent to our parish?

Welcome! If you have been coming consistently for 6 months or more, please pick up a registration form from our Information Desk in the foyer.



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass which is now run by the Youth Group. Meeting concludes by 9pm.

**Next meetings:**

**May 2, June 6, July 4**

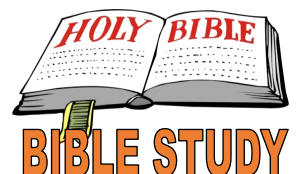
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

**Next meet: May 27th**

*Prayer shawls can be picked up from the parish library or parish office. They are free for everyone and make a wonderful comfort gift to someone in the hospital, those grieving, shut-ins, etc.*



**Acts of the Apostles** | Every Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the boardroom.

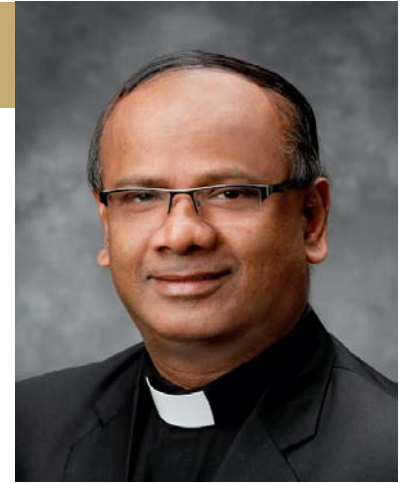


# FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. FLORIAN

MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>



**St. Florian** was born in 250 A.D in the city of Aelium Cetium, present-day St. Polten, Austria. He is one of the **most venerated early Christian martyrs**. He **joined the Roman army** and moved his way up the ranks to become a commander.

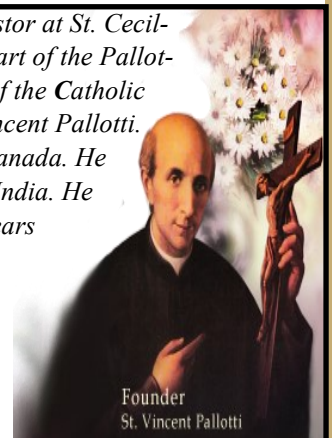
**St. Florian** is a powerful example of a man who chose his faith in God over status and pride. It is obvious that he could have continued his comfortable life as a successful Roman administrator and taken full advantage of the worldly possessions at his fingertips. Instead, **he sacrificed all of this for the integrity of his faith** and worked alongside his conscience to **denounce Roman paganism**.

**St. Florian** was told he would be **burned alive for his Christianity**. He responded that he would **climb the flames of the funeral pyre to heaven**. St. Florian understood that although obedience to superiors on earth can be honorable, **as a Christian his allegiance was to Jesus Christ**. When told to choose one or the other, **St. Florian willingly gave his life in the name of his love for God**, knowing that **nothing on earth could compare to the glory of heaven**.

**St. Florian** was **twice scourged**, half-flayed alive, **set on fire**, and finally **thrown into the river Enns with a stone around his neck**. His body, recovered and buried by a pious woman, was eventually removed to the Augustinian Abbey, near Linz. He is **the patron saint of Linz**, Austria, Poland, chimney sweeps, **firefighters**, and soap boilers.

*Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallottine Fathers Community (Society of the Catholic Apostolate) whose patron is St. Vincent Pallotti. St. Cecilia's is his first parish in Canada. He comes from the Tamil province of India. He was also in the Philippines for 3 years serving and studying.*

*To learn more about the Pallottine Fathers please visit their website:*  
[www.pallotti.org](http://www.pallotti.org)



Founder  
St. Vincent Pallotti



## Mass Intentions

*Saturday, May 3*

9:00am: †Domingo Alfredo

5:00pm: †Evelyn Schulte

*Sunday, May 4*

9:00am: Int. Fr. Réal Ouellette, 23rd Ord. Ann.

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

*Monday, May 5*

No Mass

*Tuesday, May 6*

9:00am: †Eduardo Reyes

*Wednesday, May 7*

9:00am: †John Wojtowicz

*Thursday, May 8*

9:00am: †Mark Ryan

*Friday, May 9*

9:00am: †Ron Millar

7:00pm: **Special Mass for †Pope Francis**

*Saturday, May 10*

9:00am: Int. Ivan D'Souza—Birthday

5:00pm: †Ambrosio Camarillo

*Sunday, May 11*

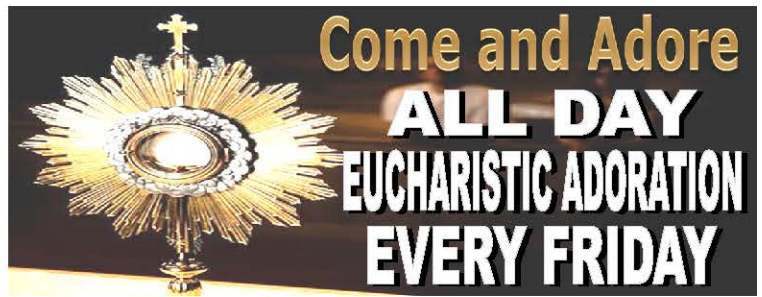
9:00am: †Pearl Ferby and all mothers, living and deceased

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



### **Got bottles for refunding?**

We have a large, marked wooden box in the hall where the double doors are for those who wish to donate their bottles. All the refunds collected from these donations support our Youth Group. Please rinse bottles before donating.



## Mass Readings

Saturday, May 3

1 Corinthians 15.1-8  
John 14.6-14

Sunday, May 4

Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41  
Revelation 5.11-14  
John 21.1-19

Mon, May 5 (no Mass)

Acts 6.8-15  
John 6.22-29

Tuesday, May 6

2 Timothy 4.1-5  
John 10.11-16

Wednesday, May 7

Acts 8.1b-8  
John 6.35-40

Thursday, May 8

Acts 8.26-40  
John 6.44-51

Friday, May 9

Acts 9.1-20  
John 6.52-59

Saturday, May 10

Acts 9.31-42  
John 6.53, 60-69

Sunday, May 11

Acts 13.14, 43-52  
Revelation 7.9, 14b-17    John 10.27-30

## The Pope's Prayer Intention May 2025



**For working conditions** Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

**@bulletin** Email the parish office or scan the QR code to be added to the list. By signing up you can expect the following: **Help reduce our printing cost, Diocese News, Parish Alerts** (emergencies, last minute notices). Your email address is kept private and is not visible to anyone.



# Parish News Update

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Our parish is very happy to offer to you a free subscription to FORMED.org, commonly dubbed "Catholic Netflix". Click on "Formed for Individuals". Enter your email and click "Submit". Then type in our parish postal code (T2J 0A1) and click **St Cecilia** then click the blue "Next" button. You then type in your name and email, and that is it! You now have full access!



**Why is Choosing the Pope left only to cardinals?** Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger in What Catholics Believe as he answers the most asked questions about how Catholics choose a new pope.

What is a papal conclave? How does the voting process work? Can someone who isn't a cardinal become pope? Why are cardinals locked in the Sistine Chapel? Learn the fascinating traditions, rules, and the role of the Holy Spirit in the election of a pope.

## Parish RENEWAL

Every month we are hosting a special lunch in the spirit of renewal. The next lunch on May 18th will be a gathering for all parishioners.



### Phone Outage

We are sincerely sorry for our phones not working for the past week. The cause is not on our end and out of our control. We are in the process of having them fixed.

*Father Paul will be away this week on retreat with many other priests of the Diocese. Please keep him and our priests in your prayers.*



### BAPTISM PREP CLASSES

Sat. May 3 at 9:30am

Sat. Jun 7 at 9:30am

**Please sign up via the office.**

*\*We expect to have the application form submitted before the class\**

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## ROSES for pro-life

Our CWL will again be selling roses on Mother's Day weekend for \$5 each. Proceeds go toward Calgary Pro Life.



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223

*The mystery of our everyday lives is that Jesus is with us, but we often don't recognize him. Jesus' reflection is in everyone and everything around us. We need to reflect on his presence with us, as we continue to ask for the grace of joy with Jesus risen.*



### PANTRY NEEDS

Beans in Tomato Sauce

Ketchup

Spaghetti Sauce

Jam



## Overview of scheduled events:

**May 3-4: GARAGE SALE**

*May 31: Fr. Paul's birthday*

*June 22: Corpus Christi Procession 12pm*

*July 6: Stampede Breakfast **if we have volunteers***

Please let us know if you can help. We need people to setup/takedown tables & chairs, prepare & serve various foods, collect refuse, etc

**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** Come to the hall this weekend and browse through the assortment of treasures!



## FUNDRAISERS FOR CWL:



We are inviting you to be a part of our Flower Fundraiser this spring! There is a great selection of hanging baskets and potted annuals to choose from with prices starting at \$9.99. Greenhouse Effects, our supplier, is known for its big, beautiful, long lasting hanging baskets and high quality potted plants. **We will receive a commission of 25% of the total sales!** Please use password **GE125** and group code is **Cecilia25** which ensures the commission goes to us. This code is active from now until May 6. There are 32 hanging baskets and 80 potted plants to choose from. Happy shopping!

[greenhouseeffects.ca](http://greenhouseeffects.ca)



## SACRAMENT CLASSES

Confirmation Celebration: **May 21, 7pm**

1st Com Class 6: May 24, 10am

1st Com Retreat: May 31, 10am

**1st Com Celebration: June 1, 9am Mass**

## Our schools:


Fr. Paul visits all 3 of our schools monthly, offering class visits, Confession, Adoration, and liturgies, all as requested. As well, if your child has received an award or accomplishment, please let Father Paul know so he can recognize them to the parish!



### St. Matthew School

Monthly Newsletter

<https://stmatthew.ccssd.ab.ca/newsletters>



### St. Cecilia School

Weekly Newsletter

<https://secure.smore.com/n/dhz974>

**Playground Donation Link:**

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ParksFoundationCalgary/schools.html>

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL playground committee

As of yet, we do not have enough funds raised to begin construction of a replacement playground. The current playground will be removed this summer.



### St. William School

Monthly Newsletter

<https://stwilliam.ccssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

# TIA: \$5,700

18%

Parish financial support -Thank you!				
	January	February	March	April to date
Parish support (Env + Loose)	\$20,016.00	\$18,917.35	\$24,024.85	\$5,513.15
Together in Action (Goal \$31,539)	\$240.00	\$1,090.00	\$2,645.00	\$825.25
St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Env's + SSVP env's)	\$502.00	\$839.25	\$1,045.00	\$325.00
Building Maintenance	\$160.00	\$140.00	\$520.00	\$35.00
Direct Debits (CC and Bank) inc. special days	\$10,730	\$8,225	\$11,655	



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# Diocesan News

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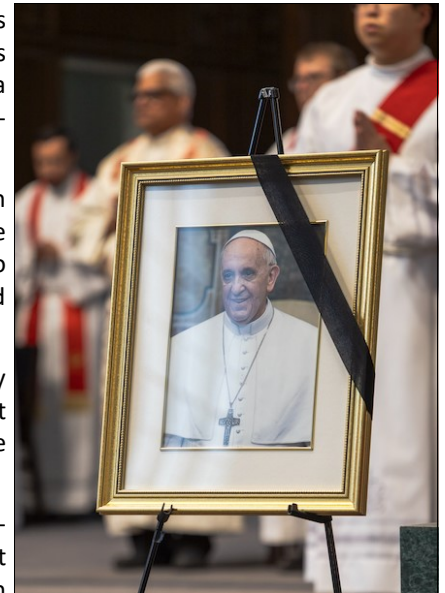
Thank you to all who joined us for the Memorial Mass for Pope Francis and prayed for the repose of his soul. It was a beautiful liturgy that brought together a full church and a deeply moving reflection from Bishop McGrattan.

Representing the Canadian bishops at the funeral in Rome, Bishop McGrattan shared a personal and hope-filled reflection. He recalled, "It was an honour... to witness the devotion and love that the people of God have for Pope Francis."

He reminded us that memorial Masses are not simply moments of remembrance, but acts of faith that unite us in prayer and strengthen our belief in the Resurrection.

Reflecting on the timing of Pope Francis' death, Bishop McGrattan shared, "This, I think, is the first gift that Pope Francis received — that his passing was in the Octave of Easter... where the whole Church is focused on the promise of the Resurrection."

As we look ahead to the conclave, Bishop McGrattan reminded us that we are not simply waiting for the next pope—but for the next successor of Peter. Let us continue to pray for Pope Francis, for the cardinals, and for the Church, trusting in God's mercy and the promise of new life.



## Prayers & solidarity following the tragedy at Lapu-Lapu Day Festival in Vancouver

"I join all Canadians in offering my deepest, heartfelt sympathies to the victims, families, and all those impacted by the violence that occurred at the Lapu-Lapu Day Festival in Vancouver... At this agonizing time, let us communicate our support and solidarity with the Filipino-Canadian community. May the Risen Christ, who triumphed over death, be the hope of those who call out to him." ~Bishop McGrattan

**Memorial Mass** for the victims of Lapu Lapu Day Festival on Thurs, May 1, 2025 at 6 pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary. Presider: Fr. Rodel Abanto

## Veneration of Sacred Relics



Join Saint Michael Catholic Community for a peaceful evening of prayer and reflection through the **Solemn Veneration of the relic of St. Francis of Assisi**. Experience the beauty of our faith through Mass, veneration, and fellowship. Dates: **Wednesdays, April 23, May 21, June 25. Mass at 6 pm**, followed by a reception at 7:15 pm. [Register for reception](#)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 10/11, 2025), or widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday is the **World Day of Vocations**. There will be a special collection for the work of vocations, in support of the education and formation of seminarians and the permanent diaconate program in our Diocese. To donate online, you can visit [catholiccyyc.ca/give](http://catholiccyyc.ca/give)

### Pastoral Care Ministry Training

If you are called to minister to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved - and approved by your pastor or Pastoral Care Coordinator, you can register for the Pastoral Care Ministry Training at [catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare) or contact Mara at 403-218-5521. **Jun 7, 9:30 am - 3 pm at Ascension Parish, Calgary.** Register by May 21 at [catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare)

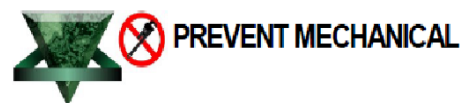
### Elizabeth House Charity Dinner - May 24

With just 20% of seats filled, we're asking for your parish's support for the upcoming Blooms & Blossoms Charity Dinner on Sat, May 24 from 6pm to 9:30pm at the Italian Cultural Centre — an elegant evening in support of vulnerable moms and babies at Elizabeth House. Proceeds will fund critical home renovations, including better lighting, new furniture, and an 8th bedroom to welcome more women in need.

Check out **[career opportunities](#)** in the Diocese:

[Administrative Assistant \(Part-time, Temporary\) - St. Ambrose/St. Catherine's, Coaldale/Picture Butte](#)  
[Finance and Administration Coordinator - Calgary Catholic Education Foundation \(CCEF\)](#)  
[Various Positions with St. Mary's University](#)  
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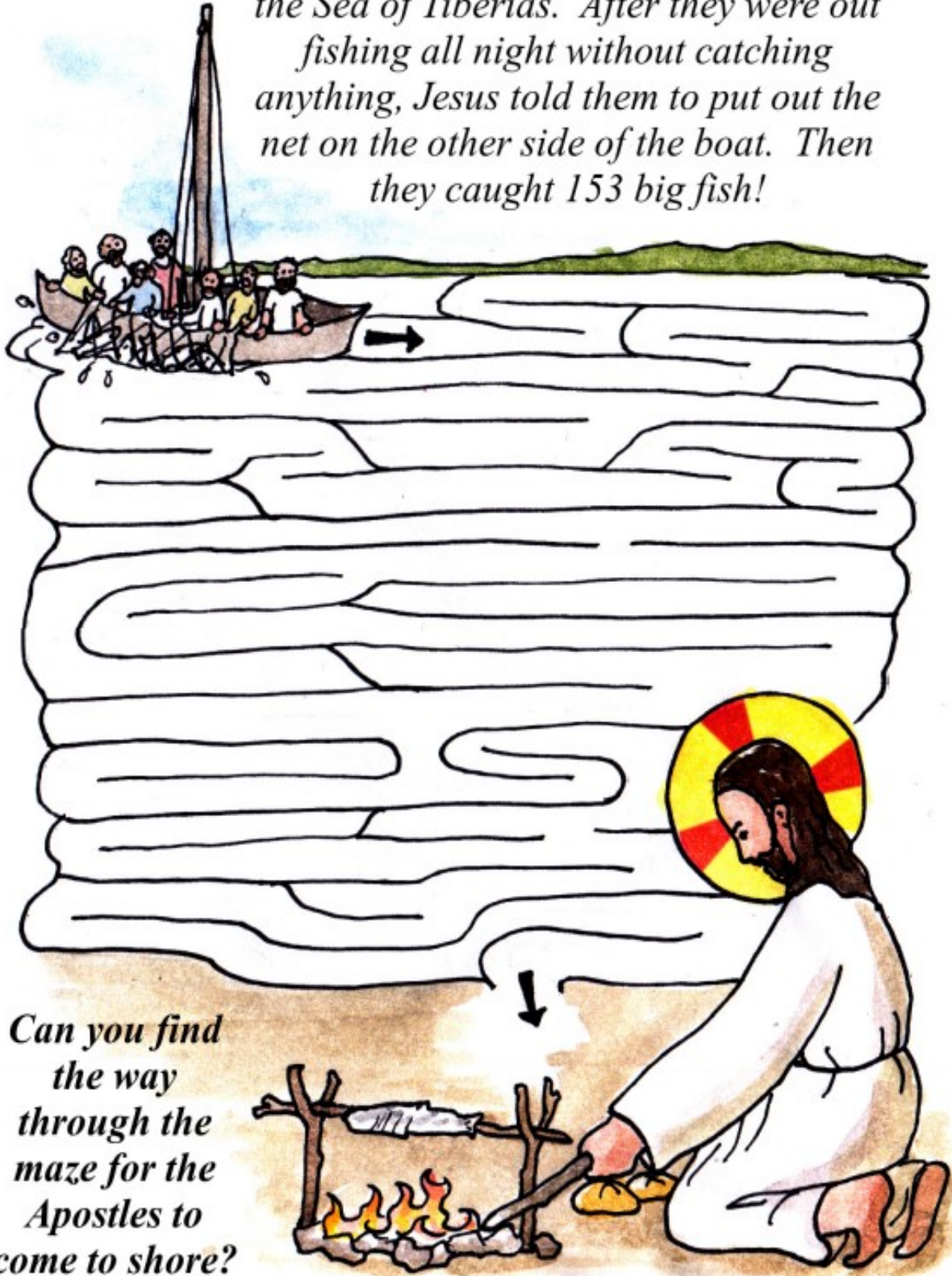
Len White: 403-271-6055  
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**Knights of Columbus**



# KIDS' PAGE

*The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!*



*Can you find the way through the maze for the Apostles to come to shore?*

*John 21.1-19*

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	<a href="mailto:st.cecilia.maintenance.coord@gmail.com">st.cecilia.maintenance.coord@gmail.com</a>		Ministry		
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Coordinator	<a href="mailto:sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com">sacraments@stceciliacalgary.com</a>		Bible Study	Parish Office	403-252-2790
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ROOM BOOKINGS		
Mon	May 5	Gravel Cleanup in parking lot
Tues	May 6	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 1:30pm—CWL Executive (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium)
Wed	May 7	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice
Thur	May 8	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 1:00pm—Pastoral Care (Boardroom)
Fri	May 9	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 9:30am—All Day Adoration 3:00pm—Divine Mercy 5:30pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom) 6:00pm—MASS for Pope Francis
Sat	May 10	9:00am—MASS (rosary at 8:30am) All Day—Couples For Christ (Aud) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm—MASS
Sun	May 11	9:00am—MASS 11:00am—MASS 2:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall)




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We are in our second round of 50/50 ticket sales with the draw to be made after the 11:00AM Mass on Mother's Day, May 11th. Any donations over \$20.00 made out to St. Cecilia's Parish and clearly marked for the dishwasher will receive a tax receipt. Thank you again and remember, it only takes **ONE** ticket to win.