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Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
Please call the office.

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Wednesday and Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Enter on Victoria St.

Schools
St. Patrick Elementary School
905-835-1091
Lakeshore Catholic High School
905-835-2451

Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
289-213-2509

Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

Min. Schedule - May 9/10

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Victor Gatt
9:00 am - Joe Gatt
11:00 am - Teresa Ricci

Communion:
5:00 pm - Kim Gatt
9:00 am - Maxine Cloutier
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

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The 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A

I am the way, and the truth and the life.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Kim Gatt
9:00 am - Linda Sardella
11:00 am - Karen Schroeder

Video:
5:00 pm - Dave Bilodeau
9:00 am - Mathew Mamo
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli

May 3, 2026 A.D. The 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A



Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Tues May 5 6:00 pm +Gaetana Rizzo
Wed May 6 8:30 am +Tony Sneek
Thurs May 7 8:30 am +Antonio Ciallella
11:00 am Mass at Portal Village
Fri May 8 8:30 am +Lucie Corupe
Sat May 9 5:00 pm +Michael Ventresca
Sun May 10 9:00 am +Antonietta Perrella
11:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's

by Carmela Piccoli

by Flora Armenti & family

by Tom & Carmen Lannan

by Nicoletta & Mike Cichino
 by Teresa Ricci

IT STARTS AT HOME

The fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christians, we recognize that this world is not our permanent home. We are pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life toward our true home - heaven.

Yet, as we journey toward heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here - whether we live alone or in a full and busy household - a true "domestic church." In other words, the Christian way of life begins long before we set foot on parish grounds, it starts at home.

We see this lived out in the earliest days of the Church. The community faced a real concern when "their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution." When needs are not met within the community - especially basic needs - or when a spirit of service is lacking in our homes and relationships, we are not living as the Christians Christ calls us to be.

Christianity is not simply about attending Mass once a week, serving in ministries, or giving financially to the parish. These are essential expressions, but it begins well before we arrive at church. It begins in our families - our domestic churches. The home plays a vital role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we learn and practice self-giving love.

Ultimately, Christianity is not something we do - it is who we are. It is a way of living out our baptismal call to follow Christ as His disciples - in our parish life, our

work, our relationships, and certainly in our homes.



St. Peter reminds us, "Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." He is speaking not only to clergy, but to all the baptized. Each of us is called to participate in this spiritual priesthood through the offering of our daily lives.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "It is here that... all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way 'by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.' Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and a 'school of human enrichment'" (1657).

Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us - preparing a place for each one of us who remains faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God through prayer, care for one another, and generous hospitality. Let us never forget that Christianity starts at home!

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Beginning May 3, 2026, St. Patrick's Parish will offer Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass every week.



All children are warmly invited to hear the Word of God proclaimed and explained in a way that speaks to their hearts and understanding.

We encourage parents and grandparents to bring their children to grow in faith and love for the Lord.

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

Sunday, May 17, 2026

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father.

One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal church.

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES OF THE CHURCH

As we continue our joyful journey through the Easter season, the Church leads us through a beautiful unfolding of the mystery of our faith:

- **The Ascension of the Lord** reminds us that Christ returns to the Father, opening the gates of heaven and entrusting His mission to us. **May 17, 2026**
- **Pentecost Sunday** celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering the Church to proclaim the Gospel with courage and joy. **May 24, 2026**
- **The Most Holy Trinity** invites us to contemplate the inner life of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - perfect love and communion. **May 31, 2026**
- **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** calls us to adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. **June 7, 2026**

Together, these sacred celebrations reveal the fullness of God's plan: Christ ascends, the Spirit descends, the Trinity is made known, and Jesus remains with us always in the Eucharist. Let us enter deeply into these mysteries with grateful and faithful hearts.

A HOME FOR THE LORD

Heavenly Father, You prepare for us a home in heaven, and call us to begin that journey now.

Bless our homes, O Lord, that they may be domestic churches, places of prayer, charity, and self-giving love.

Teach us to serve generously, care for those in need, and reflect Your mercy.

Form us through daily life into a spiritual house pleasing to You, that we may live our baptismal call.

May our homes be filled with Your presence and lead us ever closer to You.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.