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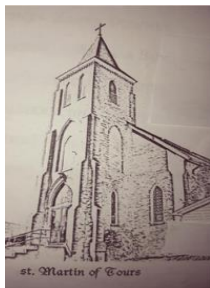
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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the month of May, we lift the eyes of our hearts in a special way to Our Lady, who is our queen and our mother. She is the model disciple She intercedes for us with Christ the Lord. She nurtures the life of Christ within us and teaches us the way to salvation, saying, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

I encourage you to get to know your spiritual mother better this month of May. By meditating on her life, we can learn to imitate her virtues and become the saints God made us to be.

In the Risen Lord,  
Fr. Hayden Starczala

### NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK (NFLW), MAY 7-14, 2023

**National Family & Life Week** is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life by seeking out new and creative ways to live out this call in our daily lives. The NFLW theme is Jesus' words, "**Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another**" (John 13:34). Love is at the heart of familial relationships and our families are a communion of love in Christ. We are "guardians of life" when we love one another within our families, as well as in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized. Explore the **Pastoral Toolkit** provided at the link below, which proposes daily resources for homes, parishes, and faith communities. **Let us spend NFLW 2023 united in prayer, reflection, and action**, demonstrating our active support for family and life. May this special focus on family and life be a springboard for renewed pastoral action in support of families throughout the entire year!

<https://tinyurl.com/5n94z94a>

## Reverend Father Hayden Starczala - Pastor

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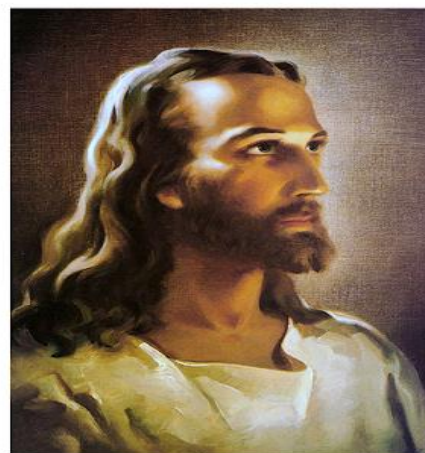
### Mass Schedule

#### The Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Jim & Dorothy Bissell (Feil Family)
<u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours	9:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	+Eunice Drumm (St. Mary's CWL)
<u>Wednesday</u> St. John of Avila (OM)	9:00 a.m.	Sr. Alfreda Mary Kimpel (Joe & Joan Walser & Family)
<u>Thursday</u>	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration Fr. Hayden Starczala (Maria Urbanski)
<u>Friday</u> Sts Nereus & Achilles (OM)	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Emmanuel (Colleen & Steve Cudney)

**"Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle."**

**-St. Josemaria Escriva**



**Way**

**Truth**

**LIFE**

## OFFERINGS

April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Martin's</u>
Offerings	\$ 1,718.00	\$ 303.00
Loose	62.00	21.25
Indigenous Fund	50.00	
Easter Offering	20.00	
Building	280.00	150.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,130.00</b>	<b>\$ 474.25</b>

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



**Jesus Appears to the Disciples, Duccio di Buoninsegna (1260–1318)**

## PENTECOST RETREAT

Be part of this powerful day of prayer, praise and worship. 8 a.m. till 3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 27 at St. John the Baptist, 45 Victoria St. N., Guelph. Two powerful talks will be given by Fr. Valentine Onwunjiogu and Fr. Vivek Trindade. The day begins with praying the rosary, uplifting praise and worship. Light snacks provided, lunch break followed by testimony and closing mass. Free will offering only. Sponsored by the Guelph Spiritan Group.

## CWL ANNUAL BAKE SALE THANKS

A sincere thanks to all who supported the work of the CWL by donating and purchasing baked goods at our annual sale. Your generosity is so appreciated. Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped organize, set up, and attend to sales on the day!

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR MICHAEL HOUSE

Our Annual Baby Bottle Campaign in support of Michael House is taking place on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Get ready to pick up your baby bottles at the back of the church. If you will be away, you can pick up your bottle from the Church office. This is the one annual campaign from Michael House, and it is our opportunity to participate. We want to appreciate and support them.

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

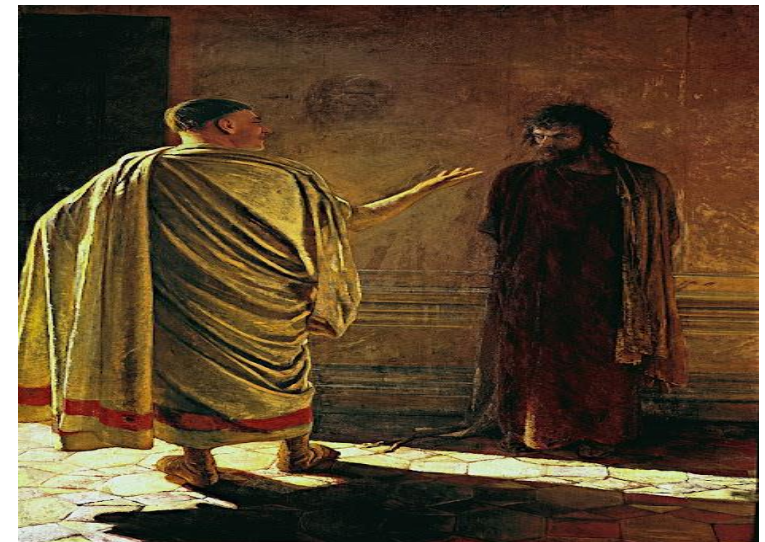
Frenemies is a term used to describe a relationship where people are friendly but share an underlying dislike or rivalry. Unfortunately, sibling relationships can often end up in this category. As far back as Cain and Abel we see sibling rivalry impacting relationships. Parents can prevent sibling rivalry by remembering the following: allow each child to develop different interests; praise each child equally for their different gifts and talents; spend individual time with each child; refrain from taking sides in an argument but help children to work it out between themselves; engage in fun family activities together; pray for each other by name. Parents can indeed help reduce the amount of sibling rivalry in their children's lives and help them to find love and support from their siblings that can last a lifetime.

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish, please kindly pick up a registration form from the table at the back of the church, fill out and return into the collection basket at any time.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>May 13</b>	St. Joseph's CWL Mother's Day Tea. 12:30 p.m.
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**What is Truth? Nikolai Ge (1831–1894)**