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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Bible Verse for the week: 2 Cor. 4:5

St. Paul writes: "For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake."

Mass Intentions:

Mon. May 11 Shaeleen Lochbaum
Tues. May 12 Anthony Schellekens +
Wed. May 13 Dolores Azevedo +
Thurs. May 14 Angela Pederzini +
Fri. May 15 Fr. Ray McLeod +
Sat. May 16 Tony Bettencourt +
Sun. May 17 Aida Evangelista

*Wishing all the Mothers, Grandmothers,
And Great Grandmothers
A Happy Mother's Day.*

For live-streaming Masses, visit: www.rcav.org

Baby Bottle Campaign 2020

Help pregnant women by supporting Hope for Women.
For information go to the website [Hope for Women](http://www.hopeforwomen.ca).
For online donations, there is a link at [Babybottles.ca](http://www.babybottles.ca)

Advocate Life & Education ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE 5 or 10km Walk/Run Saturday, June 6/20, 12:30pm

Location: wherever you are. This is a remote event so walk or run at your favourite park or from your front door. Donate or create your own fundraising page at www.walkforlife.ca

New Ministry to Divorced & Separated *They Understand Because They've Been There - Catholic Saints Who Have Lived Through Divorce.* Presented by Father John Horgan. Register online at <https://rcav.org/calendar> for this free event on Zoom, Thursday, May 14, 7pm-8:30pm.

Virtual National March for Life: May 10 - 14, 2020
Streaming at marchforlife.ca



Saint Joseph, Pray for us

Stewardship Reflection:

***"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner."* (1 Peter 2:7)**

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and be reminded that you are His - always have been and always will be. Next Retreat is June 2020. For confidential information and to register, call 604.525.0999.

A thought on today's Second Reading: 1 Pet. 2:4-9

I like to focus on the first few words of this passage:
Come to the Lord, a living stone...

Jesus uses a number of similes to explain to us what our relationship to him should be: shepherd and sheep (last Sunday), wine and the branches, the body and the head, stones and a building. He wants us to be 'living stones' (many times we feel ourselves as dead ones!), precious in his eyes (though rejected by human beings!). He wants to build us into a 'spiritual house'. To be part of that house is our glory!

How does he build us into a spiritual house? By complete faith in him. I have this faith when I 'surrender' myself to him so that he can do with me as he wills. St. Paul speaks of it as "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me". He is the cornerstone and in the measure we are united to this keystone, we will be part of his spiritual house. We will be his chosen race, his royal priesthood, a holy nation and God's own people. This the vocation to which God calls us all!