

# ST. JEROME'S CHURCH - ENGLISH COMMUNITY

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## MAY 2009 SCHEDULE

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*Whoever does  
what is right is  
righteous,  
just as Christ is  
righteous.  
1John 3, 7*

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
<b>May-01 Labor Day</b>			
<b>May-02 Buddha's birthday</b>			
<b>May-03 4th Sunday of Easter - B</b>			
	9:30 am	Altar Servers	Rm. 406
	2:00 pm	Finance Committee	Rm. 407
	9:30 am	Editorial Group	Rm. 405
	3:00 pm	Taize Prayer	Chapel
<b>May-10 5th Sunday of Easter - B</b>			
<b>Mother's Day</b>			
	9:30 am	Liturgy Commission	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Ushers	Rm. 407
	9:30 am	Eucharistic Ministers	Rm. 406
	10:30 am	Treasures' Meeting	Rm. 407
<b>May-17 6th Sunday of Easter - B</b>			
<b>Health Talk</b>			
<b>May-24 7th Sunday of Easter - B</b>			
<b>Marian Procession</b>			
		Choir Group	Rm. 411
	9:30 am	Martha's Group	Rm. 407
	9:30 am	Vocation Group	Rm. 406
<b>May 28 Dragon Boat Festival / Community Pilgrimage</b>			
<b>May-31 Pentecost Sunday</b>			
	9:30 am	Migrant Desk	Rm. 406
	2:00 pm	Coordinating Committee	Rm. 405
<b>Each Sunday:</b>		<b>Rosary 7:30 am</b> <b>Mass 8:00 am - Adoration 5:00 pm</b>	

## FOR OUR REFLEXION

### **MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**



#### **Why and how May is celebrated as the month of Mary in the Catholic faith?**

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterized by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The celebration of May as a holy month for Mary has been ratified by several popes through the ages. Pope Benedict XV ordered a prayer for peace in 1915 during World War I and Pope Pius XII called for May devotions in 1939, at the start of World War II.

#### **The May Crowning**

Perhaps the most well-known of the May Marian devotions is the crowning of a statue of Mary with flowers. This became particularly popular in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with a procession of school-age boys

and girls dressed in their finery, following the statue in a procession.

In this ceremony, the statue is decorated at its base with flowers and one of the girls would be chosen to crown Mary with flowers. The nineteenth century hymn 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest' is a traditional accompaniment to this ceremony. Its lyrics, 'O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,' sum up what the celebrations are all about.

#### **Marian Shrines**

Marian shrines also receive particular attention during this special month and, again, are decorated with flowers. Pilgrims sometimes undertake a journey to reach a particular shrine, praying the rosary along the way. The lady chapel of a church or cathedral is often also decorated with flowers during May.

Marian devotions have sometimes been criticized by people who misunderstand Catholic devotion to Mary the Mother of God. Mary is not worshipped in the way that Catholics worship God. She is honored as the mother of Jesus and as a woman free from sin. Devotions to Mary are an integral part of Catholic life.

**O Virgin Mother,  
In the depths of your heart  
You pondered the Life of the son  
You brought into the world.  
Give us your vision of Jesus  
And ask the Father to open our  
hearts,  
That we may always see  
His presence in our lives,  
And in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Bring us  
Into the joy and peace  
Of the kingdom,  
Where Jesus is Lord forever and ever.  
Amen**



# MIGRANT DESK CORNER



**Out of Service**

## ***The right to silence and statements to the police or immigration officials.***

### **What if they ask me questions?**

It's important that to understand that every case is different. But when you are being questioned, unless you are really sure as to just what you are doing, the best thing to do is to politely say that you will not speak to anyone until you have spoken to your lawyer. Even if you don't know the name or telephone number of a lawyer, this request on your part should indicate to the police that you are exercising your legal right to remain silent in the face of questions.

### **What if I am not confident of my English language ability when I am being questioned?**

The police and immigration officials are required to provide people that they are questioning with a competent interpreter/translator. If you are not capable of fully understanding the nature of the questions being put to you or if you are not confident of your language abilities then it would be a good idea to request an interpreter. It's also important to remember that interpretation/translation services are also available to those people who are in the court.

### **If I am being questioned, do I have to answer any or all of these questions?**

As to whether you are under a legal duty to answer any questions from either the police or immigration officers, the advice is that you absolutely do not. Just remember that according to the law, you have the legal right to silence. In other words, if you do not choose to respond to questioning and keep silent, the police can not later use the fact of your refusal to argue that your silence indicates that you are guilty of some crime. The best advice is to say nothing at all to the police.

### **What if they tell me that all these problems can be solved if I only answer their questions?**

Tell them that you want to speak to a lawyer.

### **What if they ask me the names of my friends?**

Tell them that you want to speak to a lawyer.

*Take Your Rights seriously (Jim Rice)*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### **• Mother's Day ( May 10 , Sunday )**


Your word of wisdom and motherly advice are greatly appreciated with love and gratitude, we wish you a very happy mothers day.

### **• Community Pilgrimage**

The Community will have its Pilgrimage on **Dragon Boat Festival (May 28, Thursday).**

A pilgrimage is a ritual journey with a purpose. Every step along the way has a meaning. It is not an excursion but a transformational journey where one to gain deeper insights and understanding. Came and join us. Please check the Bulletin Board for details.

**MOTHER'S DAY**



**MOTHER**

**M** is for the million things she gave me,  
**O** means only that she's growing old,  
**T** is for the tears she shed to save me,  
**H** is for her heart of purest gold;  
**E** is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
**R** means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell  
**M-O-T-H-E-R-**  
**A word that means the world to me.**

**HAPPY**  
**Mother's**  
**DAY**

## MONTH'S SCRIPTURES



### May 3: 4th Sunday of Easter

Theme: The Good Shepherd

Readings:

- ◆ Acts 4:8-12
- ◆ 1 Jn 3:1-2
- ◆ Jn 10:11-18

The image of Jesus the Good Shepherd shows that he leads us with tender loving care, ready to sacrifice himself to protect us and eagerly searches for those who are lost. This story of salvation is set in human history, forming us into the whole Christ, the people of God. On this Sunday known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations within the Church, for men and women who are willing to sacrifice all to follow Christ and serve the Church...

### May 10: 5th Sunday of Easter

Theme: The Vine and the Branches

Readings:

- ◆ Acts 9:26-31
- ◆ 1 Jn 3:18-24
- ◆ Jn 15:1-8

The Easter message of life in the risen Christ continues in the gospel of Vine and branches. The Church is a community of people assembled by God, whose members share the life of Christ. Within this assembly, all enjoy a basic equality. All are called to holiness. All are united by close spiritual bonds. All share "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Apart from Jesus the Vine, there can be no Spirit-life for his disciples. Thus the vine and branches constitute a living reality within the human and soul and within a growing church.

### May 17: 6th Sunday of Easter

Theme: Chosen as Friends

Readings:

- ◆ Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- ◆ 1 Jn 4:7-10
- ◆ Jn 15:9-17

The readings highlight God's initiative in the world. God who launches the Gentile mission in conferring the Spirit upon Cornelius' household. The reading reminds us that the primacy of love is God who first loves us, and the

Gospel says the same in referring to our election as disciples. We did not have to search God out. He found us.

### May 24: 7th Sunday of Easter or The Ascension of the Lord

Theme: Jesus saves us

Readings:

- ◆ Acts 1: 11
- ◆ Eph 1:1-13
- ◆ Mk 16:15-20

On the feast of the Ascension, we remember the disciples gathered together in the upper room, waiting for the coming of God's Spirit at Pentecost. They were frightened and anxious, unsure of what the future held for them. But they knew and believed that Jesus was truly risen, and He was the source of life and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Christ revealed to them and to us too, the response we are to make to our calling, and gives us the power to make it. This power is His own Spirit... The Indwelling Holy Spirit, who gives us hope and courage, heals the weakness of our souls and enables us to live as true Christians, denying ourselves, taking up our crosses each day, and following in Jesus footsteps.

### May 31: Pentecost Sunday

Theme: The Holy Spirit, Breath of Life

Readings:

- ◆ Acts 2:1-11
- ◆ Gal 5:16-25
- ◆ Jn 15:26 - 27; 16:12-15

The Church founded by Christ, had its origin in His death and resurrection. It is the new people of God, prepared for in the Old Testament and given life, growth and direction by Christ in the Holy Spirit...The Spirit, who animates the whole of creation and permeates the lives of each one of us...instilling into the hearts of the faithful the same mission spirit which motivated Christ himself. We celebrate this new creation, the birth of the Church, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.





# COMMUNITY'S ALBUM



Miss. Brenalyn's Baptism (April 14 - Easter)



Passover Meal (April 5)



Easter tea April 14 (Easter Day)