



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In our gospel today **Jesus says: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments,"** (v.15). This is very clear that the reason why we follow the commandments of God is

because we love Him. It is a wrong motive to say that we follow the commandments because we are afraid of hell, because we are expecting something. We go to Mass not because we are afraid to commit mortal sin. We help the poor and the needy not because we are expecting any reward from heaven. We follow the commandments; we do good things, and we want to be good because we love God. What are His commandments? There are only two which are a summary of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses at Mt. Sinai. They are: Love your God and love your neighbor. When He says that we should keep His commandments he is teaching us that love is not just a mere word but an action. Let us make love concrete and possible in our lives and how? How to make His love concrete and possible?

First, **love must have discipline.** Discipline means doing something hard because it is right. We are usually not very disciplined people, why? It is because we tend to avoid the difficult, to take the easy way out. We often are not doing what is right because it involves sacrifice. But there can be no real love without sacrifice. Love is hard. For example, the love of a mother to her child is a classic example.

Second, **love must have patience.** Love is not something that comes abruptly. We must work at it and let it grow. A person who has patience knows how to wait. A person who has patience reacts not by shouting and anger but by prudence. We have also to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Third, **love must be reasonable.** It must have an intellectual basis and not based purely on emotion or feeling. It is because feelings change. It must have a practical basis also.

Fourth, **love must have humility.** The biggest obstacle to love is pride. It is very difficult to say, "I'm sorry!" Let us remember that humility is the foundation of a real love.

Fifth, **love must have faith.** Faith means that we believe even if we do not have any evidence whatsoever, of our belief. The deadliest enemy of love is lack of trust and faith.

Lastly, **love must have courage.** In many ways, it is the most important of them all because we have to reach out and touch other people. But how often we do not reach out because we are insecure and because we are afraid of rejection? It takes a lot of courage to love.

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, May 11 9:00 a.m.
 In memory of David Stirling req Peter and Barbara Stirling and Family
 Monsignor Edward House req Therese Phan
 Souls in purgatory and the unborn req Lolita Pascua
 Khanh and Thong req Pauline Nguyen
 Victoria Elemanco req Sally Lucas
 Julien Man req Antony and Irene Man

Tuesday, May 12 9:00 a.m.
 Thanksgiving, Wedding Anniversary blessings for Joseph and Maritta Mathew req Mathew family
 For the beatification of Venerable Edel Quinn req Ark of the Covenant Praesidium

Wednesday, May 13 9:00 a.m.
 Anna and Anton Seibel req Gizelle Italiano
 All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
 Intentions of John Cancian req Lina Caballero
 Blessings and Thanksgiving of Francia Bathan req Francia Bathan and family

Thursday, May 14 9:00 a.m.
 Birthday blessings for Adoracion Galiza req Grace Kennedy
 Good health for Lucrecia Lopez req Helen Lopez
 Birthday blessings for Clay Bastien Bencito req Carolina Lewis
 Soul of Anna Chiota-Forza req Donna Marcaccio

Friday, May 15 9:00 a.m.
 In thanksgiving for all blessings received req Hazel and Truong Nguyen
 Lespoul Roble req Sally Lucas

Saturday, May 16 5:00 p.m.
 John Nguyen and Therese Nguyen req Therese Phan
 Maureen Williams req Williams family
 Benjamin Man req Irene and Antony Man
 Dr. Rodolfo Borromeo req Amy and John Fernandez
 In memory of Leticia Torio req Felisa Go and Ruby Benitez
 Blessings and thanksgiving req Rebecca Ramos

Sunday, May 17 10:00 am
For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

THIS WEEK THE LAMP BURNS:

For thanksgiving and blessings for all mothers

Req Maria Laguisma

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it." (John 1:5)



PARISH SUPPORT

May 2/3, 2026

Sunday Offering \$ 1,694.00
Loose Offering 311.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY AND MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, May 10, 2026



Holy Mass procession and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Blessing prayer for Mothers.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his Promises to her" (Lk 1:45)

ST. CHARLES GARNIER PARISH 60TH YEAR

This year **JUBILEE** marks the 60 year Jubilee of our parish. The cornerstone for St. Charles Garnier Parish was set on September 11, 1966. We give thanks to God for the presence and service of our parish in the Hamilton community and in our Hamilton Diocese. Celebrations will be forthcoming including our annual pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine when we will share the Shrine's 100th Jubilee with our 60th Jubilee and call upon the intercession of our patron saint, St. Charles Garnier.

HEALING MASS



Wednesday, 13th of May
2026

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

6:00 pm: ADORATION
7:00 pm: HEALING MASS AND ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL

Remembrance of the Just will last forever.... Prov. 10:7

PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR FAMILY AND LIFE

Sunday, May 10 to Sunday May 17, 2026, with the theme "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Families are encouraged

to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Watch the video celebrating the week as a family here: [National Family and Life Week 2026 \(May 10-17\) | Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

CANADIAN MARTYRS SHRINE, MIDLAND, ONTARIO
This year is Centennial Anniversary of Canadian Martyrs shrine, A Century of Pilgrimage, Encounter, and Living Faith

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

TICKETS: \$70 PER PERSON

We will be traveling by Canada Coach Bus. Please arrive at St. Charles Garnier Parish by 7:30 a.m.

The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

We'll return to Hamilton by 7:00 p.m.

Healing Mass at the Shrine at 1:30 p.m.

Celebrated by Fr. Saju.

Please bring your own bagged lunch.

For more information, contact the parish office:

call us: 905 528 0074 or

email us: saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com

PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS AND SPREAD THE WORD
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Ps. 119:105



MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY
....PRAY FOR US.

Happy Mother's Day