

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us through his indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised. *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."* Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death and Resurrection – a glory in which we also hope to share. The Scripture lessons: The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus instructed his apostles to *remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit* so that they might become his *"witnesses to the ends of the earth"* by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we too will be ascending to Heavenly Glory provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. The command was to *"proclaim the Good News to the whole creation," "to be his witnesses" and "to make disciples of all nations"* (Mt 28:16-20, Mk16:15-20, Lk 24:46-53, Acts 1:1-11). Life message: We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.



Thank you mother: Thank you, dear Lord, for our mothers: who were brave enough to give us birth, who loved us through many growing-up years, who taught us about God and love and being good, who often got no thanks, whose ears could hear the slightest cry, whose eyes didn't miss much either, whose hands held and bathed and picked up, whose hearts were often broken, who always forgave and forgot, who encouraged us when things went badly, who always had time to listen to us, who worked so hard to make things go, who made the world so much better -- who deserve our love on Mother's Day and every day even for eternity. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE MAY 12 - 20, 2018		
Saturday, May 12	5:15 p.m.	Nancy Marshall
Sunday, May 13	8:30 a.m.	Donald Ford
	10:00 a.m.	Fern and Clem Gladu
	2:00 p.m.	First Communion Mass Our Parishioners
Tuesday, May 15		NO MASS
Wednesday, May 16		NO MASS
Thursday, May 17		NO MASS
Friday, May 18		NO MASS
Saturday, May 19	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, May 20	8:30 a.m.	Bill and Marguerite Clifford
	10:00 a.m.	Charlie LeClair
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: The Gilliard families		

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – May 6: \$ 3161.15	Operating Shortfall: \$ 338.85
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PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberty, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice Belec, Margaret Smith, Grant Marshall, Margrite Dezainde, John Beriau, Debbie Freer, Shelley McCaffrey, Stella Popek and Brian Brougham.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in May:

Gerry and Cathey McNamee	52 years	May 14
Ronald and Jill McCracken	52 years	May 21
Derrick and Ann Gilliard	43 years	May 24
John and Karen McGeough	32 years	May 24
Roland and Colette Thornycroft	17 years	May 26
Vincenzo and Nancy Del Riccio	53 years	May 29
John and Dorothy Lapierre	20 years	May 29

PRIESTS RETREAT – MAY 14 – 18: Father Jacob will join the other priests of the Archdiocese for their annual retreat at the Glen House conference Centre in Gananoque. During his absence, there will be no regular weekday Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday. Those who require a priest in an emergency should contact The Glen House at 613-659-2204.

“The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sits at the right hand of God.” Mark 16.15-20

MAY 13, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, May 19 5:15 p.m.	Mary MacDermott Grant Marshall	Neil and Margaret Cameron	Deacon Shawn Souder Joanne Story Sylvia Shackles Melinda Condon	Lauren and Sarah McDonald Allie White
Sunday, May 20 8:30 a.m.	Marguerite and Jill Whiteland	Deborah Souder Theresa Iddon	Deacon Shawn Souder Marc and Phyllis Dennis Noreen Shepherd	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, May 20 10:00 a.m.	Noreen and Peter Shea	Christine Provost Larry Baldissera	Deacon Shawn Souder Peter Verhoeven Mary Gilliard Norma Burns	Isabelle and Liam Heffernan

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, May 13	2:00 p.m.	First Communion Mass and Reception
Thursday, May 17	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel

PENTECOST SUNDAY: On Sunday, May 20 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will be welcoming Darren Stadig to the Roman Catholic Church as full pledged member of St. John Bosco Parish through the Initial Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation.

RECEIVING THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: The faithful may receive the Eucharist in both Species at all regular Mass next weekend – May 19-20.

A MESSAGE FROM PARISH SCREENING COMMITTEE: It is time for all those involved in a High Trust Ministries to complete an annual declaration of offences. This applies to ministries where a police check was done as part of the original screening process. Please look for an envelope with your name on it on the back table. If you have questions, please see Father Jacob or contact Carol Ravnaas at 613-918-0754 or ravcyr6@gmail.com. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

LAST CHANCE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLOWER PLANTING: The Knights of Columbus will again be planting and maintaining flowers at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery at a cost of \$40.00 per gravesite. Contact Stewart Glashan 613-342-3855 by May 20 to arrange.

CWL PLANT SALE: We need the help of all gardeners to make this fundraiser a success. Please consider potting up plants that you are dividing and donating them to the sale. Drop off is Friday, May 25 or very early Saturday morning May 26 at St. John Bosco Parish. The Plant Sale is Saturday, May 26 from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

GARAGE SALE, PLANT SALE AND BAKE SALE: The Knights of Columbus and the CWL will be having a joint Garage Sale/Plant Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 26 at St. John Bosco Parish Centre from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. If you have any gently used items you would like to donate, please drop them off on Friday, May 26 between 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. **PLEASE NO CLOTHING, SKIS OR ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES – ONLY GOOD CLEAN SALEABLE ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY – MAY 13 – 20, 2018: The Church in Canada will focus on the theme, "Love: Encountering the Other". In God's great plan for humanity, the family is intended to be the privileged place where love is encountered and nurtured. No family is perfect, but we encounter God through prayer, hearing the Word of God, and celebrating the sacraments. Beginning with our own family, let us encounter one another with love.

FATHER PHILIP HORRIGAN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, June 2 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Read as Father Phil Horrigan celebrates 50 years in the priesthood. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

ARCHDIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: All are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting at St. Paul's Church 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd., Kingston on Saturday June 2 from 12 – 3 p.m. Lunch will be served. We will evaluate the two yearly campaigns as well as view the film "Rebuilding in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan: "Pope Francis Village"". Register with Jan at 613-968-9659 or Sr. Helen at 613-766-2376.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: The Ascension mission to preach the Gospel: After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

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