

The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 11 to MAY 20

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| Saturday | May 12 | The Ascension of the Lord |
| 4:30 pm | Jane & George D'Lima | Atwell D'Souza & family |
| Sunday | May 13 | |
| 9:00 am | Maria & Victor Kozlowski | The family |
| 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | |
| Monday | May 14 | |
| 8:30 am | Anthony & Lira D'Souza | Atwell D'Souza & family |
| Tuesday | May 15 | |
| 8:30 am | Giovanna Albanese & family | The family |
| Wednesday | May 16 | |
| 8:30 am | Len Bocarro | Rosemary & Alex Della Rocca |
| Thursday | May 17 | |
| 8:30 am | Nina Kojoian | Maria G. Cabral |
| Friday | May 18 | |
| 8:30 am | Tadeusz Zyskowski | The Gauthier family |
| Saturday | May 19 | Pentecost |
| 4:30 pm | Thomas Stock | Bill & Maureen Kelly |
| Sunday | May 20 | |
| 9:00 am | Our Parishioners | |
| 11:00 am | Maria Del-Carmen Esposito- Ojeda | Joe Ojeda & family |

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 13: Emelia Reda, Rosemary & Joe Furina

May 20: Rosaline Power, requested by Kathleen & Tom Heald

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Viola Knowlton, mother of Nancy and mother-in-law of Brian Raymond

Breda Carroll, sister-in-law of Pat Carroll

Thérèse Crawford, mother of Daniel & Susan Boileau, mother-in-law of Joan O'Hara

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FAITH FIRST CHILDREN who were Confirmed at Becket on **Saturday May 5.**

Morning: Lara-Beatrice A., Astrid B., Sofia B., Matthew B., Thomas B., Matteo D., Diego E., Anthony F., Anya H., Andrew J., Nevio L., Gabriel L., Elizabeth M., Matthew M., Sarah M., Matthew M., Lucas R., Heidi S., Serena T., Sofia T., Alissia V., Adriano V.

Afternoon: Aurelia A-P., Brendan A., Emma B., Sacha B., Kyle B., Julia B., Gino C., Angelina C., Nicola C., Daniel C., Sofia C., Anthony D., Luana F., Ryan K., Kelly L., Luca L., Liam L-J., Zain M., Massimo P., Austyn P., Emma Pe., Emma Po., Bryce R., Lara V.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY5/6

Offerings: \$ 5,412.00 First Communions: \$ 1,738.00

Papal Charities: \$ 1,694.00

Next special collection: May 27 – Building Fund

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. He assured them of his power—a power which overcame sin and death. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Saviour, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to give them the power of his Holy Spirit, which we see fulfilled a week later on the Feast of Pentecost. When Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left alone or powerless. Jesus assured them of his presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, and promised to return.

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EVERY DAY, MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day was the worthy idea of Anna Jarvis of West Virginia, but it took the promotion of Philadelphia's department-store king, John Wanamaker, to persuade Woodrow Wilson to give it official cachet in 1914. Miss Jarvis died in 1948, regretting that her original intention of honouring motherhood had been commercialized beyond recognition.

It is ironic that many people who think that Catholics pay too much honour to the Mother of God have set aside a day for their own mothers. The fact is, Catholics have three mothers: our biological mothers; the mother Christ gave us as He was dying on the Cross; and the Church. The Church was shown to the world when our Lord's heart was pierced and there flowed from it the water of Baptism and the blood of the Eucharist. We can no more have Christ without the "institutional Church" than we can have ourselves without our bodies. The Church is an institution, but one instituted by Christ. And the Church is our Mother, nurturing us in the Faith; thus, she is more our "Alma Mater" than any school. We do not call our own mother "it," so we should not call the Church only "it." She is our Holy Mother Church.

The best mothers teach us about our other mothers: the Blessed One who makes her Son our brother, and the Mystical One, into which we were baptized. St. Cyprian said: "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother." God wants every day to be Mother's Day. ~ Fr. George Rutler

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love that is the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BECKET

ALTAR SERVER Andrea Marolly, who last week was awarded the gold medal for achieving first place in her division in bowling at the Quebec Provincial Special Olympics. We are all so proud of you Andrea!

PENTECOST VIGIL - FRIDAY, MAY 18

Please join us anytime between 7:30pm- midnight. An evening of Prayer, Music and Reflection. Info: Elsa Rivera 514-626-4111 ext. 222

Let us wait upon the Holy Spirit as at the first Pentecost, gathered together that our passion always burn brightly and set the world on Fire!

In preparation for Pentecost (May 20), when the Church celebrates her beginnings with the descent of the Holy Spirit, we are suggesting you join us in praying the Holy Spirit Novena each day from May 11-19. It's very simple: Just take a moment each day to say this prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your Divine love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, & You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructed the hearts of the faithful, Grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WHEN SIN GIVES BIRTH TO DEATH

As St. James teaches, "Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death" (James 1:14-15). With great insight, these two verses describe the process that leads to the death of grace in the soul. Sin is not produced by itself nor does it appear suddenly before us in such a way that we are not at fault. Rather there is a process, as James describes:

1. The passions tempt.
2. Sin is conceived.
3. Sin is born.
4. Sin reaches its maturity.
5. Sin gives birth to death.

Note the comparison of the growth of sin to that of a mother carrying a child in her womb. The apostle James uses the phrase 'to give birth' because sin has a conception and gestation period. While a particular sin is committed at a specific moment, it is conceived beforehand in our passions. No immoral act appears without a hidden process developing in our heart. This is why we need to cultivate a life of virtue to help us keep our sinful tendencies in check.

Just as the first sin one may commit is the result of a process, so too every sin that follows. This process leads to the death of the soul, which, if persisted in until bodily death, leads to eternal death in hell. Knowing this should lead us to value the supernatural action of the divine grace which vivifies the soul. If we commit ourselves to growing in the life of grace by loving God, obeying His commands, and striving to die to our self-will, we need not fear eternal death.

~ Fr. Jose Antonio Fortea

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF FRANCE. Mark your calendars and plan to join me and Fr. Peter Sabbath for a presentation of our upcoming pilgrimage to the Shrines of France, Thu. Sep 13 to Tue. Sep. 26. We'll explore the various destinations and sites that are planned for this group. We'd love to see you! Please let us know that you are planning to attend. RSVP by return email or by calling. Refreshments will be served. \$3,590.00 plus airfare tax of \$650.00 Info: Liz Dachuk 877-701-7729 ext 239. lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION ON END OF LIFE CARE AND EUTHANASIA Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 pm. With Dr. Laurence Normand Rivest, a GP from Verdun, practicing palliative home care, and Dr. Catherine Ferrier, Geriatric specialist, Montreal General Hospital. Both are members of the Jerome Lejeune Association of Catholic Physicians of Montreal. And Ellen Roderick, Co-Director of the recently founded Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and the Family. Info: Elsa Rivera 514-626-4111 ext. 222