

# Ascension of the Lord

May 08,  
2016



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 07 TO MAY 15

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 07</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 08</b>	
9:00 am	Andrew Mahendrarajah	Wife & children
11:00 am	Stanley Szuszkowski	Linda & family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 09</b>	
8:30 am	Mary Ross	Becket Seniors
7:15 pm	Maria Linhares Amaral	The Amaral family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 10</b>	
8:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. L. Johnson	family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	
8:30 am	Mrs. Nellie Van Barneveld	Marjorie Duguay
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 12</b>	
8:30 am	Guy Frenette	Kathy & Tom Heald
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 13</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Stephen O'Brian	The Gafoor family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b>
4:30 pm	Mariette Mollot	Ernie & Audrey Cassidy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 15</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Elio, Luigi & Frank Genio	Chiara Genio

### SANCTUARY LAMP

#### Week of:

May 08: Emilia Reda, requested by Anna & Ivan Panasiuk

May 15: Frank McDonnell, requested by Pat & family

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 30/MAY 01

Offerings: \$ 4, 645.11  
 Papal Charities: \$ 1, 619.00  
 First Communion: \$ 1, 352.00

Next special collection: Building Fund - May 22



“To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war.”

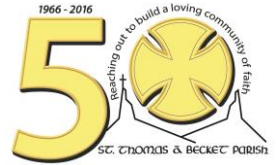
~ Pope Francis

## 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE NEWS

### THE MANY FACES OF BECKET PROJECT:

Help complete our photo mosaic. Email your pictures to [webmaster@becket.ca](mailto:webmaster@becket.ca) or better yet share your gifts, stories and/or memories in our Gallery. Go to <http://becket.ca> => 50th jubilee page or

<http://becket.ca/faces.php> to participate. No computer? No problem. Blank forms are available at the back of the church. Drop off your completed forms in the Many Faces box, also in the back of the church. We will enter your info for you.



**A REQUEST FROM THE BOOKKEEPER:** Would the user of envelope box #223 please contact the office at 514-626-4111 ext 223 so that we can register you. Thank you.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** Coffee, peanut butter, crackers, laundry detergent, tinned tomatoes, tomato sauce and paste, tinned ham, tinned salmon, juice.

**HELPING OTHERS NEWS:** Following are some excerpts from the thank you notes we have received recently from our beneficiaries:

*"I would like to thank you very much for your generous gift of \$1000.00 to the West Island Palliative Care Residence. I would also like to acknowledge your continued loyal support. I know that you have been with us since the beginning and we are proud to have you among this special group of core, key supporters....your gifts have made the difference, and have allowed us to care for more than 3,300 terminally ill patients and their families. (We offer) dignity, peace and comfort....for each and every patient, as they close the last chapter of their lives."*

**~ Teresa Dellar, Executive Director,  
West Island Palliative Care Residence**

*"Thanks for your gift of \$1000.00 in support of our work. I am still amazed at the poverty of so many people – struggling day to day to get by - even working folk who earn so little in wages. Your gift is most welcome. I marvel at God's goodness to us. Extend our gratitude to (St. Thomas à Becket Parish). God bless you with peace and goodness!"*

**~ Fr. James Bok, O.F.M. Pastor  
Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril, Jamaica**

### FAITH FIRST UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Confirmation rehearsal** for May 14 Celebrations: **Wed., May 11 at 6:30pm**

Congratulations to all our Faith First children who celebrated their First Communion on April 30. Your parish family will pray that you will forever be blessed as you continue to trust God and grow in His grace.



Brian Lorenz A., Daphne B., Amanda B., Lucia C., Jacob D., Alexandre K., Liliana L., Jonathan M., Nicolas N., Thomas N., Olivia R., Ethan R., Owen R., Bryce R., Connor R., Callie S., Kirra S., Katelyn T., Laura T., Emma V., Victoria Z. Luca A., Isabel A., Chazz B., Sabrina B., Daniel C., Antonietta C., Luciana C., Sofia D., Nicholas D., Kayla F., Gabriel G., Victoria H., Nicola L., Jason L., Adam M., Marco M., Aurelia N., Massimo P., Michael P., Cristiano P. Matteo P., Joseph R., Matteo R., Sarah R., Dylan S.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE 50<sup>th</sup> WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – MAY 8, 2016**

**Communication and Mercy: A Fruitful Encounter**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The Holy Year of Mercy invites all of us to reflect on the relationship between communication and mercy. The Church, in union with Christ, the living incarnation of the Father of Mercies, is called to practise mercy as the distinctive trait of all that she is and does. What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all. Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing. If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power.

Read the entire message here: <http://tinyurl.com/gngdfes>



**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. The Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later. Today, many Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. ~ **Scott Richert**

**PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

A beautiful prayer to say each day until Pentecost.

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.