

Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 27 TO JUNE 04

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Saturday	May 27	Ascension of the Lord	
4:30 pm	Ronald & Louise Cassidy		Audrey & Ernie Cassidy
Sunday	May 28		
9:00 am	Giacomo Scimone		Andrea Lupore & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	May 29		
8:30 am	Eric Lamay		Nicole & Terry Muise
Tuesday	May 30		
8:30 am	Craig Ladendyk		Mary & Guy Taillon
Wednesday	May 31	Feast of the Blessed Virgin	
8:30 am	Jack Scimone		Mary Scimone
Thursday	June 01		
8:30 am	Helen Reid		Rudolf Breunig
Friday	June 02		
8:30 am	Peter Griffin		Nicole & Terry Muise
Saturday	June 03	Pentecost Sunday	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
Sunday	June 04		
9:00 am	Gerry Emsley		Lise Emsley
11:00 am	Jack Scimone		Mary Scimone

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

May 28 *Nina Kojoian*, requested by her family

June 04: *Deacon Romeo Joseph Babin*, requested by Mary Babin & family.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAY 20/21

Offerings: \$ 5, 154.00

Papal Charities: \$1, 450.00

Confirmations (May 20): \$1, 590.00

Next special collection: **June 11** - Religious Education

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

Ron Clarke, friend of Richard and Ann Cormier

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



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.



VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (May 31)

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her cousin Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. This visit is recorded in Luke 1:39-56. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary burst forth with the song of praise we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." Even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. Thus we are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the One Who was Himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away. It is this meeting which we celebrate on May 31.

~ *by Living Water Community*

THE MAGNIFICAT

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Magnificat as ‘the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church’ [CCC 2619], and explains this prayer’s significance:

“Mary’s prayer is revealed to us at the dawning of the fullness of time. Before the Incarnation of the Son of God, and before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, her prayer cooperates in a unique way with the Father’s plan of loving kindness: at the Annunciation, for Christ’s conception; at Pentecost, for the formation of the Church, His Body. In the faith of His humble handmaid, the Gift of God found the acceptance He had awaited from the beginning of time. She whom the Almighty made ‘full of grace’ responds by offering her whole being: ‘Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to Thy word’. ‘Fiat: This is Christian prayer: to be wholly Gods’ because He is wholly ours. [CCC 2617]”

The Magnificat

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. Amen*

SINGLE-MOTHER FAMILY WEEKEND



Dominus Vobiscum
Centre for Marriage and Family

From June 23-25, a three-day rest and renewal retreat uniquely for single mothers and children is being offered by Dominus Vobiscum, a Catholic camp devoted to supporting family life. Daily schedule includes Mass, Parent and Children programming, recreations and family time. Cost is \$125. We are located off the border of Lac Maskinongé, 1.5 hour drive northeast of Montreal. For more information please contact Jacqueline Cere at 514-489-2921 or jackie_cere@hotmail.com.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS Two cribs, double stroller, single stroller, high chair, infant clothing, tomato juice, tomato paste, muffin mix, pancake mix, tinned fruit, crackers, tinned potatoes, shampoo toilet paper.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI THURSDAY JUNE 15, 2017

Please join us in the diocesan celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday, June 15, at 7:30 pm at the Mary Queen of the World Cathedral with our Archbishop Christian Lépine. Following Mass, there will be a procession through the streets to St. Patrick’s Basilica. As in the past, a bus will leave St. Thomas à Becket, at 6:00pm sharp, cost \$10. Reserve your place with Bernie Ratneiyya at [514 943-3478](tel:5149433478) or bratneiyya@yahoo.com

SUMMER RETREAT - AUGUST 2017

Montreal Directed Retreats offers the opportunity for a silent, personally-directed summer retreat from August 7-11, 2017 in Rougement at Cistercian abbey - a quiet oasis of peace and tranquility in the countryside. The abbey is a 45-minute car drive from Montreal, or easily accessible by public transportation. Cost is \$295, all-inclusive. Individual rooms and most have private toilet and shower in each room. Limited spaces. Paul Empsall 514-626-9462 or visit www.montrealretreats.org