

# The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019



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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JUNE 1 TO JUNE 9

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 2</b>		
9:00 am	Marian Korestski	Olesia's Colleagues	
11:00 am	Breda Carroll	Pat & Family	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 3</b>		
8:30 am	Richard & Thelma Robertson	Their daughters	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 4</b>		
8:30 am	Gerry Emsley	Lise & family	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 5</b>		
8:30 am	Vito, Lina & Lino Marcario	Rina Della Rocca	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 6</b>		
8:30 am	Albanese Family		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 7</b>		
8:30 am	Ernie Cassidy	Audrey & family	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	
4:30 pm	Tom O'Connell	Claire Hayes	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 9</b>		
9:00 am	Gerry McCallum		
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

June 2: Josephine Lobo, requested by Ron & Joy Pinto

June 9: Michael Martin, requested by Pat Carroll & family

<h3><b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS</b></h3>
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<p><b>May 18/19:</b> Offerings \$4,795.25 Building Fund \$1,557.00</p>
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<p><b>May 25/26:</b> Offerings \$5,417.50 Papal Charities \$1,315.00</p>
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**LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Salvatore Battaglia, husband of the late Provvidenza; Cesar Lopez Rodriguez, father of Maria Lopez.

**MEN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** Are you a man who is grieving a significant loss---spouse, child, other loved one---and wishes to gather with other men in the context of faith? Or maybe you know someone in that situation you could tell about this: Our **Men's Bereavement Group** will meet Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. at our Cahill Hall. No charge, no obligation. The group is facilitated by Bill Curran, a former bereavement facilitator at Maison Monbourquette.

## SOLEMNITY 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).

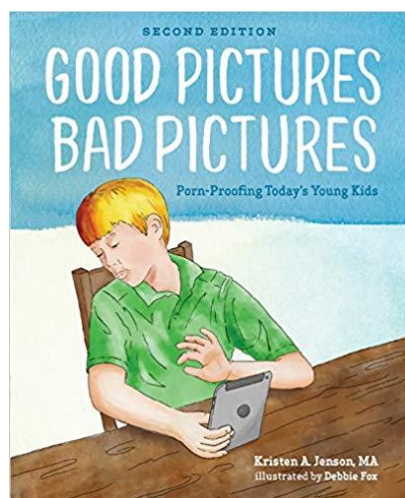
The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and 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 Feast of 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.

~ by Scott Richert

## WORTHWHILE READING

### *Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids*



by Kristen A Jenson and Debbie Fox

With the average age of first exposure to pornography around 11 years old and dropping all the time, it is essential to develop a natural and comfortable way to talk to your kids about this epidemic. This newly revised edition of the original bestseller makes that daunting discussion easy. *Good Pictures Bad Pictures* is a read-aloud story about a mom and dad who explain what pornography is, why it's dangerous, and how to reject it. Featuring easy-to-understand science and simple analogies, this internationally-acclaimed book engages young kids to porn-proof their own brains.

**PENTECOST VIGIL:** Saturday, June 8, for an evening of adoration, prayer, music and reflection. Please feel free to join us any time between 5:30pm & midnight. Let us wait upon the Holy Spirit as at the first Pentecost, gathered together to ignite our Faith, ignite our Passion, ignite our Lives. Elsa 514-626-411 ext. 222 (Mon & Tues)

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA, FOUNDER OF OPUS DEI**  
[www.opusdei.ca](http://www.opusdei.ca) All are cordially invited to a Solemn Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine on Thursday, June 13, 7:30 pm. at Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral. Confessions will be heard starting at 7:00 p.m.

## FEAST OF ST. CHARLES LWANGA, JUNE 3



*by Bishop Robert Barron*

In 1879, the first Catholic missionaries arrived in what is now Uganda. They catechized and preached and in a few years had made a number of converts, especially among the young. The most prominent of these were a group of men and boys who served as pages to the court of King Mwanga II. This king had initially been supportive of the missionaries, but his attitude quickly changed when he discovered how seriously his Christian pages took the moral demands of their new faith. Mwanga solicited sexual favors from several of his courtiers. When they refused, he presented them with a terrible choice: either renounce their Christian faith or die. Though they were new converts and

though they were very young, the pages, to a man, refused to deny their Christianity, and were led off on a terrible death march to the place of execution, many miles outside the capital city, in Namugongo. When they arrived at the place of execution, they were put to death, some by spear but most by fire. The leader of the group, Charles Lwanga, all of twenty-five years old, asked permission to prepare the pyre himself. After arranging the wood, he lay down and endured a slow torture in silence, crying out “Oh God!” only at the very end. I’m sure that some who saw or heard of the executions at Namugongo abandoned their faith, but many others were galvanized by the courage of those young witnesses. And as the story was passed on, people came not only to admire the valor of those who died but more importantly to understand that. The Catholic Church in Africa didn’t die at Namugongo; it came to life there. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the feast of the Ugandan martyrs, a festive liturgy, attended by over 500,000 people takes place at Namugongo. It was one of the great privileges of my life to have assisted recently at that Mass, as part of the filming for my series on Catholicism. As the massive crowd assembled, choirs from many different parts of Africa sang and swayed, and a tremendous spirit of prayerfulness obtained. The general mood that this created—almost overwhelming in its power—was joy, triumph, victory. As I watched all of this unfold, I confess that several times tears came to my eyes, for I could see, beyond the procession and beyond the crowd, the top of the basilica constructed on the site of Charles Lwanga’s execution. As that brave young Christian uttered his dying “Oh God” on that spot so many years before, could he ever imagined that one day a half a million African Catholics would gather there in festive celebration of the faith for which he gave his life? Could he ever have imagined that, in the year 2010, there would be 400,000,000 Christians in Africa? The blood of the martyrs is indeed the seed of Christians. Charles Lwanga, you won!”

**PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGEAU AND POLAND** in 2020 led by Deacon Brian Cordeiro with Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, September 24 - October 3. Pilgrims will make a short stop at Munich to watch The Passion Play at nearby Oberammergau (which takes place only every 10 years) in Germany and then proceed to many important pilgrimage and cultural sites in Poland. We will visit historic Krakow and its Jewish sector, the concentration camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Salt Mine of Wieliczka (a UNESCO patrimonial site), the Sanctuary of Sister Faustina (devotion to the Divine Mercy), Our Lady of Czestochowa and the city of Warsaw. This pilgrimage will be a life-changing experience and a way of forming long-lasting friendships. For more information, please contact Deacon Brian at [brian.cordeiro89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.cordeiro89@gmail.com) or 514-545-8709.