

May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 15 TO MAY 23

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| Saturday | May 15 | |
| 4:00 pm | The people of India | |
| 5:15 pm | Deceased members of the Kanjirathummootil & Nakathil families | |
| Sunday | May 16 | The Ascension of the Lord |
| 9:00 am | Our Parishioners | |
| 11:00 am | Amanda Voss | Family |
| Monday | May 17 | |
| 8:30 am | Rolande Christie | Patricia Christie |
| 9:30 am | Juliana & James Abu (L) | Raymond and Marjorie |
| Tuesday | May 18 | |
| 8:30 am | Joan Di Chiaro | Drudi Family |
| 9:30 am | Helen Bird | Angela Colford |
| Wednesday | May 19 | |
| 8:30 am | Mark Julius Coelho & Julius Coelho | Pat & Donny |
| 9:30 am | Souls in Purgatory | |
| Thursday | May 20 | |
| 8:30 am | Halina Tarczynska | Family |
| 9:30 am | Families in difficulty | |
| Friday | May 21 | |
| 8:30 am | Guy Taillon | Cathy & Phil Stock |
| 9:30 am | Sick of the Parish | |
| Saturday | May 22 | |
| 4:00 pm | Colin Noronha | Family |
| 5:15 pm | The people of India | |
| Sunday | May 23 | Sixth Sunday of Easter |
| 9:00 am | Our parishioners | |
| 11:00 am | Salvatore & Provvidenza Battaglia | Josie & Nancy |

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 16: Kathleen Rush Heald, requested by Julia and Rose

May 23: Clayton Demers, requested by the Demers family

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

Cyril Colford, brother of Angela Colford.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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| THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 8/9 |
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| Offerings: \$4,528.05 | Papal Charities: \$640.00 |
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| Next special collection: May 31 – Building Maintenance Fund |
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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.

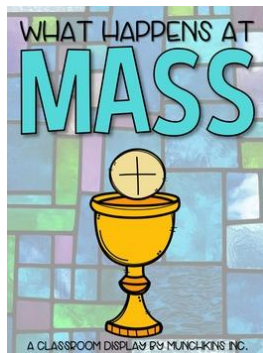
~ by **Scott Richert**

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 on 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



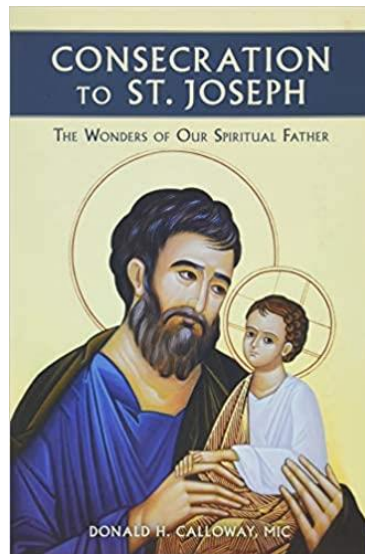
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

If you are hard of hearing, we now have a great solution for when you are in church. Tune your portable digital FM radio to 97.3, put on your headphones or earphones and turn up the volume. It's that simple. The little radios are available at very reasonable prices at the Source, Best Buy, Walmart, etc., or on Amazon.



“In the Mass, which was prophesized and foreshadowed in Scripture comes to be. The bloody sacrifices of the Old Testament are fulfilled in the bloodless sacrifice of the New...The work of our redemption is carried out... Through the liturgy, God’s saving grace is applied to all those present. The promises of salvation history are extended and fulfilled as Love offers himself in time and space to his children. The believer’s task is to accept what’s being offered. When we accept that, we also accept his challenge to love in return to love away from selfishness and towards selflessness.” ~ *Fr. Joseph Mele*

WORTHWHILE READING



Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Fr. Donald Calloway

Drawing on the wealth of the Church's living tradition, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, calls on all of us to turn to St. Joseph, entrust ourselves, our Church, and our world to our spiritual father's loving care, and then watch for wonders when the Universal Patron of the Church opens the floodgates of Heaven to pour out graces into our lives today. Definitely a book for our time, *Consecration to St. Joseph* is dedicated to meeting the challenges of the present moment and restoring order to our Church and our world, all through the potent paternal intercession and care of St. Joseph. This book has everything you need to take your love and devotion to St. Joseph to a whole different level: the first comprehensive 33-

day program of consecration to St. Joseph; information on the 10 wonders of St. Joseph; and prayers and devotions to St. Joseph.

Father Donald Calloway, MIC, is the vicar provincial and vocation director for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, as well as the author of a number of books. His books “Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon”, “No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy”, and “Under the Mantle: Marian Thoughts from a 21st Century Priest” are Catholic bestsellers.

TRUTH, TRANSPARENCY & TRANSFORMATION: NEW DIOCESAN ABUSE PROTOCOLS

The Capriolo Report was released November 25, 2020. With the support of a Committee, co-chaired by the Honourable Pepita G. Capriolo and Archbishop Christian Lépine, the Archdiocese is now implementing the recommendations contained in the Report. The end result will be an abuse-complaint process that is victim-centred, includes all forms of abuse, and no longer considers the victim’s age at the time of the reported event a criterion for filing a complaint. The existence of an Ombudsman, the creation of a five-member lay Advisory Committee, and the conducting of investigations by external experts will ensure that each complaint is treated with due diligence and respect. See details at www.diocesemontreal.org/en/report-abuse/filing-complaint.

Also this week, the Canadian Bishops launched a new Reporting System for Sexual Abuse or Cover-up by a Catholic Bishop: <https://tinyurl.com/ymsv3p47>

PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

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| Janet Arts (2021) | 620-6643 | Siro Di Marco (2020) | 620-6788 |
| Peter Cook (2022) | 620-2019 | Michelle Figueredo (2021) | 694-8879 |
| Norman Cousineau (2020) | 624-8753 | Michael Sciotto (2022) | 626-9550 |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| Altar Guild: | Anna Donald | 620-2258 |
| Altar Servers: | Fr. Peter Sabbath | 626-4111 |
| Baptism Preparation Team: | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Children's Liturgy | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator: | Rosemarie Della Rocca | 620-1930 |
| Greeters: | Norma Cook | 620-2019 |
| Ushers: | Joe Ojeda | 941-7914 |
| Lectors: | Tobias Koikaran | 693-5514 |
| Liturgy Team: | Rosemarie Della Rocca | 620-1930 |
| Weekday Sacristan: | Anna Donald | 620-2258 |
| Music Ministry Coordinator: | Lino Viegas | 626-0750 |
| Choir Director | Brendan Kelly | 944-7220 |

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| Sycamore | Elsa Rivera | 626-4111 Ext. 222. |
| Angels of Mercy | Sarah Sajedi | 827-6408 |
| Becket Pantry: | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Catholic Women's League: | Catherine Lee Jude | 463-5991 |
| Couples for Christ: | Francis & Aurora Apgao | 630-6586 |
| Healing Ministry | Elsa Rivera | 626-4111 Ext. 222 |
| Helping Others: | Parish Office | 626-4111 |
| Knights of Columbus: | Joe Ojeda | 941-7914 |
| Marriage Course: | John & Nathalie Bondyra | 695-7896 |
| Pastoral Home Care: | Ailsa Lee Loy | 626-7265 |
| Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.) | Louise Eberwein | 825-5198 |
| Prayer Line: | Christine Charron | 694-3958 |
| Seniors: | Audrey Cassidy | 626-3586 |
| Social Club: | Rina Callard | 695-6995 |

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

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| A.A. | 376-9230 |
| Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics) | 866-9803 |
| Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services | 931-7311 |
| Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine | 931-7311 |
| Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried? | 344-2686 |
| Tel Aide (listening line) | 935-1101 |
| Violence S.O.S. Hotline | 1-800-363-9010 |
| West Island Women's Shelter | 620-4845 |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath