

Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost Sunday

May 12 & 19 2024



Saturday	May 11		
4:30 pm	Sonia Zanetti		Pietro & Bernice Zanetti
Sunday	May 12	Ascension of the Lord	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	May Allen		Wayne Alfonso
Monday	May 13		
8:30 am	Anna Donald (L)		Rose Martins
Tuesday	May 14		
8:30 am	Vittoria Hallal		Adel & Lisa Hallal
Wednesday	May 15		
8:30 am	Sr. Jeanne Marie		Juliette Coelho
Thursday	May 16		
8:30 am	Mark Coelho		Donny & Patricia Coelho
Friday	May 17		
8:30 am	Vicky & Nando Drudi		The Drudi Family
Saturday	May 18		
4:30 pm	RCIA candidates, sponsors & facilitators		RCIA team
Sunday	May 19	Pentecost Sunday	
9:00 am	Gabriela & Giovanni Ambrosio		The Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	May 20		
8:30 am	Amalia Maria Argentino		St. Thomas à Becket Parish
Tuesday	May 21		
8:30 am	Yvonne Gonsalves		The Family
Wednesday	May 22		
8:30 am	Thanksgiving for Becket Parishioners		Andy & Betty Quinn
Thursday	May 23		
8:30 am	Griba Furtado		Norma and Peter Cook
Friday	May 24		
8:30 am	Michael Chan		Connie Cueto
Saturday	May 25		
4:30 pm	Colin Noronha		Mary-Florie Noronha
Sunday	May 26	The Most Holy Trinity	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Dan Murphy		The Latkowska Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

May 12: Vito Tarica, requested by Family

May 19: Frederick & Barbara Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred Adam

May 26: Pedro Sampana, requested by Lucy and Ryan Sampana

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

Richard Girgenti, father of Theresa-Rose.

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 their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

April 28 - Offerings: \$5,303.00 Building Fund: \$1,455.00

May 5 - Offerings: \$4,933.15 Papal Charities: \$1,355.00

Upcoming special collections: May 12 – Helping Others
May 26 – Building Maintenance Fund
June 9 – Religious Education

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



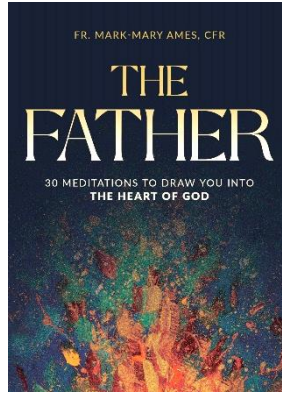
The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11). The reality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

WORTHWHILE READING



The Father: 30 Meditations to Draw You Into the Heart of God by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR

Embark on a transformative 30-day retreat deep into the heart of God the Father. In *The Father: 30 Meditations to Draw You into the Heart of God*, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, leads readers through a 30-day journey that unveils the boundless love of God the Father, who has "a plan of sheer goodness" (CCC 1) for each of us. The Father presents thirty inspiring stories of exemplary fathers who reflect God's paternal love, along with relevant quotes from Scripture, reflections, and prayers. Space is also provided for you to write down your responses to what you have read. Begin this adventure and claim your dignity as a cherished child of God and as "heir of

his blessed life" (CCC 1).

Fr. Mark-Mary Ames is the Director of Communications and the General Almoner of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR). The primary mission of the CFR community is a wholehearted embracing of Jesus Christ and their Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi. Through their commitment to prayer and contemplation, the study of Sacred Scripture, fidelity to the Church and the sacraments, their fraternal life, and their generous service to others especially the poor, the CFRs receive the nourishment necessary to live out their lives as sons of St. Francis in the Capuchin tradition. Fr. Mark-Mary is the host of the Ascension Presents video series The CFRs.

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. Amen.

PARISH NEEDS: We need some large flower vases (two feet tall minimum) that would be suitable for the sanctuary; if you have any vases of this size to donate please contact the parish office.

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.

Janet Arts (2024)	620-6643	Cindy Finn (2024)	624-0546
Frank Vissani (2025)	998-0311	Robert Boulé (2026)	(438) 838-1902
Eric Chevrier (2026)	246-8525	Michael Randall (2025)	980-5015

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team	Parish Office	626-4111
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Head Sacristan	Anna Donald	620-2258
Lectors	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Ushers	Joe Ojeda	941-7914

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Faith Formation	Elsa Rivera	626-4111
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Catholic Women's League	Yasmin Ramsammy	463-1146
Community Aid	Parish Office	626-4111
Couples for Christ	Don & Irene Salvanera	620-1319
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
Legion of Mary	Juliana Abu	585-9206
Marriage Course	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Men's Group	Norm Cousineau	624-8753
Pastoral Home Care	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Line	Christine Charron	694-3958
Responsible Pastoral Ministry	Rina Callard	626-4111
Social Club	Rina Callard	695-6995

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Diocesan Ombudsman – abuse/complaints	752-4683
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Spiritual Support Line	1-888-305-0994
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Anointing of the Sick: upon request at the parish office

Baptism: Please contact the office

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

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

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

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Gerry Westphal at 514-688-4952 or one of our priests

HALL RENTAL: Michael Randall 514-980-5015