

The Ascension of the Lord & Pentecost Sunday

June 1 & 8 2025



MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 31 TO JUNE 15

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Saturday	May 31		
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners		
Sunday	June 1	Ascension of the Lord	
9:00 am	For the soul of Pedro Sampana		Lucy and Ryan Sampana
11:00 am	Albanese Family		Dilella Family
Monday	June 2		
8:30 am	Gaylan Gonsalves (L)		The family
Tuesday	June 3		
8:30 am	Gerry Emsley		Lise Emsley
Wednesday	June 4		
8:30 am	The deceased members of the Passucci Family		The Family
Thursday	June 5		
8:30 am	For the soul of Pedro Sampana		Lucy and Ryan Sampana
Friday	June 6		
8:30 am	Antonio Porco		Iolanda Pulice & family
Saturday	June 7		
4:30 pm	Carmela Barbieri Di Marco		Sergio & Rosa Iacobacci
Sunday	June 8	Pentecost Sunday	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Maureen Gilmour		Kerry Jorgensen
Monday	June 9		
8:30 am	Antoinette and her children		Antoinette Habachi
Tuesday	June 10		
8:30 am	Makram Ebeid		Antoinette Habachi
Wednesday	June 11		
8:30 am	Rose Martins (L)		Maria G. Cabral
Thursday	June 12		
8:30 am	Mr& Mrs Vincenzo Mastrofrancesco		Eddy Hallal
Friday	June 13		
8:30 am	Antonio Porco		Bastone-Spriggs Family
Saturday	June 14		
4:30 pm	Kanawathipillai Samuel		Cynthia Arulanandam
Sunday	June 15	The Most Holy Trinity	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Armando Campanella		Addolorata Colacci

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.

~ Scott Richert

SANCTUARY LAMP

June 1: Eugenia & Salvatore Sanzari, requested by Assunta Tarica & family

June 8: Giovanni Fiorino, requested by Rosamaria Porco

June 15: Giovanni Rescigno, requested by Rosamaria Furino

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

Helen Carey Cappelli, mother of Dino Cappelli

Wilhelmus Laarhoven, father of Andrea

Derek Reuben, brother of the Quelch & Reuben families

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

May 18: Offerings: \$ 3,869.90 Building Fund: \$1,657.00

May 25: Offerings: \$ 4,055.10 Papal Charities \$1,750.00

Upcoming Special Collections: June 22 - Building Maintenance Fund

CWL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON RETREAT

Walking Together in Hope

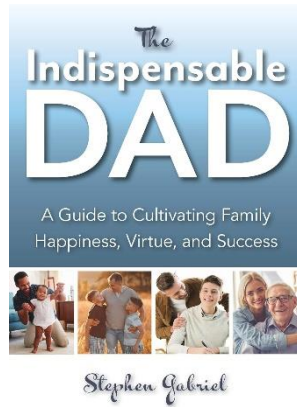


In the Parish Hall, Saturday, June 7, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.
Presentation by Peggy Doucette of the JP2 Centre of Divine Ministries with veneration of 5 relics.
RSVP becketcwl@gmail.com or contact Marie Meier 514-965-9919.

NB: Weekend of May 24 and May 31, CWL members will be selling tickets after each Mass.

WORTHWHILE READING

The Indispensable Dad: A Guide to Cultivating Family Happiness, Virtue, and Success by Stephen Gabriel



The best givers of advice are those who encourage while they share their own accounts of learning through failure and celebrating success. This book offers just that. As a father of eight adult children, Stephen Gabriel has years of flubs, wins, trial-and-error, joys, sorrows, lessons learned, lessons shared, observing, trench-time, and plenty of reflection on the vocation of fatherhood. His book offers a go-to virtue-checklist of sorts, full of relatable stories that relate to the grind of the Everyday. Dads: use this book as a measure and reminder of your indispensable role as virtuous leaders of your family! With reliance on the grace and guidance of the Heavenly Father, the sacraments, a life of prayer, the blessing of friendship and community, and common sense, Gabriel's insight is a source of invigorating support for all fathers.

Stephen Gabriel, the son of a merchant sea captain and a homemaker, graduated from Loyola University of Chicago with a B.A. in economics. He received an M.S. in finance and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Illinois. Gabriel and his wife, Peggy, have been married 49 years. They have eight adult children and 38 grandchildren. He is a retired agricultural economist with the federal government.

REFLECTION ON FATHER'S DAY



The love that God has for each of us reaches its fullest expression in the one word: *Father*. This single word summarizes the fullness of concern, care, acceptance, affection, protection, affirmation, discipline, and selfless service that God generously offers to his children. God's entire being is Father. On earth, certain men are blessed with the title "father," since their calling in life is to reflect these attributes of God in their families.

A father's love, according to divine wisdom, is expressed in how he protects, cares for, feeds, provides for, and teaches his children, focused on truth, virtue, discipline, and hard work. A father's love must be constant and unconditional. In addition, a father instructs his children on righteous suffering and selfless service. He dies to himself by loving his wife without deference to himself or his desires, as Christ loves the Church.

A father also teaches his children about fortitude and charitable service to the vulnerable, and is attentive to the innocent or weak. Although fallen themselves, most earthly fathers do their best to love and care for their children. Even the best of fathers will sometimes get distracted, make mistakes, and forgo the glory that has been entrusted to them. As human beings, we are hardwired for community and need acceptance, love, and belonging. The living God dwells forever as a divine family: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We were created in the image of this divine family. In our sinfulness, we want to make God a harsh judge or cruel master, but Jesus Christ unveils that God is a loving Father and that we are called to be in his family. The single word "father" is a summary of the entire plan of salvation. And this is the important biblical view that is the substance behind our culture's honouring of fatherhood next weekend.

~ *Father Jeffrey Kirb*