

The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

*The Lord ascended to his seat at the right hand of God.
Awaiting his return, we offer our unified prayer of praise.*

EXTENDED PENTECOST VIGIL – There will be an Extended Pentecost Vigil on **Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 pm**. The 5:00 pm mass has been cancelled on this day. Confessions remain from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

Good Shepherd CWL Scholarship 2018

The CWL is pleased once again offer the Good Shepherd CWL Scholarship for \$300, which will be offered to a graduating, male or female Grade 12 parishioner in June 2018. In order to be eligible, applicants must be:

- A current Grade 12 student embarking on post-secondary education starting in Sept. 2018 or Jan. 2019 (name of current school and proof of admission offer required, as well as confirmation of successful graduation for recipient);
- Currently practicing **his or her faith** at Good Shepherd Parish; and
- Involved in an ongoing way in ministries and/or activities at Good Shepherd Parish, which must include activities and initiatives organized by the CWL.

Applicants must submit the required information, and outline their parish involvement specifically highlighting any involvement with CWL activities. Applications must be submitted online, and can be done so at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/cwlscholarship2018>
Applications must be submitted by **Friday, June 8th, 2018**. We will notify the successful applicant with our decision by June 30, 2018.

The Education of Children: Mission and Sacred Duty Event for teachers and homeschooling parents

Come and hear about the mission, sacred duty of an educator and the beauty of Catholic education. Three speakers will touch on the essence of Catholic education, how to integrate faith throughout the whole curriculum, how to search for quality resources and more...A free event to uplift the educator's soul.

Where: The Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd, Blackburn Hamlet

Date: May 31; Time: 7:30pm

RSVP: info@academiastellamaris.ca

For more info www.academiastellamaris.ca

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Loving God,

*we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.*

*May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love
or time, or patience.*

*We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus.*

Amen.

Offering for May 6, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1837.00
AC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 623.00
Total Collection:	\$ 5120.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Fr. Shroff's Corner

This Sunday (May 13) is the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. The actual date for the Ascension was this past Thursday (40 days after Easter), but in some countries, including Canada, the feast day is observed on the closest Sunday. Before leaving His disciples, Our Lord said to them: "It is good for you that I go, for if I do not go, you will not receive the Holy Spirit." Thus the Ascension is linked to a promise: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ remains with us till the end of time. There are, in fact, two ways in which Our Lord continues to be with us today: one is through the presence of His Holy Spirit, and the other is through His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

This Sunday is also Pro-Life Sunday, and providentially, Pro-Life Sunday falls this year on Mother's Day. This past Thursday, Canadians from across the country came together in Ottawa for the annual Pro-Life Rally and the National March for Life. This year, because of the new "Bubble Zone" law prohibiting the expression of any opposition to abortion within a certain radius of the province's abortion mills, we were not able to march down Bank Street in front of the abortion centre, and so the march was re-routed. Not only Catholics showed up for the March for Life, but men and women of good will from many different traditions and backgrounds. We continue our fight for the sanctity of life because we believe that all human life is sacred and a precious gift from God. And we pray in a special way for our mothers on this day, since it is through them that we have received gift of life. Pope Saint John Paul II famously said that "a country that kills its own children is a country without a future," and St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata boldly proclaimed that "the single greatest destroyer of love and peace in the world is abortion." The Catholic Church has always taught that love is the true way and that all human beings have an inviolable dignity and worth in the eyes of God. That is why the Church sees motherhood as a true vocation and as a blessing to our society.

This Sunday (May 13) is also the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima and the 101st anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. We give thanks to God for these beautiful apparitions and for the message given at Fatima by the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Today is also the 7th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. I give thanks to God and to Our Lady for these past 7 years serving the Church and the Archdiocese of Ottawa as a Priest. It has been a great joy for me to serve God these past 7 years, and I have no doubt that I have received this grace through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, a grace for which I will be eternally grateful.

Finally, between the Ascension and Pentecost, the Church encourages us all to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit, imitating the example of the Blessed Virgin and the Apostles in the Upper Chamber where they prepared their hearts to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. May we prepare our hearts as well for this tremendous grace and mediate on the words of Jesus to His disciples as He ascended into Heaven: "Behold, I am with you always, even till the end of time." May God bless you all! -Fr. Shroff

SECOND COLLECTION – There will be a second collection for the Pastoral Works of the Holy Father the weekend of May 26/27.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 12 – The Ascension of the Lord (Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm †For Our Parishioners

Sunday, May 13 – The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 am †Marjorie Riopelle req by Edgar & Ada Theoret

†Quirino Arnaldo req by the Francisco family

Intention of Father Shroff req by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Tang

11:15 am †Guenter Andrews req by Stase Danaitis

†Chiarina Bacile req by James & Lea Dunne

†Frances Dunham req by the family

†Dioscoro Reyes req by the family

†Ophalie Pascal req by Agatha Constance

Intentions of Father Shroff on the anniversary of his

Ordination req by the Legion of Mary

Monday, May 14 – Feast, St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00 am †Moe Stafford req by Betty Ouellet

Tuesday, May 15

9:00 am †Chiarina Bacile req by James & Lea Dunne

Thursday, May 17

9:00 am †Edel Quinn req by the Legion of Mary

†John Rooke req by the family

Friday, May 18

9:00 am †Alfred Reede req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

†Julita Yniguez req by the family

Saturday, May 19 – Vigil of Pentecost

7:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Eva Valere req by Joe & Bernadette Cabrera

Intention of Daphne D'Souza req by Carmen D'Souza

Please pray for our sick; Joe MacDonell, Jean Scharf, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Michael Nortey and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love

PRO LIFE CORNER

In today's Gospel according to Mark we hear final instructions from Jesus before He ascended into Heaven. Let us pray that we "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation". Let us be especially aware of the good news, that is the truth, that human life is sacred and must be protected at every stage. The parish has acquired a 2016 film that is available for loan. HUSH - is a liberating conversation about abortion and women's health. Please contact Jennifer at 613-835-4201 if you wish to view this movie.