

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

The Ascension is a huge moment in the lives of the apostles and the church. Jesus is about to ascend into heaven and leave his apostles with important work to do. He is about to define their mission as a group and why they exist. Jesus knowing the importance of these words phrases them very carefully. These are his final words before he leaves. He says: *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples” Matthew 28. 18-19.* We are to go and make disciples or students, followers and friends of Christ. That’s it! and everything else is a distraction. As a Church we can easily get caught up into doing all sorts of good things that can be a distraction from this central mission given to the Church by Christ. We need this feast of the Ascension to remind us each year of these words Jesus spoke to the apostles, to stay focused on the mission. Let us listen to our Lord and follow his command.



HOMILY SERIES: “More than Words” Join us!

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Our words have tremendous power for good or for evil for life or for death. This is because our ability to speak and communicate reflects the divine image we bear. God speaks the world into existence and the church grows as the word of God spreads. In this series, we will look at the power of words and how to use them for good.

Join us for the homily series breakout **ZOOM session online.**

Visit our web page to Sign up. Please note that this Monday being a holiday we will be moving our two sessions to **Monday 25 May 2020: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.** Each session will last for 1.5 hrs.. We are meeting via Zoom and when you sign up we will send you the details regarding our meetings. The details will be sent to you on late Sunday.

Sunday Masses “Livestream” status:

Next Sunday **31 May 2020** we will be Livestreaming the Sunday 9:00 am mass on the feast of Pentecost as our first official “Livestream” mass. We will be livestreaming to Facebook and YouTube simultaneously and after the live mass, the recording will be archived at the parish New YouTube channel. Here is the temporary link for the YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMa945UyVkv7BUHz98mcGTw>

(after 30 days and 100 subscribers, we can get a customized URL). So please subscribe and turn on notifications so that we can get a customized URL and you will be notified when we post masses or go live. The masses will also be accessed on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosschurchkemptville/>

as well as our Parish web page: <https://www.holycrossng.com/> for you to view at your leisure. I know some of you have gotten accustomed to viewing on the Saturday, but I ask for your understanding as we make this transition. See below for why Livestream.

Why Livestream? What’s the difference?

With the Livestream mass you will be seeing the mass LIVE as it happens in our parish (mistakes and all, as you would at a regular Sunday mass). It will no longer be a recording done on a Tuesday

or Thursday earlier on in the week, with all the edits. We have been recording our masses to allow time to edit, add introduction, add lyrics and act of spiritual communion words, closing credits and other images from our church. The equipment that we have been using to get the multiple views has been just iPhones and tablets and other cameras. So for an hour long mass we generate with 6 cameras, 6 or more hours of video and audio to assemble into an hour long mass which takes about 12 or more hours to edit, assemble, mix and export. This met our needs but it is not sustainable. With our new Livestream equipment, cameras and software we will be able to produce a live production of the mass Live to Facebook, and YouTube simultaneously and almost immediately after the mass, a recorded copy will be available on those platforms. We will also post a link from our web page. So no more hours of editing.

What we did learn through this process, is that we have many people joining with us from area and also outside of our parish boundaries, even from place across our country. As we hear in the Gospel this weekend, our mission is to “GO” ..., and Livestreaming provides us a great opportunity for people to join us for these weekly celebrations. In addition, it allows us to forward to people we know, the message we have received during a particular mass. This also allows us to reach out to others who are searching, or who have been away from the church to make a connection, and take that next step on their journey. Livestreaming has been something on our radar for a while, and our current situation has pushed us in that direction. Could this be the hand of God?

Pray for those in need of healing

(Please note: This is our regular prayer list, it does not mean they have covid-19 virus)

To **add** or **remove** a name please email me at holycrosskemptville@gmail.com

Elaine Anderson; Kevin Arcand; Shirley Arcand; Robert Barbe; Albinas Beres
Georgette Berube; Anne Brennan; Bernie Brennan; Doreen Bugyra; Norma Burke
Cherie Collins; Bill Corrigan; Simone & Marshal Cosens; Clare Doyle; Jimmy Falsetto
Ryan Forbes; Jean Marc Fortin; Bob Galvin; Martin Gaudet; May Gauthier; Karen Hill
Anne Howison; Mary Hutchings; Erroll Kennedy; Gregory Langley; Jackie Leduc
Nathan Livingstone; Dorothy Lloyd; Brady Long; Harold MacDonald
Paul Mahabir; Dolores Martin; Hilary Morey; Shawna Nickerson; Emily Nilsson
Elena Nisi; Paula Nisi; Ann Oakley; Evelyn O'Neill; Gord Payne; Ken Payne
Kevin Pearson; Gary Porter; Fr. Brian Price; Cecile Prodonick; Heather Racine
Guy Roberge; Irma Roberge; Dorothy Ryan; Pat Shafer; Brian Telford
Jeannette Twolan; Maria Vallee; Kaleigh Villeneuve; Marg Wales; Keith Wheatley
Travis Wilson; Rosalie Wiseman; Betty Wright

Pray for those who have died

John Serviss (husband of Georgette Serviss)

Join our Holy Father in praying for an end to this pandemic.

Pray for our health care workers

and all those who are in contact with the public.
(cashiers, food services etc.)