

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 28, 2017

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**Mass Intentions this week**

**May 29 to June 4**

**Please Note:** Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

*(In Church) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:noon</b>	Intentions of Dorthrea Leuis
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Mission talk</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:noon</b>	Intentions of Fr. Earl
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Mission talk and Reconciliation</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Mass of the Mission</b> Intentions of Fr. Don Sanvido and Joyce Sanvido
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:noon</b>	†Maria Palombella, Intentions of Ali & Veronica Ladak
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	†Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	†Mom & Dad Paling, Lloyd Edwards, Intentions of Lyle & Joanne Wright

**MEDITATION**

“Go,” says Jesus to his confused followers, “make disciples of all nations... And remember, I am with you always.” Witnesses of Jesus’ words and acts, people transformed through close relationship with him, they are instructed to build a community that embraces the whole world. Go... do... assured of the Spirit’s presence – this is their direction and ours.

The readings chosen today to mark Ascension invites us to reflect on how we are to live this command, on what making “disciples of all nations” might involve in our pluralistic world.

We painfully recall some past attempts at shaping disciples – forced baptisms and the condemnation of indigenous religious values and rituals, for example – that did not reflect Jesus’ loving hospitality. And we have an increased awareness of and respect for the many paths to the divine discerned among the world’s cultures. So, as disciples today, what are we to communicate?

Answers emerge from our dynamic relationship with Christ, Paul suggests. Through prayer, sacraments and our experience as individuals in community, we are transformed in love. Learning to see with the eyes of our heart enlightened, he suggests, allows us to experience resurrection and pass it on! As resurrection people, we witness to hope and love.

Ella Allen, Fredericton, NB  
Novalis, Living with Christ

**R C I A**

Now that God has blessed us with 9 new Catholics in our parish, and many more throughout our Diocese, we look forward in hope to Easter 2018! (April 1<sup>st</sup>).

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* begins in September and a team of catechists meets weekly (Wednesday evenings are preferable) with potential candidates.

Non-baptized adults and adults Baptized in other Christian Communion are welcome to join this process for full Communion into the Catholic faith. Registration forms are on the “welcome table” at the back of the Church.

**\*\*** We need parishioners to form part of this team and also to serve as godparents, or sponsors, or even someone to introduce candidates to parishioners. Please call the office to be involved!



**Sanctuary Lamp this week**

Intentions of: Rob Terry and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

<b>DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR</b>	
Monday, May 29	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Tuesday, May 30	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.
Wednesday, May 31	Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God (O.H.)
Thursday, June 1	Rev. Jim Donohue, C.R.
Friday, June 2	Rev. Bill LaFlamme, C.R.
Saturday, June 3	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.

**OFFERTORY: Thank you!**

Envelopes	\$2,573.85
Loose Collections:	\$ 375.50
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering May 7, 2017	\$3,434.35
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

**Ascension of the Lord**

Jesus said, “Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” If you are discerning God’s call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email:

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## SAVE THE DATE

Here is a list of our remaining events to celebrate our parish's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

### PARISH MISSION

- Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm theme is “Intimacy with God and self.”
  - Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Mass at noon; theme at 7 pm is “Living the Reign of God today”
  - Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Mass at noon; Theme of “Reconciliation” and opportunity to receive the Sacrament
- Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> – Closing Mass at 7:00 pm with the theme of “Discipleship”
- Father Don Sanvido – will be present the weekend of:  
June 10-11<sup>th</sup>; coffee following the 9:30 am Mass. Fr. Earl will “switch pulpits” with him for the weekend.
  - Strawberry Social – Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> in our parish hall (1-3 pm)
  - Parish Golf Tournament – Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm, 9 holes; best ball; Arrowdale. Supper to follow in the parish hall

### THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Grand Finale! Bishop Crosby will celebrate Mass at 5 pm on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving supper to follow in our parish hall. Several former pastors will be in attendance, and some Religious Sisters.

### OUR GROTTO

Last weekend we blessed our grotto and the statue of Mary.

Those who enter the Church by the Crown Street side are invited to make a visit to our grotto, especially in this month of May, dedicated to Our Lady.

Let us continue to pray the rosary for peace, for our families, for the sick, the poor, for vocations and for all in need of Spiritual healing.

**MADONNA DELLA LIBERA** Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, in honour of the Madonna della Libera – May 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will take place in the Church hall following Mass. We look forward to seeing you there! For those who wish to donate flowers, someone will be at the Church between 3:00 and 4:00 pm to receive the donations on Saturday May 27. Messa in onore per la Madonna della Libera – 28 maggio, 2017.

### **FEAST OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Associates of IHMMC will be gathering in St Pius X Parish hall starting at 9:30 a.m. with the Holy Rosary, procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Mass, and Consecration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary concluding with a hot potluck lunch. New members are welcome to come and celebrate.

## PARISH MISSION FORMAT:

Welcome Father Eugene O’Reilley, Redemptorist preacher!

Father “Red” will preach at the weekend Masses on May 27-28<sup>th</sup>.

There will be Mass celebrated in Church at noon on **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Fr. O’Reilley will speak on various themes at 7 pm on **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** inclusive. These sessions will be followed by hospitality in our parish hall. (May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm is Mass).

The beautiful St. John’s Bible will be on display at various times during the mission. The Bible will also visit John Noble Home and our three elementary schools. Bring a friend!

### ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA

In November of 1859, St. Basil parish held a festival at the Kerby House to raise money for an organ. Both Catholics and Protestants attended. Also at this festival it was announced that the parish was considering replacing the existing church with a more permanent brick structure.

**St. Mary's Church** is fundraising for the new church heating system.

Please support the cause and attend our Pasta Night on **Friday June 16**. We offer delicious penne pasta with meat sauce or arabiata.

Drinks and desserts available for purchase. Eat In or Take Out!

Ticket \$10 Adult, \$8 Child, sell 5 adult tickets get one free!

Tickets available at Sunday Masses or from the office 519-753 7316 . Give us a call and we will arrange a ticket for you! Please support our beautiful church!

### Centenary of Fatima, Marian Pilgrimage Days

#### Five Saturdays from June through October

Come participate in Marian Pilgrimage days in this the centenary year of the Fatima appearances of Our Lady. Each month we will fulfill the request of our Lady of Fatima to join with her in prayer, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown.

In honour of this year’s special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a plenary indulgence is available to those who attend and perform all the obligations attached to the indulgence. Program is from 10 am to 2 pm. Pack a lunch. Dates are: Saturday, June 3, Saturday, July 1, Saturday, August 5, Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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