

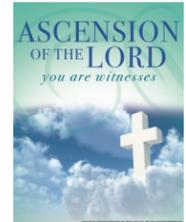
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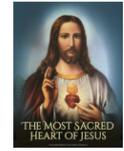
**The Ascension of the Lord**

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you...clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He...raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They...returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."



The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!



**The month of June has traditionally been dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** "In that divine heart beats God's love for everyone, for each one of us individually." —St. John Paul II

Whether statues or stained glass, the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be found in churches all over the world. Jesus looks down, one hand extended out and another pointing to a heart wreathed in thorns and glowing with light. In the Sacred Heart, we see both the sorrow and the joy of the life of Christ, who became one of us out of love. "Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony, and his Passion and gave himself up for each one of us? He has loved us all with a human heart" (CCC 478). In the Incarnation, God becomes man. Jesus experienced the fullness of humanity, including its sufferings. June 8th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We remember all that Jesus endured for us. We also remember why he endured it -- out of love.

**Collection for the Education of Seminarians & Clergy.** Please continue to pray for our seminarians and support the funding of their education. **This collection will take place in our parish on the weekend of June 8/9.** Envelopes are in your offertory boxes and extras are at the back of the church. If donating by cheque, please make payable to St. Ann's Parish. Thank You!

**Migrant Ministry:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting items for the men as they begin to arrive. Items most in need are socks, work gloves and toiletries, warm sweaters, jeans and T-shirts. Thank you for your continued support.

**Catholic Women's League**

The HUGS project (Helping, Understanding, Giving) aims to have us prepare purses and cosmetic bags filled with small toiletries .... **items you would need if you found yourself homeless such as soap, shampoo and possibly conditioner, moisturizer, tooth brushes and paste, etc. Things to let these women know someone cares!.....** to be given to local women's shelters like Women's Place, The Hope Centre, YWCA. They will provide women in crisis with emergency help and care. If you can put them into a recycled purse or a cosmetic bag that would be great. Or, we have collected a number of bags and can organize donations. We plan to do this on **Monday, June 10th following morning Mass** in the parish hall. Please have your donations ready for this date.

**The CWL Year End Gathering & Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, June 18th beginning with Mass at 6pm.** Our guest speaker will be a representative of the Hope Centre in Welland who will tell us about this organization and it's long tradition of providing services to people who most need support in meeting their basic needs. At that time, we will present The Hope Centre with our HUGS packages. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Summer Mass Hours**  
**Beginning the weekend of July 6/7, weekend Masses will be celebrated on SATURDAY @ 5PM, & SUNDAY @ 10AM . This schedule will be in effect for weekends in JULY AND AUGUST ONLY.** Regular weekend Mass hours resume Labour Day weekend—Aug 31/Sept 1. Beginning the first weekend of July, the bulletin will be published every 2 weeks to the end of August.

**Cathedral Appeal:** Restoration work is well underway at our Cathedral, the Mother Church of our Diocese! Currently, extensive work is taking place on the ceiling and in the choir loft, as large paintings transform these spaces. With the carpets now pulled, amazing mosaic floors have been revealed, and repurposed marble is being utilized as a backdrop for the repositioned tabernacle. For more information, consider a visit to the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, or visit [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) for regular updates. Thank you for prayerfully considering giving today by returning your donation envelope to the parish! If you are donating by cheque through the parish, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish." All donations will be forwarded to the diocese for this project and are tax deductible. Donations to date, from our parish total \$3100. Thank you for your generosity!

**Note regarding Offertory envelopes:** A reminder.....**please** do not use envelopes from previous years or envelopes which have been assigned to other parishioners. As many as 15-20 offertory box numbers can change for parishioners in a year and although we can usually find the errors, if we don't, your contribution could be credited to another person. If you did not pick up your offertory box for this year or you would like to use envelopes, please phone the office. If you forgot your envelope, there are pink "visitor" envelopes at the church entrance you can use—just put your name on it. Or use a blank envelope and include your name. Visitors to the church are encouraged to add their address and phone number for credit. Thank you!

**Parish Calendar**

- June.....
- June 2nd.... Spanish Mass 1pm
- June 2nd.... Ascension of the Lord
- June 3-7.... Priest Retreat. **Weekday Masses cancelled Tues-Fri. Holy Hour on Monday cancelled**
- June 7th.... First Friday Holy Communion to sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- June 9th.... Pentecost Sunday
- June 9th.... Special Collection—Education of Seminarians
- June 10th.... Gather to assemble items for HUGS—CWL project following morning Mass.
- June 12th.... Office closed
- June 13th.... Last Bingo session before summer break
- June 16th.... Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity
- June 16th.... Father's Day
- June 18th.... CWL year end gathering & meeting. Mass 6pm.
- June 19th.... St. Ann School Year end Mass 9:30am.
- June 19th.... Last Youth Ministry session before summer
- June 23rd.... The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ.

**Confirmation classes resume September 4th!**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Phone the office if you can assist.**

**Children's Liturgy Leaders**  
 Children's liturgy is designed to introduce our parish children to the Word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. Since there is involvement with children, a police background and vulnerable sector screen are necessary, and these forms are supplied by the church. Orientation is provided prior to inclusion on the schedule. Please consider being part of our ministry.

**Church Cleaners**  
 Our parish relies weekly on the generosity of a few very hardworking and meticulous volunteers to do church cleaning. We are very grateful for the work they do! Because cleaners may be exposed to sensitive information and possibly children, a Police Vulnerable Sector check is required. Let us know soon if you would like to help out or if you have any questions. Thank you!  
**For more detailed information about these ministries or other church ministries, please visit our website:**  
[www.stannfenwick.com](http://www.stannfenwick.com) **All volunteers are welcome!**

**World Communications Day—June 2nd:** Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals, internet) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth. A message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 53<sup>rd</sup> World Communications Day to be celebrated on June 2, 2019, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, can be found at the following link. The theme is "We are members one of another."  
[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20190124\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20190124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html)

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY.** June topics are 'New Relationships' (June 10); and 'Loving and Respecting Yourself' (June 24). **June 24<sup>th</sup> is the last meeting before a summer break.** Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information -905-684-0154, [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

**Sunday, June 2nd, 2019**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.  
 - Lk 24:50-53

Sat. June 1	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Mario Forte (Family)
Sun. June 2	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Andy Jankovich (Karen & Frank Jankovich & Fam)
Mon. June 3	9:30am	Vulcan & Arwen (T. Walters)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions Cancelled</b>
Tues. June 4	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
Wed. June 5	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
Thurs. June 6	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
Fri. June 7	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
Sat. June 8	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. June 9	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Sam Lopinski (Karen Jankovich)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory May 25th & 26th, 2019**

78 Envelopes	\$2, 166.60
Loose Collection	\$ 80.85
Total Offertory	\$2, 247.45
Cathedral Appeal	\$2, 450.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$1, 444.85

**Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre—Baby Bottle** campaign will run from **MAY 12 (Mother's Day) to JUNE 16 (Father's Day)**. Please return them to the parish by the Father's Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Wanted: donations of sympathy cards. If you have any to spare at home, please bring to the office.**



