



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.
- Mk 16:19-20

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God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.



If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to

get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

An update for you regarding The Kroushan Family (Marlin, Rimoun, Charl & Chantal) one of the Syrian families we sponsored a few years ago. Mary Smith has been in touch with them they wanted to relay this message to all who sponsored and supported them throughout their resettlement in Canada. They have just celebrated their third year here and will be applying for Canadian citizenship in the next week or so. They are so grateful to be here in Canada and wanted to once again thank everyone who sponsored them. Marlin and Rimoun are employed part time. Their daughter Chantal has done very well in high school and is going to university this fall. She has been offered a scholarship by Ottawa University and Brock but has not decided where she will attend in September. Her chosen education path is medicine. She wants to be a doctor!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. May 15	3:30pm	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	4:15-4:45pm	Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Frank Grennan (St. Ann Parish)
Sun. May 16	9:30am	✠ Frank Grennan (Donna & Jean Larocque)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
	12:30pm	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. May 17	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. May 18	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR
Wed. May 19	9:30am	✠ Gerard Gosselin (Ida Biancaniello)
Thurs. May 20	9:30am	Special Birthday Intention for Sophia Njambi Anthony (Racz Family)
Fri. May 21	9:30am	✠ Frank Grennan (Rolande & Donald Grennan)
Sat. May 22	3:30pm	Missa Pro Populo
	4:15-4:45pm	Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Angelo Albanese (Vince Addario)
Sun. May 23	9:30am	✠ William Young (Mike & Anne Young)
	11:00am	In Thanksgiving for Charles Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
	12:30pm	✠ Eileen O'Neil (Karen & Michael)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

**Province Wide Lockdown- Stay at Home Order
Extended to June 2nd, 2021**

Churches are now limited to a maximum capacity of 10 people. This includes all Masses and liturgical celebrations, and weddings and funerals. We will be taking registration for ALL Masses—weekdays and Tuesday Holy Hour, so you are encouraged to phone or email the office of your intention to attend any of these celebrations. Once the 10 person limit capacity has been reached, the doors will be locked. **We are asking that you register (by phone or email) for the weekend and the following weekday Masses no later than the Friday morning before the weekend.** This will give us time to put the attendance sheets in place for the ushers and priest. **Face coverings are mandatory.**

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