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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:]
 "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
 - Jn 14:26-27a

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Sat. May 21	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	In Honour of St. Jude (Jim Pignataro) Special Intention for Healing For Jaysun (Jaysun Alumkal)
Sun. May 22	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Angelo Albanese (Vince Addario) ✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Wayne Rebeiro Birthday Blessings for Charles Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Mon. May 23	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. May 24	9:30am	✠ Bill Young (Mike & Anne Young)
	7-8pm	HOUR HOUR & Confessions
Wed. May 25	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Sophia Njambi Anthony (Racz Family)
Thurs. May 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario) Intentions of Amer, Divya & Praanjali (Divya G.)
Fri. May 27	9:30am	✠ Concetta Ippolito (John & Diane Szydowski)
Sat. May 28	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Special Intention (Gloria Egert)
Sun. May 29	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Mary Wood (Joan & Tim Crowther)

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

Offertory May 8th, 2022— 3,274.00
Offertory May 15th, 2022— \$3, 100.00
Maintenance May—\$150.00

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.



The Month of Mary—The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us continue to seek Mary's prayers for our parish and diocese and promote devotion to her as Mother of God and the model Christian.

Special Collection May 22nd —Pope's Pastoral Works: This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the universal church. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use e-transfer for donations.

Congratulations to Lucas Di Martile who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on May 14th.

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of June: *For Families:* We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Pope Francis visit to Canada in July

We pray for the Papal Visit to Canada this July. May the journey serve as a moment of healing and reconciliation for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors and all those working on the path to truth and understanding. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Sunday, May 29th, 2022



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day ... You are witnesses of these things.'"
 - Lk 24:46, 48

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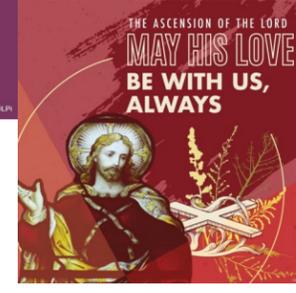
Mon. May 30	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. May 31	9:30am	Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Colin & Teresa Walters) HOLY HOUR & Confessions MASS CANCELLED
	7-8pm	
Wed. June 1	9:30am	
Thurs. June 2	9:30am	✠ Heidi Egert (Gloria Egert & Family)
Fri. June 3	9:30am	✠ Adelwert, Dumenil & Vinu Anthony (Rebeiro Family)
	6:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration Mass
	7:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration Mass
Sat. June 4	8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration Mass
	9:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Special Intention for Lucas DiMartile (Karen Kennedy & Family)
	5:00pm	✠ Janet Doan (Lana & Jan)
Sun. June 5	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro Special Intention for Jacklyn & Jash (Rebeiro Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Children's Liturgy—We would like to resume this ministry as soon as possible. Volunteers Needed!

Children's liturgy is designed to introduce our parish children to the Word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. On a rotating schedule, the Children's Liturgy volunteer leads the children in an age-appropriate liturgy of the Word downstairs in the church hall during the Sunday 9:30 Mass. Using the materials supplied by the program, and their own creativity, they provide age-appropriate liturgical readings and activities with the children from approximately age 3 until after the child's First Communion. The Children's Liturgy Volunteer accompanies the children downstairs to the church hall after the presiding priest has addressed them. The lesson takes place until after the Creed has been recited. The children then bring up the gifts and collection before returning to their families. This is a very creative, but skillful position. Since there is involvement with children, a police background/vulnerable sector screening is necessary, and these forms & instruction are supplied by the church. Orientation is provided prior to inclusion on the schedule. Please consider being part of our ministry.

The Ascension of the Lord

We have the ability to walk with joyful hope! Jesus, during his earthly ministry, pointed the way to God's kingdom. What is finally understood about God's kingdom is that it is filled with the glory of Christ! We are all in the process of being emptied into and becoming one with Christ. We are new creations, clothed in Christ, made in God's very image and likeness, and on this incredible journey of glory. The Ascension allows us to see this truth about ourselves and it enlightens our hearts. Christ who was most perfectly, vividly, and brilliantly transfigured before the very eyes of the disciples will be our destiny. Seeing only imperfectly now, we will see perfectly then. We will bask in the brilliance of understanding and truth. Christ is our destiny and our hope. Alleluia!



Believing this with our whole heart allows us to walk proudly through life's darkness. There is so much that can upset us and weigh us down. Sometimes, life's news can not only be challenging but downright discouraging. Our own lives can easily become unsettled and empty. We rely too much on the things of this world to please us and wonder how we lost our excitement, enthusiasm, wonder, and joy. Getting so

caught up in superficialities and unnecessary dependencies, we lose our axis, anchor, and center. Today, we can claim it back again! We are reminded that it is not here that we find fulfillment but in the world of Christ yet to come. Jesus sent this promise of his Father upon his disciples, and he sends it to us as well. Faith in God really has power to change things. In essence, all we have to do is believe in what God promises. God is ever close to us. He can even use what we see as the "useless scraps of life" to create "God moments" of inspiration and invitation. Then, even what is perceived as unpleasant, distasteful, or even hurtful can be transformed into an experience of joy. The Ascension of Christ becomes our reference point for self-knowledge. This firm anchor allows us to work through whatever comes our way and never be robbed of joy!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh. As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people. But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us. Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another. In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

