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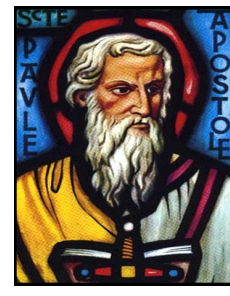
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Summary

Many Scripture scholars think that this section was added to Mark's Gospel in order to make it compatible with the endings of the other Gospels. Just before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he commissioned his disciples to go into all the world and to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. The disciples did as the Lord commanded, and the Gospel tells us "the Lord worked with them."

Reflection for Parents

There is an old expression, "preaching to the choir." It is easy to preach to the choir because those in the choir already believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. The challenge for every disciple is to carry the Good News to all people—even to, and especially to, those who are not a part of the choir. Pope Francis suggested one small way to do this when he stated in The Joy of the Gospel that the greatest evangelizer is a joyful Christian. Take time to think about his words today. Are you a joyful Christian? Do people see the gift of joy evident in your life? Do they hear it in your words? Pray for an increase in the gift of joy that others—including those in your own family—may be drawn to Christ through you.

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Share Pope Francis' words with your family. Invite each family member to share how he or she sees joy alive in your family and in the world today. Brainstorm ways your family can share the joy of the Good News with others, and make an action plan to do so at least once in the coming week.

Discussion Starters

Instead of discussion starters today, search your parish bulletin for opportunities to share the Good News with others through ministries of service. Decide on one way that you, as a family, will respond to an opportunity to serve. Also search the Internet to learn more about organizations that share the Good News by serving the needs of others throughout the world. Visit crs.org (Catholic Relief Services), maryknoll.org (Maryknoll missionaries), unbound.org (Unbound outreach to children and the aged), and habitat.org (Habitat for Humanity).

Visit Our Website

You can register for Sacraments, become a member of our parish community, get information on upcoming events, and much more. Visit our website at stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org or simply scan the QR code below.



Mass Intentions

- Saturday, May 11**
 4:30pm
 • +Rita Caruana
- Sunday, May 12**
The Ascension of the Lord
 • We pray for all Mothers
- Monday, May 13**
Our Lady of Fatima
 • +Jane Farrugia
- Tuesday, May 14**
St. Mathias
 • +Cutajar & Zammit Families
- Wednesday, May 15**
 • +Joyce & Janice Tonna
- Thursday, May 16**
 • +Eugenio Sturino, Mariano & Amalia Stellato, Adelina Stellato
- Friday, May 17**
 • +Luzia Martins

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MASS SCHEDULE
Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)
Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every
 Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Secretary
 Mrs. Rita Apalit

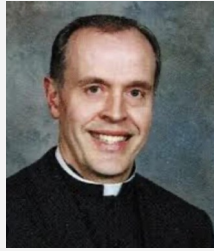
OFFICE HOURS
 Monday to Friday
 9:00am to 4:30pm
 (Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS
Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am
Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course is mandatory.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am
 Saturdays: 4:45pm to 5:15pm
 Anytime by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick:
 Contact the priests. Parishioners are reminded that this is not a sacrament that should be left for the last possible minute. It is a Sacrament for the sick, not just for the dying.

May 12, 2024

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From our Pastor's Desk...



Dear parishioners, on this special occasion of Mother's Day, we gather to honour and celebrate the remarkable women who have shaped our lives. Whether they are with us today or have passed on, their love, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion continue to inspire us. Despite the challenges of life, our mothers have remained steadfast, working tirelessly to care for their families. They have turned life's lemons into sweet lemonade, demonstrating resilience, strength, and love.

As we express our gratitude, let us remember those mothers who are no longer with us. Their legacy lives on in the memories we hold dear. And for those mothers who are still with us, let us cherish their presence and honour their unwavering commitment.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Amen.

Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen.

Merciful Father, hear our prayer for mothers who face hardships and trials. Whether they deal with health issues, financial stress, or relational struggles, be their rock and fortress. Provide them with Your protection and provision. Let Your presence be a comforting reminder they are not alone in their journey. Amen.

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

May this Mother's Day be a time of reflection, gratitude, and love. We will get through these challenging times together, and our mothers remain at the forefront of our hearts.

Fr. Roy

HAPPY
Mother's
Day

*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God
is the heart of a mother."*

- St. Therese of Lisieux



Dear Friends & Parishioners,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your presence at the special Mass celebrating my 25th ordination anniversary. Your participation made the occasion truly memorable.

The reception that followed was a beautiful expression of our community's spirit, and I was deeply touched by the warmth and generosity extended to me. Each conversation, smile, and gesture added to the joy of the day.

I am particularly grateful for the many gifts I received. They are not just material tokens but symbols of the love and support that have been the bedrock of my vocation. Your kindness has left an indelible mark on my heart.

A special word of thanks goes to the social committee, whose dedication and hard work made the event seamless and enjoyable. Your efforts behind the scenes did not go unnoticed, and I am truly appreciative.

As I reflect on this milestone, I am reminded of the role each of you has played in my journey. Your faith and encouragement have been a constant source of strength.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as you are in mine. Together, let us move forward in faith, hope, and love.

With sincere thanks and blessing,

Fr. Roy

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TEACHER? Please note that in order to be considered for employment as a teacher in any Catholic School Board in Ontario, it is crucial for you to have a letter of reference from your pastor as part of your application. If you, or if your adult child, are planning to pursue a teaching position in a Catholic School, it is crucial that you contact your pastor. It is advisable to reach out to the Pastor early in the application process, well before the submission deadline.

VOCATION REFLECTION

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

QUESTION: What is the significance and importance of the ascension of Jesus Christ?

ANSWER: Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared alive to various individuals, including the women near the tomb, His disciples, and over 500 others. During the days that followed, Jesus taught His disciples about the kingdom of God. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus and His disciples traveled to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. It was there that Jesus assured His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit and instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until its arrival. As Jesus blessed them, He began to ascend into heaven, visibly and gradually, witnessed by many attentive onlookers. The disciples strained to catch a final glimpse of Jesus as He disappeared from view behind a cloud. Two angels then appeared and promised that Christ would return in the same manner as His departure. The ascension of Jesus Christ holds multiple meanings: firstly, it marked the conclusion of His earthly ministry, signifying the end of His limited human existence. Secondly, it represented the successful fulfillment of His mission on earth. Thirdly, it symbolized His return to heavenly glory, which had been concealed during His time on earth, except for the Transfiguration. Fourthly, it indicated His exaltation by the Father, as the one in whom the Father is well pleased ascended in honor and was bestowed a name above all names. Fifthly, it demonstrated His preparation of a place for us. Sixthly, it marked the beginning of His new role as the High Priest and Mediator of the New Covenant. Lastly, it established the pattern for His future return. When Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom, He will come back in the same manner as His ascension, with a literal, bodily, and visible presence in the clouds. Currently, Jesus is in heaven, frequently portrayed in the Scriptures as being at the right hand of the Father, a position of honor, authority, and as the Head of the Church, the bestower of spiritual gifts, and the One who fills all in all.

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