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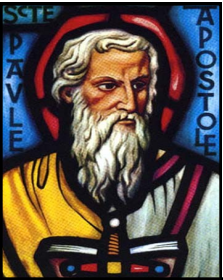


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MASS SCHEDULE

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 7pm - 8pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent after

9:15am Mass

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: 3:45pm to 4:15pm

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.

June 1, 2025

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Summary

Reminding the disciples of previous prophetic predictions, Jesus quotes the scriptures saying that the Christ will suffer and then rise from the dead. Letting them know that he is about to leave them, Jesus instructs the Apostles to continue the ministry which he began. They are to remain in Jerusalem until they are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. After delivering these instructions, Jesus raises his hands as in victory and ascends to heaven. The disciples are filled with joy as they return from Bethany to Jerusalem.

Reflection for Families

It is more accurate to think of Jesus' ascension as his being with us rather than his departing from us. As he promises in this scripture, the power of the Holy Spirit is with us to help us even though Jesus is no longer among us in his human form. Jesus remains by our side as a helper. We can show others that Jesus is with us by reflecting Jesus' love. In the same way, we see Jesus in the kindness and love of other people.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Find the local section of your newspaper today. Pick out people in the news who stand with the first disciples as someone who continues the ministry of Jesus. How do they reveal Jesus' presence by their words and actions? Where do they show joy in what they do? Consider the people in your own family, either immediate or extended. What similar qualities do they have to those in the news?

Discussion Starters

1. Even though I can't see him, I know Jesus is with me when ...
2. I brought the Good News of Jesus to someone when I ...
3. The greatest joy I find in knowing Jesus is ..

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 31

4:30pm

- +Rita, Frances, Sunny & Leli Camilleri

Sunday, June 1

9:00am

- +Emanuel & James Magro

10:30am

- +Vic & Josephine Attard & Family
- +Frank Cini
- +George Pulo
- +Tony Axiak

12:00 noon

- +Missa Pro Populo

Monday, June 2

- +Anthony Zammit & Joe Cutajar

Tuesday, May June 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

- +Doris, Joseph & Catherine Micallef

Wednesday, June 4

- +Frank & Gustav Grech

Thursday, June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

- **No morning Mass**

Friday, June 6

- +Nicolina Zammit

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From our Pastor's Desk...

This pastor's corner reflects on the Ascension of Jesus, the feast we are celebrating this weekend, and explains why it's important.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to many people—including His disciples and over 500 others. For 40 days, He taught them about God's kingdom. Then, He took His disciples to a mountain near Jerusalem called Mount Olivet. There, He told them that soon they would receive the Holy Spirit, which would help them spread His message. After blessing them, Jesus began to rise into the sky right in front of them! As they watched, a cloud covered Him, and He was gone. At that moment, two angels appeared and told the disciples that Jesus would one day return the same way He had left.

The Ascension—which means Jesus going up to heaven—has deep meaning because

- Jesus' work on earth was complete** – God had sent Him to teach, heal, and save people. Now that He had finished His mission, He was returning to God the Father.
 - Example:** Like a student who finishes school and goes home after graduation, Jesus had completed His time on earth and was returning to heaven.
- Jesus succeeded in His mission** – Everything He had come to do—dying for people's sins and rising from the dead—was accomplished.
 - Example:** Imagine a firefighter rescuing someone from a burning building. Once the person is safe, the firefighter leaves because the job is done. Jesus had "rescued" people spiritually, so His time on earth was complete.
- Jesus returned to His heavenly glory** – While He was on earth, Jesus didn't always show His full power and greatness. But now, He was going back to His place of honor in heaven.
 - Example:** It's like a king who dresses like an ordinary person to help his people, but when he goes back to his palace, he wears his royal clothes again.
- Jesus was honored by God** – Since Jesus had done everything perfectly, God lifted Him up and gave Him the highest honor.
 - Example:** Like an athlete winning a gold medal after a great performance, Jesus was given the greatest reward for completing His mission.
- Jesus went ahead to prepare a place for His followers** – In heaven, Jesus is preparing a home for those who follow Him.
 - Example:** It's like a family moving to a new house, where the parents go first to set everything up before the children arrive.
- Jesus became the High Priest and Mediator** – He now stands between God and people, making it possible for people to have a relationship with God.
 - Example:** Think of a lawyer who helps people talk to a judge in court. Jesus helps people connect with God.
- Jesus' ascension shows how He will return** – The angels said that one day, Jesus will come back in the same way He left—visibly and in the sky.
 - Example:** Imagine a superhero flying away after saving the city, but promising to return when needed. Jesus left, but He will return to complete His mission.

Right now, Jesus is in heaven, sitting at the right hand of God, a place of honor and power. He is the leader of the Church and gives spiritual gifts to His followers to help them continue His work.

- Fr. Roy

STEWARDSHIP REFELCTION

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.” This is the great commission that continues to echo throughout the centuries. All of us, especially stewards, are called to be witnesses of the Gospel and evangelize the hearts of those nearest to us. However, before we can convert others, we need to have an interior conversion ourselves. St. Vincent Ferrer says that, “If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.” Before we can do any great deeds for Christ and the Church, we need to be sufficiently nourished by the love and grace of God. This can only come about through our dedication to prayer. We must pray for the strength to love and share the Gospel with others. One practice we can adopt is the morning offering. This involves beginning each day, perhaps even while still lying in bed, with a prayer to God thanking Him for another morning and asking Him to help us offer our day for the good of the Gospel. We can supplement this by beginning any period of formal ministry with an opening prayer. We need to always remember that it is the Holy Spirit working through us that is bringing about great graces. Let us strive to infuse our stewardship with the power of prayer.

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VOCATION REFLECTION

The Lord said, “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life.

If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



This coming Friday, **June 6th is the First Friday of the month.**

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, followed by some time of adoration and benediction.

