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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions at St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday May 27, 2017 4:30 p.m.
+Msgr. Edgar Allen Arbour

Monday May 29 – Ferial

Tuesday May 30 – Ferial

Sunday May 28, 2017 8:30 a.m.
Judge Mariano Singzou Sr.

Wednesday May 31 – Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday June 1 – St. Justin Martyr

11:00am
Elizabeth Faykos
+George MacPherson
+ Jose Faller

Friday June 2 – Ferial



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
THE NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS



Ascension of the Lord

“Go,” says Jesus to his confused followers, “make disciples of all nations... And remember, I am with you always.” Witness of Jesus’ words and acts, people transformed through close relationship with him, they are instructed to build a community that embraces the whole world. Go...do...assured of the Spirit’s presence – this is their direction and ours.

The readings chosen today to mark Ascension invite us to reflect on how we are to live this command, on what making “disciples of all nations” might involve in our pluralistic world.

We painfully recall some past attempts as shaping disciples – forced baptism and the condemnation of indigenous religious values and rituals, for example – that did not reflect Jesus’ loving hospitality. And we have an increased awareness of and respect for the many paths to the divine discerned among the world’s cultures. So, as disciple today, what are we to communicate?

Answers emerge from our dynamic relationship with Christ, Paul suggests prayer, sacraments and our experience as individuals in community, we are transformed in love. Learning to see with the eyes of our heart enlightened, he suggests, allows us to experience resurrection and pass it on! As resurrection people, we witness to hope and love.

*Ella Allen
Frederickton, NB*

Sunday May 28 is World Communication Day

*Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation,
for there is no conflict without an enemy, no
victory without strife. – St. Leo the Great*



As we live the Gospel by providing for those in need, we are reminded of the Gospel value to 'love one another as I have loved you.' Through ShareLife, we are able to bring this value to life through the work of over 30 social service agencies, caring for families in crisis, people with special needs, the elderly, immigrants and refugees, and children and youth. In addition, our support provides for the formation of our clergy, and international programs in the developing world. Please make a contribution to ShareLife **in next Sunday's collection June 4, 2017.** Thank you for your generosity.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's choir is well underway and new members are welcome. Children practice **after the 11am mass**. Practices will be 45 minutes with a snack provided. The goal is to have the children sing one song during the 11 am mass. Please contact: st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com

May 28, 2017

**CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 10 & 11
AFTER ALL THE MASSES**

**What is the
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is especially intended to strengthen those who are suffering serious illness. For a long time, this sacrament was celebrated only with people who were dying and for this reason came to be known as "last rites." It was meant to give them strength to face death. But today, it is offered to support, encourage and comfort all those who are seriously ill. Participation in the celebration of this sacrament offers those who are sick an opportunity to open themselves to the healing power of God's grace and to continue to grow in wholeness. In this sacrament, we meet Jesus who heals and consoles us by giving us the Holy Spirit. The Risen Lord comes to strengthen us in body, mind and spirit during our time of illness.

**Who should celebrate the
Anointing of the Sick?**

Those who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced. Those adults and children who are suffering from a major illness, are facing surgery, serious medical test or have suffered a serious accident. Those who suffer from chronic illness such as arthritis or diabetes, or who suffer from a serious mental illness.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday at the 11:00a.m. mass.



We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult to the restrooms and all public areas of the Church, at all times.

BAPTISM

Beautiful Beginnings

We wish to welcome into our parish family the following young persons:

Willa Alegre

Jada Fisher

Domínus Jaden Ricaído

Owen Ruggiero

Please keep these little ones, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their journeys of faith.

DATE TO REMEMBER



Join Fr. Smith downstairs in the Breakfast Club room, after all Masses, the weekend of June 4th for conversation & light refreshments.



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EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

There has been a great deal of interest in the Cardinal's Statement. You are asked to tell Legislators how you feel. You are encouraged to join the coalition for Health Care and Conscience. Visit CanadianConscience.ca. A video of Cardinal Colin's statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at <http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia>

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

On June 11, 2017, 3:30-4:40pm St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative Scripture-based prayer and music in Taize tradition. Join us in celebrating the Pentecost season through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. RSVP's appreciated. Contact St. Paul Taize Prayer Group at: stpaultaize@gmail.com

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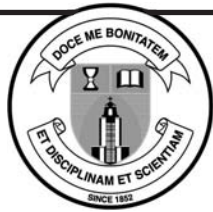
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