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MAY 13, 2018 | ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Christi Himmelfahrt by Gebhard Fugel, c. 1893

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

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Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm
LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm

CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW ON EARTH BUT YOURS

by Jessica De Luca

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. We celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven today, but as our weekly readings tell us, the emphasis is really on all of us. Christ is no longer on earth so God entrusts us to "go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." We are now Christ's body on earth. St. Teresa of Avila beautifully portrays this for us in a prayer:



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Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa's prayer summarizes what this feast day is all about: our responsibility to do God's work on earth; to love, to do good and be compassionate. By doing so, we undoubtedly proclaim the good news!

While this may seem like a great task, we know that God does not leave us alone or without the right skills to spread the Gospel. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we are told that each one of us has been given God's grace and individual gifts for "building up the body of Christ." And as Paul explains, when we work together, sharing our unique gifts, we can better spread the good news to all those we encounter.

In light of this feast day, and Pentecost next week, I invite you to think about the gifts you were given and how those gifts can be used to go out and spread the good news. On behalf of the Parish staff, I encourage you to attend our Ministry Fair during our Parish BBQ next Sunday, May 20th, to learn about the various ministries in our parish community. We hope this will help you discern how God is calling you to live a life committed to sharing the Gospel. We also encourage you to bring your own ideas for new ways to use our gifts to serve the Lord!

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

- ACTS 1.1-11
- PSALM 47
- EPHESIANS 4.1-13
- MARK 16.15-20

VICTORIA DAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 21, 2018 in observance of Victoria Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM, after which the Church will be closed; regularly scheduled confessions are cancelled.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis declared the Mary "Mother of the Church" feast would be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost. This year, it falls on May 21.

PARISH BBQ & MINISTRY FAIR

Our Ministry Fair and BBQ is **next Sunday, May 20 from 10:00am to 2:00pm** in Scollard Park.

In order to help us plan better, please RSVP by May 14 to the event by visiting <https://bit.ly/2w5QeWC> or by following the link on the homepage of the St. Basil's Website and Facebook page.

If you are available to lending a helping hand at the BBQ, please contact Michael at michael.pirri@utoronto.ca or (416) 926-1300 x3210

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May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please consider making a donation to support ShareLife.

MOTHERHOOD: A PATH TO HOLINESS

by Marilena Berardinelli

A few weeks ago Pope Francis shared with the church "Gaudate et Exsultate." The apostolic exhortation is an invitation for each of us to discern how we are to accomplish the ordinary actions of our life in extraordinary ways.

Holiness, as attainable for all people rather than a path for a select few, has always been foundational to my understanding of my mission in the church and in the world. And though I believe I desired to be "a saint of the new millennium", the true work of holiness began for me in motherhood. Despite the many hats I wear and the various circles that I live my vocation and practice my ministry, it is my children that remain my inspiration and motivation to live in a manner that reflects God's presence in our midst. I strive for holiness not just for my children, but because of them.

The Church refers to parents as the primary educators of their children, yet on the topic of holiness, it is my children who often do the teaching. Some days after hearing and reflecting on the story of the Good Samaritan, my five-year old son, bluntly pointed out that I was not treating him as I would want to be treated; I wasn't treating him as my neighbour—and he was right. I have found mothering to be physically, intellectually and emotionally exhausting, but spiritually rewarding. Even though my moments of quiet prayer are almost always interrupted and participation at Mass is hardly ever peaceful, my children (with their innocent reminders) call me to not "abandon the path of love but remain ever open to God's grace, which purifies and enlightens." (GE,24)

May today's celebrations be a reminder to all mothers that though our lives "may not always be perfect, to keep moving forward in ways that are pleasing to the Lord." (GE, 3). To those mothers in our pews and beyond our doors, Happy Mother's Day!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, May 6, 2018 \$ 5,313.25



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 6TH — 12TH

SUNDAY

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9:00am Qennefer Browne (+)
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm Lina Ciavarella (+)
4:30pm Barbara Szymanski (liv.)

MONDAY

St. Matthias

7:30am Yenukunme Chantal Djôssu (liv.)
12:10pm Lorena Vicente (liv.)

TUESDAY

7:30am Yenukunme Chantal Djôssu (liv.)
12:10pm Aida Abuel(+), Antonio Abdallah and Family (liv.)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Fr. Dan Donovan (liv.)
12:10pm Caterina Ciavarella (+)

THURSDAY

7:30am Peter Warrin (liv.)
12:10pm Francis, Monica, and Mary Gannon (+,+,+), Beverly Valentine (liv)

FRIDAY

7:30am John and Kathleen Angus (+,+)
12:10pm Luigi and Lina Ciavarella (+,+)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Manuel Rodrigues (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Paul and Filomena Larocca, Joseph Troncone, Rebecca Beaton, Paul O'Brien, Carry Eillen, Romulus DeMello, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, Alexander Wu, and Desmond Brownlee.

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