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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Ascension of the Lord ~ 28 May 2017

“All Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.....” Matthew 28:18b-19

First Reading + Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading + Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel + Matthew 28:16-20

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 29

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, May 30

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm+ CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Joe McCARROLL, RIP – M/A Crowley

Wednesday, May 31

8:00am+Lorne MORRISON, RIP – P/C Morrison

Thursday, June 1

8:00am+Helen LYNCH, RIP – Dw. Donnelly

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, June 2

12:10pm+Mary WALSH, RIP – L Mayer

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

Saturday, June 3

(Daily mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Billy STEPHENS, RIP – P/P Kennedy

5:00pm+Deceased members of Durkan Family – E Durkan

Sunday, June 4 (SHARELIFE SUNDAY)

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Jessica SMITH, RIP – Family

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Arise from darkness.

Lately I've been thinking about the more serious challenges of life. As a priest, I am so often present when people are dealing with serious illness or the loss of a loved one. One of my first hospital calls as Associate Pastor was to minister to the family of an eighteen-year-old girl who had been killed in a hit and run. When the call came in I went to the Pastor and said "You better take this one. I don't think I can handle it." He just said, "This call came in to you. You will have to handle it."

I have been told that because I had a professional career prior to entering the priesthood, that this has given me valuable experience of "real life." But nothing in all my years of Engineering prepared me for that night. I learned more about "real life" in my first month as a priest than in my whole career as an Engineer.

On the way to the hospital I tried to think what I could possibly say to the family. Nothing I could say would be adequate, so I stopped thinking and started praying. When I arrived I still had not found any words, but the family was not looking for words, just a reminder of the presence of God in their time of grief. I was able to be that presence for them. The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35; it is in the story of Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus: "Jesus wept."

My first funeral Mass was for a beloved great-great-grandmother who had passed away peacefully at the age of ninety-five. Of course, there was some sadness, but much more a sense of completion. Like St. Paul, she had fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith.

I have also done funerals for young children — thankfully few of them — and for men and women in the prime of their lives. These are never easy. Faith gives us courage to bear our grief, but it does not lessen it. St. Augustine, did not cry when he lost his beloved mother, Monica:

I closed her eyes, and a great wave of sorrow surged in my heart. It would have overflowed in tears if I had not made a strong effort of will and stemmed the flow. What a terrible struggle it was to hold them back! But later, as I lay alone in bed, it was a comfort to me to weep for her and for myself. The tears which I had been holding back streamed down, and I let them flow as freely as they would, making of them a pillow for my heart.

I have been reading Fr. Benedict Groeschel, *Arise from Darkness: What to Do When Life Doesn't Make Sense*. This holy priest had much more experience of real life than I will ever have. He not only helped others in times of tragedy, but lived through tragedies in his own life. Fr. Groeschel does not offer any easy answers. Nor does he offer "comfort." Faith does not give us comfort, but strength to bear up under sorrow. Faith gives us an assurance that we and those we love — even in the darkest times — are always in the Father's hands.

Saint of the Week:

Sometimes Jesus withdraws from us so that we may not attach ourselves too much to the joys of sense. When He withdraws, however, He sends the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who sustains, helps, and consoles us.

– St. Joseph Marello (1844-1895), Bishop, Catechist, Spiritual Director, Feast Day May 30



Living the Gospel by providing a summer camp experience for young boys...

During his years as a young camper at Camp Ozanam, Niro experienced significant moments of personal growth in his life, which had a lasting impact on him. Later on, he became a staff counselor at Camp Ozanam, where he now has the opportunity to become involved in and positively influence the lives of current camp participants. "When you are with your brothers at camp, it is okay to show your feelings. These memories become important, because these kids really get to know each other and stand by each other. Thank you, ShareLife, for all the work you do to make this possible at Camp Ozanam!" says Niro. Last year, ShareLife-supported Camp Ozanam provided a unique camping experience for 600 boys from underprivileged homes in the GTA.

Parish Goal: \$50,000 Balance to-date: \$39,747.60
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Thursday, June 1, 2017

11:30 - 1:30p.m.

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CWL TRAINING DAY

Sat. June 3, 2017

St. Paul's Parish Hall

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bring a bag lunch

Tea and coffee will be provided

If you are a new member or perhaps want to take a refresher course, you will leave with a deeper understanding of the CWL. Contact: Carla Beckett (705)435-1381.

Coming soon!

St. Paul's Church 25th Anniversary ~ July 9th

Mark your calendars details to follow. We are calling for photos of the past 25 years – people, events, celebrations. Please send your photos to parishann25@gmail.com or drop off in the CWL Mail pouch on the wall in the church lobby.



We wish to congratulate the families of the following children who entered into the Roman Catholic Community through the **Holy Sacrament of BAPTISM:** Emma Leanne GRAHAM and Dante Luca MONTAGNINO

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