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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday:

@ 8am before morning Mass

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday: 7:00 pm

ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY

Every Friday after evening Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Registered parishioners are invited to pick up a Baptism information package from the Parish Office.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please contact Parish Office for program start dates.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office ONE year in advance. At least one party must be a registered and practicing member of St. Boniface.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. AGATHA - 416-393-5302

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Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and those who are visiting St. Boniface Parish this weekend. New parishioners are asked to fill out registration form below and put it in the collection basket or drop-off at the office.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION SHEET

MR. & MRS. ☐ MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ MISS ☐ MS. ☐

Last Name

First Name(s)

STREET# AND NAME/APARTMENT# OR UNIT #

CITY

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE#

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME(S) AND DATE(S) OF BIRTH OF CHILD/CHILDREN:

NAME(S)

DD/MM/YEAR

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE ENVELOPES?

YES ☐ NO ☐

YES ☐ NO ☐

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT PARISH INVOLVEMENT?

YES ☐ NO ☐

ONCE REGISTERED, ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY ENTRANCE OF CHURCH.



JUNE 1, 2025 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

CYCLE C (LUKE)

REFLECTION

The Good News:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord.

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf. Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit". The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism. The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord". The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace. The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.



Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MAY 31ST TO JUNE 7TH 2025

- Sat May 31st 5:00pm - Corazon Ong, Jose, Leocadia, Rey & Ophilia Dionisio †
- Sun June 1st 7:30am - Alana Maurica Gerardine
9:00am - Deb Chapman
10:30am - People of the Parish
12:00pm- Tomasi & Karakolis families†
- Mon June 2nd 8:30am - Georgina Da Costa †
- Tue June 3rd 8:30am - Edwin Jordant †
- Wed June 4th 7:30pm - Mary Ann Lauzon and Joseph Arthur Lauzon†; John Taylor†; Oliver Kraust†; Filomena Rodrigues †
- Thu June 5th 8:30am - Domenico Colasuonno †
- Fri June 6th 7:30pm - Clayton Shillingford †
- Sat June 7th 8:30am - Mary Magdalene D'Souza †; Andree Dieca Cigna-Colella†



OUR SICK:

Leonard Rodrigues, Jean Foulkes, Romeo Fiorentino, Anne Dyer, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Donna Mesic, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Cheryl Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemens, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly Macinnis, Randeer Kumar Hulooman, Norma Dulnuan, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Shirley Ecclejtton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH FEAST PICNIC

Our St. Boniface Parish feast picnic will be held **next Sunday, June 8th after the 12 noon Mass.**



You can still purchase your tickets at the back of the church after all Masses. Tickets are \$5.00 each for a hamburger OR hot dog with a bag of chips and a drink.

If you are able to help with baked goods, please call the Parish Office.

TAP TO GIVE

Tip Tap is now available for church donations at the back of the church. You can use your debit or credit card.



Thank you for always being generous towards our parish!

THE RETURN OF CAMP BONIFACE 2025

This summer we will be offering Camp Boniface! A Summer Day Camp for those between 6 and 13 years old.

Each week, Camp Boniface incorporates the Catholic faith in a way that is completely relatable to campers! We help campers learn about the faith without even realizing they are learning!

Week #1: Monday July 7 to Friday July 11
Week #2: Monday July 21 to Friday July 25
Week #3: Monday July 28 to Friday August 1
Each days runs from 9am to 3pm

Each week is \$125
OR you can come to all 3 weeks;
\$350 = FULL CAMP EXPERIENCE!

Please contact Parish Office for registration form.

**** Limited Spots Available ****

Registration Forms Due by Friday June 20th



Welcome to the Spiritans



Welcome to the Spiritans of the TransCanada Province. We are part of an international Roman Catholic Religious congregation of nearly 3,000 members serving in over fifty countries. We are priests, brothers, lay men and women dedicated to sharing the Good News.

Founded in France in 1703, we minister with those who have not yet heard the Gospel and go to those places for which the Church has difficulty in finding workers. .



Since our arrival in Canada in the mid-1700s, we have shared in the establishment of urban and rural parishes, high schools, university, hospital and prison chaplaincies, pro-life movements, ministry to First Nation's peoples and outreach programs for new Canadians and refugees.

Our mission, in Canada and around the world, is one of presence. We go to people, not primarily to accomplish a task, but rather to be with them, live with them, walk beside them, listen to them and share our faith with them.

When the Spiritans arrived In Ontario in October of 1954, they were known as The Holy Ghost Fathers and they mostly hailed from Ireland. In the 1960s, Ireland sent more Spiritans to minister here. The 1970s saw a further influx of Irish Spiritans who had been expelled from Nigeria during the tragic Biafran war (1967-1970). However, slowly the face of the TransCanada Spiritans has been changing. We are no longer just the "Irish Holy Ghost Fathers." This recent picture outside our Provincial Headquarters paints a picture of the change.

We have confreres from Ghana, Nigeria, Poland, Sierra Leone, Trinidad, and of course a few elders from Ireland, and some Canadian born confreres too. Our Lay Spiritans also reflect this diversity of community. Worldwide too, the face of the Spiritans has changed dramatically as the Congregation continues to grow in Africa and Asia.




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