

## SUNDAY

FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. We believe that following the Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father.

The chronology of dating the Ascension to forty days after Easter exists only in the Acts of the Apostles. In the Gospel of Luke, the Ascension appears to have taken place much earlier, even on Easter. The original ending of Mark's Gospel did not include the Ascension at all, and it can only be inferred from Matthew's Gospel conclusion. It seems this became a universal feast by the fifth century.

In the Holy Land itself on the ridge above the Garden of Gethsemane above the Kidron Valley there is a very small Orthodox octagonal church where the faithful believe Jesus ascended to heaven, leaving his foot print on a rock that is still revered today. We need faith touchpoints and this is one sacred place where people can reflect and pray as they listen to one of the scriptural accounts of the Ascension.

Two authors Stephen Bevans and Roger Schroeder suggest the following for our reflection on the feast of the Ascension: "The church of Christ does not so much have a mission as the mission of Christ has a church." Like the apostles, and all disciples, it is Christ's mission, Christ's work, that we are invited to take up, to live and announce the Good News to all we meet. We have to figure out what part of the work is ours as that work changes throughout our lives.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus say in John's Gospel, "I command you, love one another as I have loved you." We can easily spend a lifetime reflecting and acting on those words.

We are chosen and called by name, how is God choosing you/me to go forth and bear much fruit? How is Christ calling us now to "love one another?" Let us reflect on these thoughts in our daily prayer and see how our gifts and abilities can be put into action.



LA liturgia odierna ci invita a non restare a guardare in alto, quasi estraniandoci dai problemi esistenziali della vita, ma a scendere nel campo della testimonianza concreta. Gesù, salendo al cielo, non si è separato da noi, ma ci ha assicurato una continua, seppure diversa, presenza in mezzo a noi. La duplice descrizione della sua ascesa al cielo (*I lettura e Vangelo*) non è un semplice fatto di cronaca, ma un eloquente segnale che ci proietta all'interno di una nuova umanità inaugurata da Cristo per noi. Una umanità elevata dalla grazia e liberata dal peccato.

## ShareLife

Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.  
Thank you for your generosity.**



The ascension of the Lord took place 40 days after His resurrection. This would be a Thursday, the Thursday before the Ascension Sunday. Originally a Holy Day of Obligation, the feast was moved to the

following Sunday to facilitate the observance by as many Catholics as possible.



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 you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org**

## DATE



### Second Collection Marygrove Camp June 08/09

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council, helps over 1,000

girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay, Ontario. Open to eligible girls, ages 5-13. Marygrove provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly to determine their eligibility.



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining us as a member of the Catholic Church, NOW is a very good time to invite them to make inquiries through the R.C.I.A. process. There is no obligation on their part, only a warm welcome, and answers to their questions.

This program is for those –

- who are not baptized and feel the call to become members of our Catholic family.
- who are baptized but would like to join the Catholic Church.
- who are baptized in the Catholic Church but have not participated in Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If you would like to join, please contact the office at 416-636-0213.

**SAINTS**  
The Holy People  
of the Church



### Presentation: The Communion of Saints Thursday, June 6 @ 7:45 pm in the parish hall.

All parishioners are invited to join us for a Catholicism series study of the saints, facilitated by Paul Natale and Linda Maselli-Jackman.

As we continue our journey through the Easter Season, we are reminded of the joy that we live as an Easter People. We are God's people and each one of us has the potential to become a saint!

In this session we will explore briefly the lives of a few saints whose notoriety rests in the fact that they are:

- Child saints
- Couples
- Members of famous families in history

These saints are people just like you and me. Consider joining us to explore the lives of some famous saints. We hope to see you!



This fellowship will be held every 1st Friday and 3rd Friday of the month. From 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. after mass and adoration at 8:30 a.m.

**Keep the date free!**

**Next Date: Jun 7 Friday/venerdi**



**Della festa della papà  
Sabato 15 giugno alle ore  
3:30 p.m.  
Father's Day Coffee – June 15  
(Sat) - 3:30 pm**

*Il Comitato Sociale invita tutti i papà della nostra parrocchia al rinfresco che si terrà nella sala parrocchiale. Sequira' la Santa Messa alle ore 5:00pm*

The social committee of Saint Norbert invite all the father's and grandfather's of the parish to celebrate the feast of father's day in the parish hall with coffee and cake, followed by the holy mass. Thank you for your participation.



**MAY 26, 2019**

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**SAT/sabato – Jun/giugno 01**

**5:00 P.M.** - +Rose & Camillo Luciani

**SUN/domenica – Jun/giugno 02**

**9:00 A.M.** - +Ann Pezza

+Saverio Ladisa

**10:30 A.M.** – +Armando Bruno

+Marielisa Coliccio

+Paul Vong Nguyễn

*Thanksgiving – Umlas family*

**12:00 P.M.** –

**TUE/martedì – Jun/giugno 04**

**7:00 P.M.** – +Armando Bruno

**WED/mercoledì – Jun/giugno 05**

**7:00 P.M.**- +Demetrio Chinni

**THU/giovedì – Jun/giugno 06**

**8:30 A.M.**- +Campitelli Tonino

**FRI/venerdì – Jun/giugno 07**

**8:30 A.M.** -