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## ✠ The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord ✠

*May 12, 2024*

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL:** We tend to read the Ascension along enlightenment lines, as if Christ has gone to a distant, irrelevant place. The biblical reality is this: Jesus, in ascending into heaven, has not gone "up, up, and away." Rather, he has gone to heaven to direct operations more fully here on earth. Jesus has not abandoned earth, but rather, he intends to return in order to bring about the full reconciliation of heaven and earth. In the meantime, he has commissioned his followers to begin that work now... within the Church.  
~ *Fr. Robert Barron*

**FROM ASCENSION TO PENTECOST** we especially pray for an opening of hearts to the Holy Spirit. The first condition for receiving the Holy Spirit is not merit or virtue, but desire, need and thirst. But the problem lies here: are we thirsty for the Holy Spirit or do we have an unacknowledged fear of him? For deep down, we sense that if the Holy Spirit comes, he cannot leave everything as he finds it. He demands conversion. He could even make us do "strange" things that we are not ready to accept. This is why the willingness to repent is also a condition for receiving the Life-Changer. Whoever the Holy Spirit touches, the Holy Spirit changes! Our prayer for having the Spirit sometimes resembles the prayer of Saint Augustine before his conversion: "Grant me chastity and self-control, but please not yet." We are tempted to say, "Come, Holy Spirit, come... but not right now, especially no strangeness! Isn't God "order, decorum, composure, and equilibrium"? But let us ask the Holy Spirit to take away our fear of him. Let us say, "Come, Holy Spirit! Come now, come as you wish." ~ *Fr. Francis Martin*

**+ May the Living God bless mothers everywhere this day. +**

## Seventh Week of Easter

May 13 – 18

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass + <i>Doreen Dombroskie</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	+ Fr. Jack Green by <i>Diane Green</i> + Brian Rumleskie by <i>Eddie &amp; Diane Etmanskie</i>

### + Solemnity of Pentecost +

May 19, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+ Frances Cybulskie by <i>Tony &amp; Marjorie Page</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

	<b>May 18</b>	<b>May 19</b>
<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	<i>Martin Yakabuski</i>	<i>Judy Filion</i>
<b>Readings</b>	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</i>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.  
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for François-Xavier Joseph Pigeon and Marie-Hélène Bibiane Pigeon who were recently baptized into Christ.
- that our risen Saviour may transform and fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven.
- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.
- for those who have died, especially: *Beverly Hare; Francis (Frank) Anderchek.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

<b>Monday</b>	- Our Lady of Fatima
<b>Tuesday</b>	- St. Matthias, apostle
<b>Saturday</b>	- St. John I, pope, martyr

**ASCENSION – CHRIST DEPARTING AND ARRIVING:** The historical character of the mystery of Christ's Resurrection and Ascension helps us to recognize and understand the transcendent condition of the Church which was not born and does not live to compensate for the absence of her Lord who has "disappeared" but on the contrary finds the reason for her existence and mission in the invisible presence of Jesus, a presence working through the power of his Spirit. In other words, we might say that the Church does not carry out the role of preparing for the return of an "absent" Jesus, but, on the contrary, lives and works to proclaim his "glorious presence" in a historical and existential way. Since the day of the Ascension, every Christian community has advanced on its earthly pilgrimage toward the fulfilment of the messianic promises, fed by the word of God and nourished by the Body and Blood of her Lord. This is the condition of the Church, the Second Vatican Council recalls, as she " "presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God", announcing the Cross and death of the Lord until he comes" (Lumen Gentium, n. 8). ~ *Pope Benedict XVI, 2009*

**NOVENA FOR PENTECOST:** To celebrate this feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, we prepare with **9 days of prayer** which began this past Friday. This Novena enters into the Mystery of the event occurred in the Upper Room with Twelve Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary when they prayed for nine days until the Holy Spirit descended on the Feast of the Pentecost. In the New Testament, this biblical event is found in the Acts of the Apostles 1:12 – 2:5.

The following traditional prayer is recommended:

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.  
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** Reverend Mr. Lukas Časta will receive Sacred Ordination to the Priesthood on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, **Saturday, June 29, 2024**, at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

**Total:** \$2,246.00 (Envelopes: \$2,032.00; Loose: \$39.00; Visitors: \$5.00; Pope's Pastoral: \$170.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./86; 10:30 a.m./99]

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN:** Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

**EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

**GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY:** This study continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church Hall. For more information, please contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. Feel free to drop-in as you can.

**ROSARY** will be recited a half hour before weekend masses in May, the Month of Mary by the Catholic Women's League.

**SCHOOL LITURGIES OF THE WORD:** The children from St. John Bosco Catholic School come over to our church on a regular basis.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will have Mother's Day Roses for Life available after Mass TODAY.

**DIOCESAN WEEKLY BULLETIN:** There are various diocesan events scheduled for youth and young adults at <https://pembrokediocese.com/weekly-bulletin/> Be sure to check it out!

**PARISH SUPPERS:**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Braeside, May 26; 2-6 p.m.; BBQ chicken.

**VALLEY MANOR ROCKATHON:** St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation will be hosting on Friday, June 21, 2024. Proceeds will go toward local healthcare needs, including much needed equipment at the Valley Manor. More information email at [office@sfvhfoundation.com](mailto:office@sfvhfoundation.com).