

## Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

Barry's Bay; 19450 Opeongo Line

## Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish

Combermere; 2797 Dafoe Rd.

## Saint Francis de Sales Mission

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# ✠ The Ascension of the Lord ✠

*May 17, 2026*

**THE MYSTERY OF THE ASCENSION** announces that Christ's risen humanity is not removed from creation but lifted up into the fullness of divine glory. His glorified body is no longer constrained by space. The Ascension signifies exaltation rather than physical departure. It unveils the **true destiny of human nature**: to be raised into the life of God through Christ's glorified humanity. It completes the Incarnation by demonstrating that humanity is not only healed but enthroned in divine glory.

Ultimately, the Ascension proclaims that Christ reigns universally and that creation is already being drawn into transfigured communion with God. It also makes clear that Christ's presence is now universally available, no longer localized but diffused throughout creation in the life of the Spirit. In this way, the Ascension marks not an absence but the **deepest form of divine nearness**, as Christ fills all things with His glorified humanity.

Because of this, believers are invited to live with confidence that Christ is truly present in every moment, the Church as His Body, the Sacraments, and in acts of charity. In light of the Ascension, the Christian moral life is properly understood as a participation in a glory already given, not fear-based moralism.

The Ascension calls us into hope, reminding us that our destiny is participation in divine life, a glory toward which Christ is already drawing us. As the Body of Christ, we are a **"non-anxious Church"** because Christ reigns, and the story ends in final healing and glorified restoration.

**ECCLESIA:** Our diocesan newsletter is available at the entrance.

## ~ Seventh Week of Easter ~

May 18 – May 23

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SLO</b>	<i>(with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions)</i> 9:00 a.m. + Deceased & Living Rainville Family <i>by Family</i> <i>SLO 11:00 a.m. St. John Bosco School Liturgy of the Word</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>HCM</b>	9:00 a.m. + David Peplinski <i>by Greg &amp; Mary Doyle</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HCM</b>	9:00 a.m. + Anthony Pierroz <i>by Jim Hollett &amp; Marilyn Collins</i> <i>HCM 11:00 a.m. George Vanier School Liturgy of the Word</i> <i>1:45 p.m. Valley Manor Mass &amp; Anointing of the Sick/Elderly</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>SLO</b>	9:00 a.m. + Paul Kuiack <i>by Rosemarie Recoskie &amp; Family</i>

## + Pentecost Sunday +

May 24, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SLO</b>	4:00 p.m. + Deceased Luckasavitch Family <i>by Maxine Smaglinski</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SFds</b>	<i>(with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary before Mass)</i> 6:00 p.m. + Bobby Murack <i>by Carson &amp; Judy Murack</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>HCM</b>	9:00 a.m. + Michael Sauro <i>by Rick &amp; Judy Sauro</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>SLO</b>	10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	<b>SLO May 23</b>	<b>SLO May 24</b>
Readings	<i>Jane Beahen</i>	<i>Bev Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i>
<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	<b>SFds May 23</b>	<b>HCM May 24</b>
Readings	<i>Jackie Kuehl</i>	<i>Joseph Baklinski</i>
Communion		<i>Jerome Anderchek</i>
Offertory		<i>Jerome Yarascavitch</i>

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. John I, pope, martyr
Wednesday	- St. Bernardine of Siena, priest
Thursday	- St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & Companions, martyrs & St. Eugene de Mazenod, bishop
Friday	- St. Rita of Cascia, religious

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION:** We will be celebrating Fr. Wilfried Lenius' 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Sunday, June 7th with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in Holy Canadian Martyrs Church followed by an informal reception at George Vanier School. Everyone is welcome

**IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

-that God would bless us and the nations of Canada on this Victoria Day weekend as we begin another summer and honor our unique histories which are marked by challenge, struggle and progress.

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie*

- for those who have died, especially: *Sister Rosenda Brady CSJ, Kim (Murray) Maika, David Peplinski. Dennis Palbiski, Deacon Daniel Dauvin, Tony Joseph Yantha, Anthony Pierroz.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** *The grace we receive in Confession not only heals our sins and restores us in our friendship with God — it strengthens us to forgive others with the Divine Mercy we ourselves have received.*

**SLO:** Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before/after weekday Masses in the sacristy.

**HCM:** Before all weekday and weekend Masses.

**SfDs:** After Mass

**HCM WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST - ADORATION CHAPEL:**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

**HCM:** “**THE SEARCH**” on Wednesdays until June 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at George Vanier Catholic School, Combermere. This innovative video series and discussion time reflects upon questions of every human heart. The seven topics are: *What Do You Seek? Who Are You? Why A God? What's Our Story? Who is Jesus? Am I Saved? Why A Church?* For information, contact Greg or Mary at 613-756-6643, [gmdoyle39@gmail.com](mailto:gmdoyle39@gmail.com)

**SLO - THE MOST HOLY ROSARY** will be recited a half hour before Sunday Masses in May, the Month of Mary, by the Catholic Women's League.

**VALLEY MANOR ROCKATHON:** St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation will be hosting on Friday, June 1. 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).

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

**SLO:** Total: \$2,036.70 (Envelopes: \$1,835.00; Loose: \$141.70; Visitors: \$20.00; E-transfers: \$40.00).

**HCM:** Total: \$977.00 (Envelopes: \$637.00; Loose: \$115.00; E-Transfers: \$100.00; Pope's Pastoral: \$25.00; Building Renovation Fund: \$100.00)

**SFDs:** Total: \$380.00 (Envelopes: \$280.00; Loose: \$90.00; Pope: \$50)

*Thank you for your consistent financial support which enables us to have a church and community for worship, education and outreach.*

**SUMMER COTTAGE PARISHIONERS:** We warmly welcome back all our seasonal parishioners and hope you enjoy another wonderful summer in our beautiful corner of God's creation. A gentle reminder: if you use offertory envelopes, please stop by the entrance table to pick up your box. If your box is not there and you would like envelopes, kindly call or email the parish office. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated and are vital in helping us meet our ongoing parish expenses. Thank you for your faithful support.

**HCM- BANCROFT PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** will hold their **ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER** beginning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2026. If you wish to support them with your "change," baby bottles will be available at the entrance. For more information, contact Shirley Radey at 613-756-2096.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE IN COMBERMERE** is a mission house of the Madonna House Community. Their thrift shops are open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, offering affordable, good-quality household items to people in the local area.

They would gratefully accept donations of pots and pans, baking dishes, silverware, kitchen utensils, comforters, pillows, towels, art supplies, and toys to help stock the shops. If you would like to help by donating any of these or other items, please call St. Joe's at 613-756-6267 to arrange an appointment for drop-off. Thank you, and God bless.

**ROSES FOR LIFE:** The Knights of Columbus will be distributing "Roses for Life" before and after all Masses this weekend as part of their annual tradition. This initiative often inspires donations and serves as a fundraiser for the council's pro-life activities. In recent years, proceeds have supported the Bancroft Pregnancy Centre with annual contributions of \$800. Parishioners are invited to accept a lapel rose sticker and consider supporting this important cause.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS:** Join the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Pembroke to celebrate a Century of service among God's People at Grey Sisters Caritas Residence 215 Deacon Street, Pembroke, on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.