# The Ascension Of The Lord-Year C

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** "Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (Galatians 6.10b).

Parish Mission Statement: **Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples!** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish through the liturgy, faith formation and sacramental life, provides opportunities for members to develop their faith and service to others.



#### Saturday, June 1-St. Justin

**4:30 pm-**For the repose of the soul of Kathleen Stephenson by Faith and Tom Stephenson

# Sunday, June 2-The Ascension Of The Lord

**9:00 am-** For the intentions of Marc and Karen on the occasion of their wedding anniversary

**10:45 am-** For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

# Tuesday, June 4

**7:00 pm**-For the intentions of Fran Roseler on her birthday by Marthe Lepine

# Wednesday, June 5-St. Boniface

8:30 am-STA

**9:30 am**-OLMM-For the healing intentions of Dawn and Theresa by Marthe Lepine

# Thursday, June 6

**9:00 am-** For the repose of the soul of Elias Saba by Nellie Nahri

## Friday, June 7

**9:00 am-** For the healing intentions of Beverley Plunkett by Deirdre Larocque

# Saturday, June 8

**4:30 pm-**For the intentions of Adam and Stephanie McMillan on the occasion of their first wedding anniversary

# **Sunday, June 9-Pentecost Sunday**

**9:00 am-** For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45** am- For the repose of the soul of Lori Knox by friends of her sister Pat Gates

#### ~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Pam Latour, Genny Detillieux, Natasha Baechler, Beverley Plunkett, Marie Kirkham & Theresa Harps. Baby Annabelle, Baby Marie Ange

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#### The Feast of the Ascension.

The elevation of Christ into heaven by His own power in presence of His disciples the fortieth day after His Resurrection. It is narrated in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

The place of the Ascension is not distinctly stated, it would appear from the Acts that it was Mount Olivet. Since after the Ascension the disciples are described as returning to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem. Tradition has consecrated this site as the Mount of Ascension and Christian piety has memorialized the event by erecting over the site a basilica. St. Helena built the first memorial, which was destroyed by the Persians in 614, rebuilt in the eighth century, to be destroyed again, but rebuilt a second time by the crusaders. This the Moslems also destroyed, leaving only the octagonal structure which encloses the stone said to bear the imprint of the feet of Christ, that is now used as an oratory.

Not only is the fact of the Ascension related in the passages of Scripture cited above, but it is also elsewhere predicted and spoken of as an established fact. Thus, in John 6:63, Christ asks the Jews: "If then you shall see the son of Man ascend up where He was before?" and 20:17, He says to Mary Magdalen: "Do not touch Me, for I am not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren, and say to them: I ascend to My Father and to your Father, to My God and to your God." Again, in Ephesians 4:8-10, and in Timothy 3:16, the Ascension of Christ is spoken of as an accepted fact.

#### Confirmation!!

Reminder to all candidates for confirmation that there will be a reflection day on Tuesday, June  $4^{th}$ , in the parish hall from 8.20-2.00 pm.

#### **Handicraft Holy Land Christians**

The weekend of June 1-2 we will have with us a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted. May God Bless you for your generosity, for help, and for your prayers." <a href="https://www.HolylandChristians.ca">www.HolylandChristians.ca</a>

# June 2, 2019

# Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish? WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office. You may bring the completed form to the office

**Thank You:** I want to say a very special thank you for the assistance provided during the 4 days of scheduled photography sessions for our Parish directory, to: Marion Hendley, Denise Parenteau, June Pare, Donna McKlusky, Winnie Kerfoot and Heather Sisk. **Fr Robert** 

Diocesan Feast Day Mass: We gather around our archbishop to celebrate and give thanks for the foundation of the diocese of Bytown in June 1847 and the anniversary of its elevation to an archdiocese in 1886. The celebration this year at Notre Dame Cathedral on Thurs., June 6, 7:30 p.m. will have a youth character. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. In recognition of the insights gained through the recent Synod on Youth on this occasion we wish to affirm the dynamism and engagement of young people active in their in the parish.

#### PARISH PASTORAL CALENDAR 2019/2020

Any organization within the parish that needs events placed into our upcoming Pastoral Calendar (Sept. 2019-July 2020) should provide that information to the office by June 30, 2019. Thank you for your cooperation.

# INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE The Mode of Life of Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

## **What's Happening This Week:**

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 6th at 7:00pm, we will hold the Social Committee meeting.

#### **CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISH**

Friday, June  $7^{th}$  at 7:00pm the children from our parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation from the hands of Archbishop Terence Prendergast. Please pray for the children and their families.

# FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

As the result of the Confirmation ceremony our first Friday adoration will begin at 9 pm and will finish on Saturday, June 8, 4.00 pm. To sign up as an adorer please contact Bernie Ethier at his email: bernie.ethier@gmail.com

Regula basis: Tues. Adult Choir-7:30 pm-Church

Please consider giving generously to our parish addition and renovation project.
Please also pray for the success of the much needed up-grades.

#### **Background On The Gospel Reading**

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns His disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of His promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with His disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after His death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus Himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during His ministry, Jesus sent His disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From His place with God in heaven, Jesus helped His disciples, and He continues to help us as we try to live as His followers.

Blessings, Have a great week!

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted just outside the kitchen. Thank you all in advance.

**SICK CALLS:** Please call the Parish Office if a parishioner is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation or Holy Communion. Hospitals or other facilities often do not contact us regarding spiritual needs.