

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 11, 5:00 p.m. Mass – For all Mothers and grand – Mothers living and Deceased
For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Susan Nagi by Mr. and Mrs. Chan
For all Mothers and grand - Mothers living and Deceased

11:00 a.m. - For all Mothers and grand – Mothers living and Deceased
For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Monday of Easter, May 13, No Mass

Tuesday of Easter, May 14 7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation Mass – Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Wednesday of Easter, May 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday of Easter, May 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday of Easter, May 17, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday of Easter, May 18, 5:00 p. m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, May 19, Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

11:00 a.m. Mass – For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

ASCENSION OF THE LORD REFLECTION: On this feast of the Ascension of the Lord we hear two accounts of the departure of Jesus. Our gospel reading gives the final verses of the Gospel of Mark. The eleven disciples are sent out by Jesus to the whole world and to preach to all creation. There is to be no limit to the delivery of the Christian good news. Those who accept the message with faith will receive salvation, and power to perform extraordinary signs. They will have the gift of healing, and they will be protected from all harm. The gospel concludes with the words that Jesus 'was taken up' The feast of the Ascension completes the mystery of the Resurrection by telling us that Jesus is now with the Father. He returns to the place from which he came, but he returns with our humanity. Human nature sits in God's presence. Our first reading, from the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles, also tells of the Ascension of the Lord. This version of the story includes Jesus' promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will bring power from on high. This reading too speaks of the mission of the disciples: in Jerusalem, throughout Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The reading speaks of 'two men in white' who explain the departure of Jesus. This Jesus, who has gone to be with the Father, will return, they say, 'as you have seen him go'. While the gospel reading stresses the gifts given to faith-filled disciples, our reading from Acts informs us that this power comes from the Holy Spirit, the Spirit received at Pentecost. It also encourages us to look to the return of Jesus. Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! What does the feast of the Ascension say to all Christians? Take note of how the two accounts of the Lord's departure complement each other. We pray for an understanding of how deeply our humanity is valued by God. We pray that we may treasure the humanity of all, particularly the poor and the lost.

Collection – May 4 and 5, 2024: Envelopes: \$1,055.00, Loose: \$345.55; St. Vincent de Paul: \$165.00; Vigil Lights: \$31.25; Clergy Support: \$210.00; Nigerian Community: \$250.00; Pastoral Works of the Pope: \$135.00; Diaper Donations: \$125.00 Grand Total: \$2, 316.80. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

QUO VADIS? Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on May 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

MAY, MONTH OF MARY: The month of May is dedicated to the devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Heavenly Mother and Patroness. The second Vatican Council says of her: "In an utterly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, and hope and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a Mother to us in the order of grace..." Let us not forget the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. As we celebrate the month of May as the Marian Month, we will have a special prayer said at all the Sunday Masses throughout the month. Please make an effort to pray the Rosary or say a prayer to Mary with your families. You are also most welcome to join the recitation of the Rosary on Sundays at 8:40 a.m. before our 9:30 a.m. Mass. Holy Mother of God: pray for us.

The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: All are invited to join our parish children and their families in the celebration of Confirmation this coming Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 p.m. here at the church, with Bishop Yvan Mathieu, Our new Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General, Ottawa – Cornwall Diocese.

Mother's Day: In recognition of the role mothers play in our midst, we at St. Peter's parish are thrilled to invite all parishioners to celebrate our moms and join in the festivities on the occasion of our Mother's Day fundraising event on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Please feel free to bring in your concerns and voices if there are any.

NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) warmly invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate National Family and Life Week 2024, which will take place from May 13-19. This year's theme, "Love hopes all things," is inspired by the words of St. Paul, the Apostle: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7). This theme, linked to Amoris Laetitia, a discourse on love by Pope Francis, guides us towards hope, a theological virtue that renews our relationship with God and others.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD: When the living presence of Jesus was taken away from His own, it did not mean they would have less of Jesus. Instead they would have Jesus in a sweeter, more intimate, more divine way. For when our Lord rose up to heaven, He took with Him all their hearts, minds and love. So is it with us. He is gone up to heaven, into the bosom of the Father, into the Father's love, and we ascend with Him, resting where He rests. In heaven there is no separation, but one life, one existence, we are one with our Lord as He is one with the Father. And this promised reunion makes everyday sweeter.

Sunday Morning Smile: A teacher had just presented a lesson on magnetic force to her class. Then she quizzed her students. "My name starts with M, I have six letters and I pick up things. What am I?" To her amazement, all of the children answered: "Mother!"

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! For those of you who are still lucky to be blessed with your Mom this is beautiful. For those who aren't, it's even more beautiful. "Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space . . . not even death!"