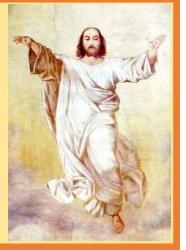




# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021



## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

May 17 - 23, 2021

### Monday, May 17

8:30 am: Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary

### Tuesday, May 18

8:30 am: + Death anniversary Valentin Mugas

### Wednesday, May 19

8:30 am: + Edilberta Buling; Arthur Manalo; Lory E. Tanguilig

### Thursday, May 20

8:30 am: + Community of Prince of Peace

### Friday, May 21

8:30 am: + Stephen Macadam

### Saturday, May 22

8:30 am: + Sylvia & Denis Wilson

### Sunday, May 23

8:30 am: 25th wedding anniversary Anthony & Hyacinth

## Something to ponder.....

**Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded. (Mark 16:15-20)**



Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the

more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the 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 the Gospels of 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.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples 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.

Light a Prayer Candle



### Sanctuary Lamps

#### Offerings

1) *In loving memory of Yole Loreto Baldassini. Parents La Posta family. Parents Baldassini family. Parents Cianfarani family. Offered by Concetta Baldassini*

2) *For those affected by the coronavirus in India and those taking care of them.*



## Let us pray!

**For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.**

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of Prince of Peace Parish, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.



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**Next ShareLife Collection will take place:  
June 19, 2021**

### ***HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - INDIA'S COVID-19 OUTBREAK***

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, a Catholic humanitarian organization that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups.

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch their video at: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>.

#### **Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- ◆ Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- ◆ By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- ◆ Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish - India's COVID-19 Outbreak - Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from Covid-19 worldwide.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE  
AND GENEROUS SUPPORT**

### ***HEART SPEAKS TO THE HEART***

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto has released a pastoral letter titled, ***Hearts Speaks to Heart***. The full text of this significant reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be read at:

<http://bit.ly/SacredHeartLetter>.

### **LECTOR COORDINATORS CONVERSATION**

On Wednesday June 16 from 7 to 8:30 pm, lector coordinators and clergy are invited to a webinar to discuss ways to adapt and use the recently produced formation videos from the Office of Formation for Discipleship.

The webinar will provide an opportunity to look at ways to use the videos in a parish context, as well as provide time for questions and answers on the content of the videos.

The videos can be found at: <http://bit.ly/LCW-FormationVideos>

To register, visit <http://bit.ly/LCW-RegisterJun2021>.

For questions, contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org)

### **ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: WHERE HOLINESS IS FOUND: ORDINARY PEOPLE CALLED TO EX- TRAORDINARY LIVES**

Please join the Seminary for this virtual event as they consider what Pope Francis calls the "feminine styles of holiness" and reflect on how the example of holy women can inspire us today. Presenter: Dr. Anne Jamieson

Cost: \$25.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/DayOfReflectionForWomen>

Phone: 416-261-7207

Email: [lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca](mailto:lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca)

Website: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)

### **SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**PLEASE NOTE: Communion Services will now begin at 9:00 am every Sunday.**

**To attend a Sunday Communion Service you must register online through our website:**

**[princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org](http://princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org).**

**Please arrive on time as once the service has begun the church doors will be closed.**

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

On Wednesday, June 9 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Coordinators and clergy are invited to a webinar where discussions will take place on ways to adapt and use the recently produced formation videos from the Office of Formation for Discipleship. The webinar will provide an opportunity to look at ways to use the videos in a parish context, as well as provide some time for questions and answers on the content of the videos.

To register please visit: <http://bit.ly/EMHCCW-RegJun2021>.

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