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### New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

### Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are usually held on two Sundays every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

### Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM  
(or by appointment)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
Closed Daily: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### MASS

Sunday Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)  
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON

#### Weekday Eucharist

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM  
Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:30 AM

### DEVOTIONS

#### Holy Hour

Fridays (excluding holidays) 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary

Wednesday during Mass  
Wednesday at 6:40

### PARISH LIFE

Charismatic Prayer Goup 905-822-8132  
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Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457  
RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 3  
St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5  
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### SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183  
St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115  
Christ the King 905-569-0220

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 29, 2022

## "The Lord Jesus was carried up into heaven"

**W**hy did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power from on high on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22, 4:1,18). When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Why did the Risen Lord ascend into heaven? The Father raised the glorified body of his Son and enthroned him in glory at his right hand in heaven. The Lord Jesus in his glorified body now reigns as Lord over the heavens and the earth - over all that he has created. The Risen Lord reigns from the throne in heaven as our Merciful Redeemer and Gracious King. He intercedes for us and he empowers us through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus gives us new life in his Spirit and he strengthens us in faith, hope and love so we can serve him and carry on his work as citizens of his kingdom here on earth.

Jesus' last words to his disciples point to the key mission and task he has entrusted to his followers on earth - to be his witnesses and ambassadors to the ends of the earth so that all peoples, tribes, and nations may hear the good news that Jesus Christ has come to set us free from sin, Satan, and death and has won for us a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness that will last forever.

How can we be effective witnesses for Christ? Jesus told his disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you - and you shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform your life?

*"Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death."*



### SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ\\_Buk3g-bhw?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?)

### SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Our third ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend, **June 5th**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$135,000. Please give generously during the special collection or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**MONDAY, MAY 30 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Margaret Shore

**TUESDAY, MAY 31 – 8:30 A.M.**

Intention Available

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 – 7:00 P.M.**

+ Anna D'Agostino

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2 – 8:30 A.M.**

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 3 – 7:00 P.M.**

S.I. Hatch Family

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+ Joseph & Angela Camilleri

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4 – 5:00 P.M.**

+ Jack Quigg

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5 – PENTECOST**

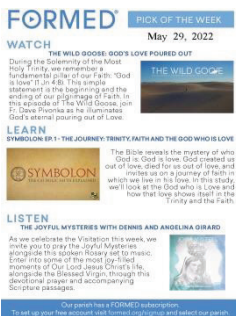
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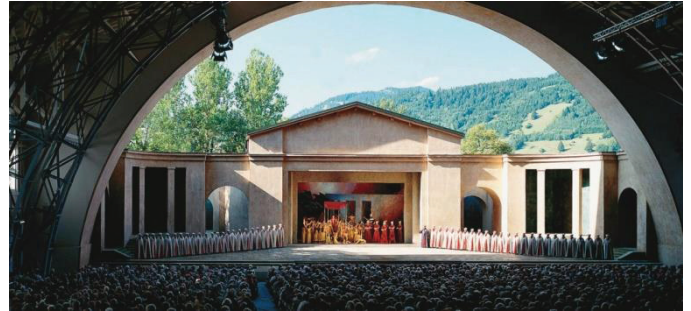
Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest annual conference for Catholic teens. The conference is designed for groups of Catholic teens. Anyone currently in grades 9-12 can attend as part of a group. The next conference is scheduled for July 15-17, 2022. Participants arrive in the late afternoon on Friday, July 15, and the conference ends on Sunday, July 17 after Mass which is usually around noon. The exact schedule will be released once it is finalized. Please go to <https://www.steubenvilletoronto.com/> for more information.



**SHARELIFE AND WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

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**Oberammergau and Germany 2022**

(September 27 to October 1, 2022)

In 1633 the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year, in so far as no one was to die of the plague anymore. The villagers were answered by God and therefore in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. The promise has been kept until today. 2020 the Passion Play had to be postponed for two years due to the corona-pandemic. The 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play will now take place.

The play is performed in German only, in a covered, open-air theater that seats about 4,700 people. The first half of the performance runs from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Following a dinner break, the play resumes from 8:00 until 10:30 p.m.

**Highlights:**

- Day 1: Arrive in Munich
- Day 2: Travel to Oberammergau
- Day 3: Passion Play
- Day 4: Travel back to Munich
- Day 5: Leave for Toronto

For more information please contact Fr. Damian at [office@st-francisofofassis.ca](mailto:office@st-francisofofassis.ca)


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