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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – May 29, 2022



May 31st – June 4th

- Tuesday 8:30 - Sally McElroy †
- Wednesday 8:30 - Dorothy Kester †
- Thursday Noon - Luis Mendonca †
- Friday 8:30 - Anastacio Marchon †
- Saturday 4:30 - Christopher Jardine †

READINGS FOR – June 5th

- 1st Reading: Genesis 11.1-9
- 2nd Reading: Romans 8.22-27
- Gospel: John 7.37-39



THE WORD THIS WEEK

*“As he blessed them
he was carried up to heaven.”*

Imagine learning about Scripture from our Lord. Imagine sitting at Jesus’ feet while he discusses the prophets. Such an exercise in imagination can change our lives. We will want to witness to this experience, to state with confidence that our lives have been changed. Witnessing to a personal transformation can be a powerful means of communication.

“You are witnesses of these things,” Jesus tell his disciples in today’s Gospel account of his Ascension. The power of the witness can be transformative, especially if we touch someone’s life when they need encouragement in facing a challenge. Our witness could strengthen their faith; it may give them courage to witness to their own experience of the Lord. When the actions of others support and validate our own experience, it becomes easier to believe. An upward spiral in faith occurs; each person’s witnessing builds upon and strengthens the faith of others. When many see the same thing, it can help us overcome the tendency to doubt.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say, “Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.”

Through prayer, sacraments and our experiences as individuals in community, we are transformed in love. Learning to see with the eyes of our heart enlightened, allows us to experience resurrection and pass it on! We are witness to hope and love.



FIRST FRIDAY JUNE 3RD

Mass on First Friday will be at 8:30 am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at the end of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time.

World Communications Day

May 29



Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (radio, television, newspapers) and

how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church’s ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.

BAKE SALE AND KNITTED GOODS SALE MAY 28TH / 29TH



The CWL will welcome any baked goods that you would like to contribute. Please bring to the church hall on Saturday afternoon after 3:00 p.m. and before each mass on Sunday. The ladies of the CWL always appreciate your generous support.



CWL FUNDRAISER



BBQ Season is here and we have a great offer for you from MacGregor Meats. Their products are of excellent quality and come highly recommended. If

you are interested in purchasing, an order form will be available in the bulletin and the back of the church. We will be accepting orders up until June 15th. Delivery of orders will be on June 23rd in the church parking lot. Place your order form in the collection basket or church office, along with your cheques made payable to CWL Good Shepherd, in an envelope (marked CWL FUNDRAISER). Spread the news to your family, friends and neighbours. Enquiries please contact:

Mary Williams: williamsjoma@gmail.com
Carol VonZuben: carolvonzuben@me.com

CASSEROLE COLLECTION



Thank you to everyone who donated frozen casseroles. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



June 5 is our next ShareLife Sunday. This is the last collection for the 2022 Campaign.

Please give generously.

Ministry with Maturing Adults Men and Women 55+ Thursday June 16th 10:00 a.m.

The Ministry with Maturing Adults (MMA) was born at Good Shepherd Parish in September 2018. Since then, we have had regular meetings to understand this stage of life from a spiritual and practical perspective, by inviting guests to speak on a range of topics from the Power of Forgiveness to Visio Divina. The sharing in the small group discussions has been priceless.

When Covid-19 arrived unexpectedly, we moved to Zoom mode, recognizing the need to meet and pray as a community. We have done the Life Story Writing Program and even participated in Zumba dance and stretch routines, to name a few of our activities. The most recent topic was "Spirituality and Change." The blessings this ministry generates outweigh the concerns of aging.

June is Senior's Month and our next Zoom meeting will be on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Through CHATS, Jacqueline Bitanyi, a nurse practitioner will talk about "Physical Activity to Boost Energy for Older Adults." Email or call the church office 905-881-1534 to register.

Catholic Women's League Food Drive

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank you for your generous contributions of canned and dry goods for Canadian Food for Children. With the help of volunteers, three van loads of food were taken to Dr. Simone's Warehouse in Mississauga this past week. Thank you for helping to feed the desperately poor in the third world countries Canadian Food for Children serves.



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