



The Ascension of the Lord - C



Within the fifty days of Easter, the feast of the Ascension emphasizes Jesus' return to the Father and its consequence: his charge to make disciples of the world. The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus is head of the Church, his body on earth. We see him asserting his authority both in Acts and the gospel as he takes leave of his followers. Through preaching, sacramental ministry and instruction, the Church will continue Christ's work of making disciples. The misunderstanding and doubt which characterize his followers as he says farewell make it clear that this work is God's, not human doing. It is the Spirit of Christ who gives faith and strength to these human witnesses and makes it possible for them to continue Jesus' work in the world. One day the entire human family will recognize God to be God, and Christ will be worshipped as king and head of humankind. To hasten that day we join the psalmist in singing God's praise. *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email him at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



Today is ...



MOTHER'S DAY

Wishing all moms:

Happy Mother's Day.

We are back ... join us on Thursday [from April 28] for ... weekly sessions in **ZUMBA & LINE DANCING** by a qualified trainer on two levels:

- 1) *Beginners* and 2) *Advanced*
- every Thursday, **6:30 to 7:30 pm** (Zumba) and **7:30 to 8:30 pm** (Line Dancing)

Fee: \$5.00/person for evening

Proceeds go to **OLF Renovations Fund**

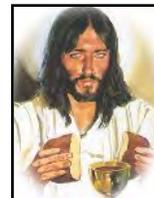
For details & registrations call the office at **416-757-2806**.

ALL ARE WELCOME

		May 09 – 15 2016
Mon 09	8:00 am	Edel Quinn [D]
Novena 6	7:00 pm	<i>Novena Intentions</i>
Tues 10	8:00 am	Adolfo Faldas+Larry McCalla[D]
Novena 7	7:00 pm	<i>Novena Intentions</i>
Wed 11	8:00 am	Rose Perumal [I] - wellness
Novena 8	7:00 pm	<i>Novena Intentions</i>
Thur 12	8:00 am	Priscillo Ejercito+Choi McLelan[D]
Novena 9	7:00 pm	<i>Novena Intentions</i>
Fri 13	8:00 am	FV Foods [I] - Thanksgiving
	10:00 am	<i>For Families & Educators</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Spiritual Needs of Parish</i>
Sat 14	9:00 am	David Rothnie [D]
	4:30 pm	Frances Callahan [D]
Sun 15	9:00 am	Antoni & Celina Zagrai [I]
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	John & Theresa McAuley [D]

Please REMEMBER!

Congratulations! This Sunday we welcome the 78 boys and girls who received Holy Communion for the first time yesterday. Keep joining us on Sunday at the table of the Lord here in church as we celebrate the Eucharist. This weekend [May 08] there is NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY meeting. On the weekend of May 22 - the long holiday weekend for VICTORIA DAY - there is no CHILDREN'S LITURGY. On the weekend of May 29 - Solemnity of Corpus Christi - we ask you to join us for the 12.15 pm Mass and procession to honour the Blessed Eucharist.



Next Confirmation meetings ...

Up-coming class: **May 14** [revision]. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, here or in another church is a must. **Thanks.**

TERESIAN CARMELITE EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The Carmelite Spirituality Centre is hosting a series of lectures on: **Holy Year of Mercy -**

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.



Lectures - in this Holy Year of Mercy - are hosted in our church hall on:
Sun. May 15 - Misericordiae Vultus - Part 1
Sun. Jun 12 - Misericordiae Vultus - Part 2
Sun. Sept 11 - Mercy: God's Mercy
Sun. Oct 02 - Mercy in the Life of St. Therese
 Each session starts at 6.00 pm.



*Admission is free -
Coffee is served - All are welcome*



Ascension of the Lord & Mother's Day – Sun. May 08

There is **NO Children's Liturgy** today and next Sunday [the VICTORIA DAY holiday weekend]. The Novena devotions [without Mass] start at 1:45 pm in the church. The **LORD'S FLOCK** has a regular prayer meeting from 2:00 pm in the hall.

Fatima Novena Devotions – Mon. May 09 – Thurs. May 12

Daily morning Mass is at 8:00 am as usual followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Evening Novena devotions start at 6.15 pm and include: Rosary, Novena Prayers & Holy Mass.

Retreat for Grade 10 students – Wed. May 11

Another group of students from **Jean Vanier High School** have a day's retreat in our church hall. We wish them well and pray for them.

Feast day of OUR LADY OF FATIMA – Fri. May 13

Morning Mass is at 8:00 am as usual. Our Lady of Fatima School has its monthly Mass at **9.00 am**. The shrine is left open all morning for visitors to come and pray. Evening devotions start at **6:30 pm** including various prayers and the crowning of Our Lady. Solemn Mass is at **7:00 pm** followed by a procession during which the Rosary is prayed. Benediction will end the feast's devotions.

Weekend activities – Sat. May 14

Morning Mass is at 9:00 am. Students in the **Confirmation** program have a 'reflection' meeting at 2:30 pm in the church hall. **Anticipated Sunday Mass** is at the regular time of 4:30 pm.

Pentecost Sunday – Sun. May 15

Children's Liturgy resumes today at the 10:30 am Mass. The **LORD'S FLOCK** will celebrate Pentecost during their weekly **prayer meeting** at 2.00 pm. **All are welcome!** The first talk in this year's **Carmelite Spirituality Lectures** is hosted today at 6:00 pm in our church hall. See more details elsewhere in this bulletin. **Entrance is free.**

March For Life this Thurs. May 12, 2016

The **19th annual National March for Life** will be held place in our Nation's Capital on **May 12, 2016**. The rally begins on Parliament Hill at 12.00 noon.

The theme: **#endthekilling**, is a clear message to Ottawa that we do not want abortion or euthanasia in Canada and that all life be protected in law.

For info email: clc@campaignlifecoalition.com
or call: 1-800-730-5358 or 416-204-9749

On Monday – May 23rd – is ...



Have a pleasant holiday with your family!

SEEING WITH HEART ...

14th **DAY OF REFLECTION** for Catholic parents of **lesbian daughters, gay sons and transgendered children**

WHEN: Saturday, June 4 from 9 am to 5 pm

WHERE: MANRESA RENEWAL CENTRE
2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4.
PRICE: \$40.00 (includes lunch)

INFO: call JOHN MONTAGUE on 416-523-6449



ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE – HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting contributions for humanitarian relief following the disastrous effects of a serious earthquake on April 16 that devastated huge areas. More than 600 people reported dead and thousands more injured or left homeless. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:



- ❖ online through the Archdiocese of Toronto portal at www.archtoronto.org or
- ❖ by phone through the Development office: 416-934-3411
- ❖ or through the parish [using the envelopes marked *Humanitarian Relief* at church entrances] and making cheques pay to: **OLF Parish – Ecuador Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief.**

We offer our prayers for the victims and those injured or displaced.

Marian Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 07 from 9 am to 6 pm

"The Name of God is Mercy"

Speakers: Zachary King – Fr. Dominic Lafleur – Fr. Richard McAlear – Ben Wasiniak – Diane Wasiniak
@ Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario – M3C 1Z3

Info at: www.MarianDay.ca or phone 416-251-4245

MY MOTHER

Through battle fields of life she walks,
with grace and strength she gently talks.

A smile, a touch, she's always there,
to help, to heal, to always care.

If I did wrong, she took my side.

Within her arms I ran to hide.

However strong, my adversary,

I turned to her, my sanctuary.

She gave me life, she gave me will.

Through turbulence, she made me still.

She robbed herself, to give to me.

She'd give her eyes, for me to see.

She taught me worthy, good behavior.

She taught the love of Christ our Savior.

No task, no price, no force, no other.

Is greater then, **my dearest mother.**

By the grace of God ... Dennis Hayes

Feast of OUR LADY OF FATIMA - 2016

Love offerings for flowers and candles together with Prayer Intentions for the Novena Masses are appreciated. Fatima devotees and parishioners are encouraged to join us for any of these novena days and the feast-day Masses and evening procession.



Visit : www.fatimashrine.ca for more information