



### The Ascension of the Lord - A



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!*

#### Ascension Sunday - June 4, 2017

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or call **Fr. Victor** on 416-757-2806 or at [olfatima@rogers.com](mailto:olfatima@rogers.com) for more information.



*in all the Masses this weekend ...*



#### a gentle reminder ... RENOVATIONS FUND

During all Masses this weekend **May 27/28** there is a **2<sup>nd</sup> collection** for the parish's **Centenary Memorial/Renovations Fund**.

We are in the process of getting permits and approval for the **Centenary Memorial** project and landscaping on the east side of the church, by the office entrance. We can only do it with your support!

*We are very grateful for your generosity!*

#### SEEING WITH HEART ...

##### 15<sup>th</sup> CANADIAN DAY OF REFLECTION

for Catholic parents of **lesbian** daughters, **gay** sons and **transgendered** children

**WHEN:** Saturday, **June 3** from **9am to 5pm**

**WHERE:** **MANRESA RENEWAL CENTRE**

2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4.

**PRICE:** \$40.00 (includes lunch)

**INFO:** call **JOHN MONTAGUE** on 416-523-6449



### Please REMEMBER!



Today, Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 am, there is a final get-together for all children who received **First Communion** this year and participated in the **Children's Liturgy** meetings. Certificates for First Communicants will be given out.

**Keep joining us in worship on Sundays**

		<b>May 29 - June 04 2017</b>
<b>Mon 29</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Evelyn Crockett [D]
<b>Tues 30</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Albert O'Neill [D]
<b>Wed 31</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Deborah Mangal [D]
<b>Thur 01</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Ola Olatunji [D]
<b>Fri 02</b> <i>First Friday</i>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Fr. Vincent Foy [D]
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Sat 03</b> <i>First Saturday</i>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Albert Vella [I]
	<b>4:30 pm</b>	Paul Osie [D]
<b>Sun 04</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Priscilla Pinto [D]
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Flor Vendiola [D]
	<b>12:15 pm</b>	People of the Parish

#### TERESIAN CARMELITE EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The Carmelite Spirituality Centre is hosting a lecture

Theme: *Mary, Woman of Courage*

Speaker: *Marianne Molinari ocds*

When: *today, May 28 - in our church hall at 6:00 pm*



*Admission is free ... all are welcome*

#### ShareLife Campaign 2017



*At all of next weekend Masses ...*

*a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: our 3<sup>rd</sup> offering in this year's ShareLife Campaign*

*We are at over \$20,000, but we still need more than \$10,000 to reach the parish target.*

*Thank you for your generosity*

**God reward you abundantly**

### PLEASE REMEMBER!

*Kindly inform the Parish Office of any changes in your registration information such as:*

- ❖ Changes in address, house or apartment #, street name or postal code;
- ❖ A new phone/cell number;
- ❖ An added/new member to the family;
- ❖ New address if you are moving so we can forward your donations tax receipt at the end of the year. *Registrations missing these details will not be eligible for a tax receipt at the end of the year!*



### Please, honor your pledge

Honoring your pledge means that you are partly sponsoring the funding of an outdoor shrine to **Our Lady of Fatima** as a fitting memorial to our love and devotion for Our Lady in this CENTENARY YEAR OF THE APPARITIONS.

Donations/payments can be sent directly to the **Donations Processing Centre, Family of Faith campaign, 1155 Yonge Street - Toronto, ON - M4t 1W2**. Contact them at **416-934-3400 x555** or email to [campaign@archtoronto.org](mailto:campaign@archtoronto.org) with any questions.



**Ascension of the Lord – Sun. May 28**

The final **Children's Liturgy** gathering is today in the 10:30 am Mass. First Communion packages will be distributed. At all of this weekend Masses there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the **Renovations Fund/Centenary Memorial Fund**. The **Appeals of Our Lady Apparitions and Marian Shrines Exhibition** is for public viewing during the times the church is open. The **LORD'S FLOCK** has a short prayer meeting and celebration from 2:00 to 5:00 in the hall. At 6:00 pm in the hall the **OCDS Secretariat** is hosting a lecture on: **Mary, Woman of Courage** by Manianne Molinari ocds. All are welcome.

**Baptism Preparation meeting – Mon. May 29**

We have a baptism preparation meeting in this church this evening at 7pm. Parents and godparents should attend this meeting. The baptism will be celebrated on Saturday at 10:30 am.

**Weekly Fatima Devotions – Wed. May 31**

Today is the feast of the **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The regular Fatima Devotions start at 6:30 pm as usual. Evening Mass is at 7:00 pm. **Prayers and Mass include the intentions requested in the envelopes reserved at the shrine**. All are welcome to join us.

**First Friday Devotions – Friday, Jun 02**

Devotions start at 12.15 pm with prayers, the DM chaplet, holy Mass and adoration. **Evening devotions** at 6.30 pm include the DM chaplet, devotional prayers, benediction and holy Mass at 7.00 pm.

**Weekend activities – Sat. Jun 03**

Morning Mass is at 9.00 am. At 10:30 am we have a Baptism celebration and a Wedding Mass at 1:00 pm. The **Appeals of Our Lady Apparitions and Marian Shrine Exhibition** will be open for public viewing in the hall. **Anticipated Sunday Mass** is at the regular time of 4:30 pm. In all Masses this weekend there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection, the 3<sup>rd</sup> offering to this year's charity campaign for **ShareLife**.

**Pentecost Sunday – Sun. Jun 04**

The LORD'S FLOCK will celebrate Pentecost during their weekly **prayer meeting** at 2:00 pm in our church hall. **All are welcome!** This Sunday's liturgy concludes the **Easter Season**. Next Sunday, June 11 is **Trinity Sunday**.



**Fatima, Portugal, April 20, 2017 – Interview . 3**

Recalling memories shared by her father, Marto said Joao had been present with Francisco and Jacinta at the apparition of Mary in Valinhos, which took place in August, "but he didn't see anything." "It was only Francisco, Jacinta, Lucia and my father, but he said that even though he opened his eyes and looked, he saw nothing," she said.

Around the time Mary was to appear, Jacinta wasn't there at first, she said, explaining that when Lucia asked him to go find her, Joao "didn't want to, because he wanted to see." He eventually went to find Jacinta, and when she arrived Mary appeared, but even though he waited with them, Joao couldn't see anything. Two months later when the "miracle of the sun" took place Oct. 13, 1917, Marto said her father, who was only 11 at the time, stayed behind that day because rumors were spreading, likely from other children, that "if the miracle of the sun didn't happen the whole family would die."

In order to help the people believe in the authenticity of the apparitions, Lucia had asked Our Lady during the apparition of July 13, 1917, to perform a miracle so people would see that they were true. However, on that occasion Mary responded by saying that should the children continue to come each month until October, the miracle would occur.

So on Oct. 13, the last apparition of Mary to the children, 30-100,000 people gathered to witness the miracle. News reports and witnesses from the time said the miracle took place when the formerly cloudy sky parted and the sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disk in the sky. Multicolored lights flashed across the landscape and those present before the sun then spun toward earth and then zig-zagged back to its normal position in the sky. Additionally, clothes and mud previously wet from the rain had dried.

But while many members of their family were present for the miracle, Marto said her father "stayed at home (because) he was afraid to die" if the miracle didn't happen, as the rumors had stated. At just 11 years old, Marto said her father didn't understand everything that was going on, but that after Francisco and Jacinta died, "my father said that he cried a lot, a lot. Because he saw that everything they said was happening."

Speaking of her grandparents, Marto said her grandfather Manuel, father of Francisco and Jacinta, didn't initially understand some of what was happening either, but had always believed his children were telling the truth. Jacinta was the first one to tell her parents about seeing Mary after coming home from the first apparition, Marto said, explaining that when people began to say the children had made everything up, her grandfather would respond saying: "My children are not liars. I taught them, so if they say they saw, I think they saw."

**Visit ...**

The Vatican International Exhibition

**THE APPEALS OF OUR LADY APPARITIONS AND MARIAN SHRINES IN THE WORLD**



This exhibition is on view in our hall at 3170, St. Clair Avenue East, Scarborough, Ontario From Friday, May 26 to Sunday, June 4, 2017 as part of the parish celebrations in this

**FATIMA APPARITIONS CENTENARY YEAR**

Visit our website: [www.fatimashrine.ca](http://www.fatimashrine.ca) or call: 416-757-2806 for details about opening hours or for viewing appointments at other times.



Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017