

EXPLORING OUR FAITH: The Ascension of The Lord

This week's readings are, in short, about the Ascension of our Lord to heaven where he takes his place at the right hand of our Father. As big as the event is, I feel like the most important part is what happens right before Jesus ascends. In all three readings, Jesus leaves his apostles with an especially important task, that of going out and spreading the good word and his love.

We are, and have been entrusted to be, Jesus's hands, and we are his feet, and we are his voice when we go out into the world. 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 spread hope. 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. The Ascension is not about Jesus leaving, or abandoning his disciples, or us for that matter! It is, rather, a great symbol of the trust and confidence that Jesus has in us, perhaps more than we do in ourselves or others.



lives of those He created, in His image." And I think that quote sums up that especially important task that Jesus left us. For God to exist in our lives, we need to be his hands, his feet and most importantly his voice. Let us spread the good word, through our thoughts, our actions, and our words. God bless!

~Katy Mahoney, Queen of All Saints Parish Grouping

The Scriptures teach us what the Ascension really means: #1- we are now really, through Christ, placed in the presence of God; #2- we are invited through Christ into an intimacy with God; #3- that heaven is not 'a place' but rather a presence in which we choose to live, now, and #4- Jesus entrusts us with responsibility of proclaiming the reign of God.

To quote Father Mulcahy from the show M*A*S*H ***"God didn't put us here for that pat on the back. He created us so he could be here himself. So, He could exist in the***

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord May 16th, 2021

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St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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Tuesday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm,

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Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Sunday – 9:00 am & 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

St. Peter's Mass Times

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week			
Mon	Acts 19:1-8	Psalm 68	John 16:29-33
Tue	Acts 20:17-27	Psalm 68	John 17:1-11
Wed	Acts 20:28-38	Psalm 68	John 17:11-19
Thur	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	Psalm 16	John 17:20-26
Fri	Acts 25:13-21	Psalm 103	John 21:15-19
Sat	Acts 28:16-31	Psalm 11	John 22:1-25
Sun	2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-17	Psalm 104	John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-16:15

He that
believes
and is
baptized
shall be
saved.
Mark 16:16

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$156.10**; Regular Envelopes: **\$845.00**;

Papal Charities Envelopes: **\$410.00**

TOTAL: \$1411.10

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Cemetery Envelopes: **\$605.00**

St. Peter's

Loose: **\$36.35**; Regular Envelopes: **\$205.00**;

Papal Charities Envelopes: **\$10.00**;

TOTAL: \$251.35

Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$100.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please note your envelope donations can also be left in the locked box outside the parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	15	SP	4:00 pm	Joe Millieat†	Flora Levi
Sun	16	IC	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish	Redemptorists
Sun	16	IC	4:00 pm	Edward & Mary Hannay†	Donna & Family
Tue	18	IC	4:00 pm	St. Anne	Anonymous
Thur	20	IC	4:00 pm	Emile Cormier†	Noella & Family
Sat	22	SP	4:00 pm	For the People of the Parish	Redemptorists
Sun	23	IC	9:00 am	Faye Hudson†	Dick & Family
Sun	23	IC	4:00 pm	Stewart Scaring†	Geralda Comeau

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	22	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois / Sharon	Stella
Sun	23	IC	9:00 am	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Judi Vina	Gloria
Sun	23	IC	4:00 pm	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Stephen Bob	Stephanie

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Alverie Robichaud, Roger Mazerolle, Brenda Beers, Raymond Perry and all residents in special care homes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS The Finance Committee for Our Lady of Hope has prepared the 2020 financial reports for St. Peter's, Immaculate Conception, St. Bartholomew's, St. Patrick's, and St. James. Copies of reports for Immaculate Conception, St. Peter's and St. Patrick's will be available at the back of the church. Copies of all reports can be obtained by contacting the parish office.

YAWNS NB Dr. David Gardner is a professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax conducting research on sleeping pill use among those 65 years of age and older. The rate of sleeping pill use in NB is the highest in Canada, 23%, compared to 9% for the rest of the country, and Dr. Gardner is looking for people to participate in his research. For more information, visit www.sleepstudy.ca.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED at Immaculate Conception to fill various roles for both the 9:00 am and 4:00 pm masses. We are in particular need of ALTAR SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, GREETERS and MASS COORDINATORS. You may want to commit to once a month, twice a month, or more if you wish. If you think you may be called to one of these important ministries, contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Bill or Fr. Bernard.

The Solemnity of the #Ascension lifts our gaze upwards, beyond earthly things. At the same time, it reminds us of the mission the Lord has entrusted to us here on earth. May the Holy Spirit guide us in the good battle we must wage.
~Pope Francis (Twitter)

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Message From Pope Francis ~ May is the Month of Mary

Pope Francis invites us to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary. He is requesting that during May 2021, the entire Church invokes the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and invites us to pray fervently for those most affected by it. Thirty Marian shrines have been chosen to take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church. Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, is among the Marian shrines chosen. The Vatican website offers some models of prayers to follow and interesting articles:

http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index_rosary.htm

~Archbishop Valéry Vienneau

VBS Express Virtual Vacation Bible School will take place on Zoom, June 7th-11th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm each evening. The theme of this year's program is *Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides*. The program is open to children throughout the diocese finishing kindergarten this year up to those finishing 6th Grade. Contact Trevor at 857-4879 or email trevord.diocese@gmail.com to register.

