

SUNDAY MAY 21ST, 2023~ ASCENSION OF THE LORD



HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

The fortieth day after Easter Sunday, the Church commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark, Luke and Acts. In the liturgies generally the day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and His entry into heaven with our human nature glorified.

In the Nicene Creed we confess that, on the fortieth day after his resurrection from the dead, our Lord ascended into heaven with the same body and sat at the right hand of the Father. With this same body *"he is to come judge the living and the dead, his kingdom shall have no end"*.

The feast of the ascension brings to a close the forty-day period after Easter celebration. The message of the feast is that although Jesus is no longer physically present, he is enthroned in heaven as the king of peace and will return to judge the world. The gospel lesson appointed for this day is called the *"great commission"* because here Jesus entrusts his apostles to the important task of preaching the gospel to the whole world, teaching and baptizing in the name of the Holy Trinity. He also assures them and us that he will not leave us alone in our sacred duty to spread the good news.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

The Feast of Our Lady of Grace will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend!

Marion Procession

All are welcome to come to Our Lady of Scapular Parish in Niagara Falls on Thorold Stone Road for a Mother Mary's Outdoor Procession on Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 at 5:45 pm followed by the Eucharistic celebration at 7:00 pm organized by the Legion of Mary.

Sunday May 28th is Pentecost Sunday

Lapel Roses

The Knights of Columbus Will be at the church doors after each Mass next weekend May 27 and 28th Selling their Right to Life Lapel Roses. All proceeds will go to Right to Life.

Chalice Child Sponsorship Weekend

Chalice is coming to St. Alfred Parish! The weekend of June 10-11 following all Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.

Thank you

Thank you to all the parishioners for the opportunity to celebrate my 50th anniversary with all of you. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. I will continue to pray for each of you and I hope you will continue praying for me. God Bless, Msgr Leo.

Monday, May 22:

- ~ The Parish Office will be closed.
- ~ Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.
- ~ There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions

Weekend Retreat

BLD/OSG St. Catharines Covenant Community is inviting parishioners to a Solo Person Encounter (Week- end Retreat)

Date- June 10 and 11, 2023

Place- St. Ann Church

5740 Buchanan Avenue Niagara Falls On.

For more information please e-mail Minda and Romy Panday at mindapanday@gmail.com or call 289 668 3379 BLD Pastoral Apostolate.

A Go Fund Me page has been created in support of one of our own, Joseph Saranchuk who is battling a rare form of cancer. The cost of the treatment is not covered by OHIP.

Please visit the link below:

<https://gofund.me/90a13c9a>

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 22 ~ Sunday May 28, 2023

Mon	May 22	9:00 a.m.	Pacifico Cecchetti/ Mario Cecchetti
Tues	May 23	8:00 a.m.	Thau Joseph Nguyen/ Tom Yates
Wed	May 24	9:00 a.m.	Thau Joseph Nguyen/ Kelly Yotes
Thur	May 25	8:00 a.m.	Salvatore Bonsignore/ Mary Margaret Howard
Fri	May 26	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving/ Colette Saranchuk
Sat	May 27	8:30 a.m.	Rosa Szostak/ Umberto Somma
		5:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Perera/ Darryl Perera & Companions
Sun	May 28	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
		9:30 a.m.	Luigi DeLuca/ Norina DeLuca
		11:30 a.m.	Giovanna Siconolfi/ Frank Rozman Sr

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Fr. Paul MacNeil from St. Alexander Church in Fonthill is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from April 4 - 12, 2024. If you are interested in joining him, please contact him at cell. # 905 933 9386 or email macneil65@gmail.com OR contact his Travel Agent Biblical Journeys Canada Travel Agency / Mr. Ray Karborani at 289 990 9841 or biblicajourneyscanada@yahoo.com.

Child care needed

Child care is needed for 1 child (4 months of age). Please contact Erica 289-407-1248 if you are interested.

Synodality Forward

The North American Final Document:

Join the upcoming virtual session: Synodality Forward - The North American Final Document, being held Thursday, June 15, 2023 beginning at 7:30 pm over ZOOM. Participants will share their thoughts about the North American Final Document for the Continental Stage and learn some of the latest Synod news, as October's First Session of the Synodal Assembly draws ever closer. Sign up by emailing the session's facilitator, Terri Pauco, co-chair of the Diocesan Synod Planning Committee at familyandyouth@saintcd.com. Note: Session details can be found at <https://fb.me/e/4cTw2qGXl>

ASCENSIONE DEL SIGNORE

21 MAGGIO 2023

GESÙ È SALITO AL CIELO

Quando una persona amata scompare, ci lascia nella desolazione. L'esistenza sembra perdere ogni senso. Ma a volte capita che uno strano sentimento si risvegli: la certezza di una nuova presenza della persona assente. Ci si ricorda del passato e si comprendono atteggiamenti, espressioni che sembravano allora misteriosi e si vuole continuare in qualche modo la sua opera.

Dopo l'Ascensione, Gesù ha lasciato gli apostoli, ma all'improvviso Egli è presente, più reale che mai. Scompare ai loro occhi ma essi entrano in un ordine di realtà fino allora insospettata. Possono partire per il mondo e annunciare la Buona Novella: in Gesù, presente con noi fino alla fine dei tempi, si attua il Regno. **Dio è con noi per sempre.**

FESTA DELLA B.V. DELLE GRAZIE

Martedì 30 maggio celebreremo la festa della Beata Vergine delle Grazie alle 7:00 p.m. in italiano. Tutti sono invitati

LUNEDÌ 22 MAGGIO:

- ~ L'ufficio parrocchiale resterà chiuso.
- ~ La Santa Messa si terrà alle ore 9:00
- . ~ Non ci sarà l'esposizione del SS Sacramento

ROSE DI PANNI

Domenica 28 maggio i Knights of Columbus sono alle entrate della chiesa. Essi vendono rose di panno per supportare l'organizzazione Rispetto alla Vita

Grazie

Grazie a tutti i parrocchiani per l'opportunità di celebrare con tutti voi il mio 50° anniversario. La tua generosità è stata molto apprezzata. Continuerò a pregare per ognuno di voi e spero che continuerete a pregare per me. Dio vi benedica, Mons. Leo.