

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“When Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father...” He told them not to leave Jerusalem but wait there for the promise of the Father”. (Acts 1, 1-11).

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus returns to the Father. Mission accomplished!

The Ascension is much more than the conclusion of Jesus’ mission of salvation.

1 – Jesus brings back to heaven his “humanity”. Now we know that there is room for human nature inside the mystery of the Trinity. We know that our human nature can fit inside the mystery of God’s trinitarian love. Human nature can go back to the “garden” from where it was thrown out because of the original sin.

2 – The “heavens are open”. The Ascension assures us that the heavens have been opened again. The pure human nature of Jesus, going back to heaven has restored the original creation of God to its real image. Creation has been renewed and restored to its original form, like God the creator has intended.

3 – Jesus sends down the Holy Spirit. He told the disciples that it was good for them that he was going back, because that would have guaranteed that the Holy Spirit would come down to continue the work of sanctification, which Jesus himself had established on earth.

In a way, now the graces and gifts of God can rain down from heaven again, and the Spirit of God (of the Father and the Son) can re-create the universe, as it was supposed to be in the beginning.

4 – As Jesus ascends into heaven, He sends his disciples to all nations, establishing this way the Church and its mission for the salvation of the world to come. Ascension is the “sending off” of the apostles; they will receive the “power” next week, the day of Pentecost, and the adventure of the Church will be ready to start, reaching out to the whole world.

Ascension is the map for our final trip to eternal life.



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

### Saturday, May 15, 2021

8:00am For all Priests & Bishops, the poor & Holy Souls

6:00pm Dennis De Marchi

### Sunday, May 16 Ascension of the Lord

8:30am Thanksgiving from Raselin Dolores

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)

4:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### Monday, May 17

8:00am Conversion of China

7:00pm + Kevin Saldanha

### Tuesday, May 18 St. John I

8:00am + Christoph Reimann

7:00pm + Nataline D’Souza

### Wednesday, May 19

8:00am + Antonio Torres Tello

6:00pm (Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help)

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### Thursday, May 20 St. Bernadine of Siena

8:00am + Maria Teresa & Matteo Codispoti

7:00pm + Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota

8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### Friday, May 21 Sts. Eugene & Christopher

8:00am + Xavier D’Souza

7:00pm Thanksgiving for Deacon Roy Emmanuel

### Saturday, May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

8:00am Thanksgiving from Leonard Cletus

6:00pm Armando & Letizia Sanguini

### Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

8:30am + Peter Le Ngoc Lan

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

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6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

## 2020 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

2021 Envelopes are available at the  
main entrance

## AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

Desde el LUNES 17 al DOMINGO 23 de Mayo, 2021 (8:00 pm), continuaremos la NOVENA VIRTUAL AL ESPÍRITU SANTO EN ESPAÑOL, dedicada a las Familias y reflexionando sobre la exhortación apostólica "Amoris Laetitia" (La Alegría del Amor) del Papa Francisco.

El JUEVES 20 de Mayo, 2021 (8:00 PM), participaremos en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

DE LUNES A VIERNES ESTÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 8:30 am a 5:30 pm. Dedicamos un tiempo para la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA INDIVIDUAL (máximo 10 personas en el templo).

HOY, rezaremos el SANTO ROSARIO VIRTUAL (6:00 pm) y luego participaremos en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL EN ESPAÑOL (6:30 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para participar VIRTUALMENTE en NOVENA VIRTUAL AL ESPÍRITU SANTO, el SANTO ROSARIO y la SANTA MISA:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpfixRYsl7vLmI4hDDWEmNA>

<https://stcatherine.ca/live-mass/>

## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



**SHARE LIFE** Continue to send your contributions. Thank you very much for support.

**PENTECOST NOVENA** starts May 14 after the regular evening Mass. It is the most important Novena in our Church, celebrated first by the Apostles and the Blessed Mother while waiting for the Holy Spirit. Every evening we will invoke a special Gift of the Holy Spirit. On Saturday, May 22, the vigil of the Pentecost, we will begin at 6:00pm with the Novena and will end with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Holy Mass.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP** will recite the Rosary in front of the Blessed Mother every Saturday at 10:30am in church. You are all invited to participate on live streaming. Once COVID is over, we will open this Children's Rosary Group to the whole parish.

**PRAYERS** requested by Pope Francis to the whole Catholic Church for the month of May to our Blessed Mother for an end to the pandemic. The Rosary will be recited in our church Monday to Saturday at 12:00noon and on Sunday at 12:30pm. Please join us.

**ITALIAN HOUR OF GRACE** Every Friday at 3:00pm the Italian Community will have an hour of "Virtual Prayer" through Zoom Phone: 1-647-374-4685, then 833-8668-7031#, then 109039# and you can pray with the group.

**YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA** The Pope has invited us to celebrate a whole year on the encyclical signed by him 5 years ago about the holiness of Family Life. During the year we will organize various events.

### **FIRST COMMUNIONS and CONFIRMATIONS**

have been suspended until further notice.

### **Vatican summit on 'theology of the priesthood' will look at questions raised in recent synods.**

The title of the symposium is: "Toward a Fundamental Theology of the Priesthood," and will take place from February 17-19, 2022 in the Vatican. It is intended to reflect on the issues raised by the last 3 synods of the Family, of Youth and of the Amazon, including priestly celibacy, dwindling vocations, and the role of women in the Church. As a parish we will pray and follow up on those important issues in our church.