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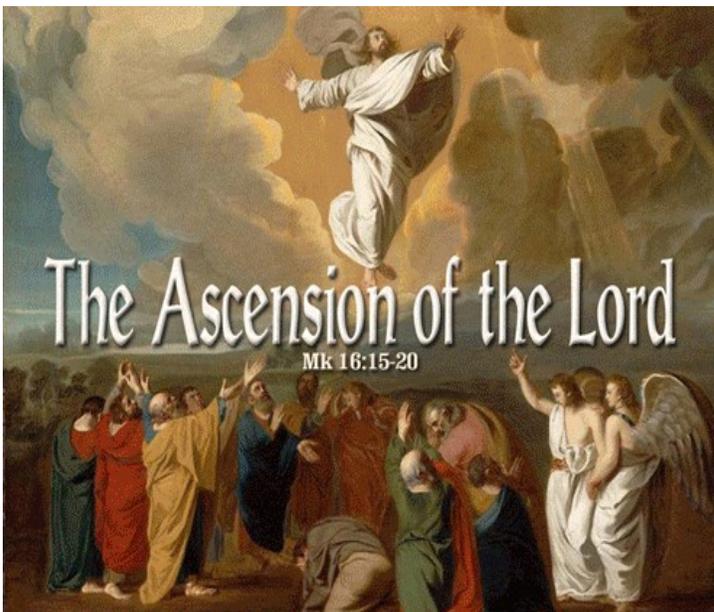
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MISSION STATEMENT: *We, the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, provide a caring, welcoming environment to all who seek to grow in the Catholic faith through Eucharistic Celebration, Sacraments, and Service in the surrounding community.*



Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021



“BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT
FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS.”



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online— on our website. If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office **519-966-1953 ext. 20.**

PASTORAL TEAM

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Roshell Mathias

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Sunday at 9:00 am. & 11:00 am.

NO PUBLIC MASSES AT THIS TIME

WEEKDAY MASSES

No public Masses at this time.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: Register Online (scheduled every other month)

EUCCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

First Communion & First Reconciliation:

Registration is CLOSED

Confirmation - Registration is CLOSED

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation: Call Fr. Tony for an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tony

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE

Marriage: Call Fr. Tony at least six months in advance

Holy Orders: Contact Fr. Tony

PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Diane Bortolin

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Donny Thivierge, Grand Knight 226-757-4773

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Diane Miller, President

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Gail Lee-Woodcock, President

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Dory Jimenez

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Bonnie Drago

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC— EMAIL or CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

SACRAMENT CORNER

BAPTISM



Our next Baptism dates have not been scheduled yet. Please direct questions to Christine at 519-966-1953, Ext:24 or email her ctoffolon@dol.ca In the meantime, please fill out the online baptism registration form found on our website. Christine will contact you once a date has been chosen.

Due to the updated stay at home order, Baptisms will not be scheduled until after the order has been lifted. The Baptisms could take place in late June or July. A preparation class will be scheduled before the Baptism date.

ANNOUNCED WEEKDAY MASSES

NO PUBLIC MASS Week of May 16



Franziska & Christina Herbert...*by Margaret Herbert*
Paul Cacilhas...*by Family*
Antonio Cacilhas...*by Family*
Souls in Purgatory...*by FOSS*
Special Intention for Noel Ymana...*by Tita Cora Tay & Family*

Gospel Reading Mark 16:15-20

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

Background on the Gospel Reading

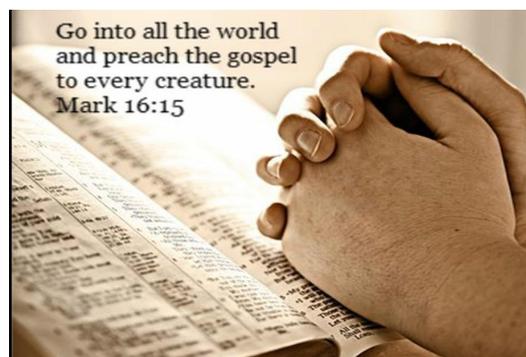
Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. 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 drive out unclean spirits. 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. **From Loyolapress.com*



Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, **the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.** During each day of May, guided by a calendar with specific intentions [at the link above], all the Shrines around the world, united in a communion of supplication, through the prayer of the Rosary, will intercede for an end to the pandemic. Thirty Marian Shrines have been entrusted in leading the daily prayer intentions and will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church **while offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day.**

Among the Marian shrines chosen is that of Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières (Québec). The Holy Father will open and close the month of prayer, on the first and last day of the month. The initiative is inspired from the biblical passage, “from the whole Church unceasingly ascended prayer to God” (Acts 12:5).

The Pontifical Council also informs that the daily prayers will be live broadcast through the official online channels of the Holy See. Further details are available on the Pontifical Council’s website (<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en.html>).



Someone must have a green thumb in the parish?

We are looking for a person or even a family who might like to pull the weeds from our flower beds and trim the bushes and small trees. Is this something that you think you might like to do? Do you want to donate some bedding plants? (and hopefully help us plant them too!) Email or call Christine and let her know.

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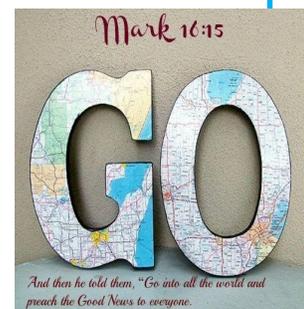
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BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS.

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear the story of the first days of the Church from Jesus’ Ascension to the missionary journeys of Paul who went out to communities alive in its awareness of being joined to the risen Jesus and united to each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. As a result of this oneness with God and with each other, the first Christians were a living sign of the Good News. Through their bold proclamation of the message of salvation and through the service they gave “with glad and generous hearts”, they showed us what it means to live the mission that Jesus entrusted to the baptized.

This stirring vision of the early Church is not only for another time. It is the call given to Christians in every age, the call given to us today: to live in the active awareness of our communion with God and with each other and to carry out the mission of care, compassion and mercy in imitation of the Lord, who “came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mt. 20:28). **Building on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and most recently Pope Francis have each summoned Catholics to be genuine disciples of Jesus by living this communion for the sake of the Church’s unending mission of announcing the Gospel.** We live out this commission, which is conferred on every baptized member of the Church, in many different ways and in many different situations. One of the most important places for participating in this communion of believers and for exercising the mission that is ours is the parish. Here, in this experience of Church that we all know so well, we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, to praise our God, to listen to his word, and to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ. In our parishes, we learn to build community and to reach out “with glad and generous hearts” to our brothers and sisters in need.

In order for our parishes to be faithful to all that they are called to be, they must be constantly renewed. We have to study the signs of the times. The circumstances of our day and the projections for our future give us an opportunity to focus our parishes more clearly on the mission Jesus has given us.



From the Bishop’s Office: Continuation of Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation

“From the beginning of the pandemic, with the closure of places of worship and restrictions on them, bishops around the world have been mindful of the difficulty the faithful would have in fulfilling their Sunday obligation. I joined with the Holy Father and other bishops in giving this dispensation. In light of continuing constraints due to COVID-19, I hereby extend the dispensation from the Sunday obligation up to and including **Sunday, September 5, 2021.** We are grateful for the many ways that the Mass is offered online through our parishes.” **Bishop Fabbro**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Did you know that our Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council #12494 has a new website? You can find the link to their website on our own parish website or go directly to it here at this link

<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12494>



You probably remember the Bottle Drive that the K of C held on March 27. Through your generous donations of empty bottles & cans the K of C were able to donate just under \$700.00 to Seminarian Kenneth Dupuis.

Our K of C members continue

to meet monthly on zoom. Please keep the men in your prayers as they embody the mission of the Knights of Columbus; it is to provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities' families and young people.

Are you a male 18 years and up and you are thinking about joining the Knights of Columbus? Or do you know a man that is thinking about joining but is not sure? Either way, you can email Donny Thivierge, the Grand Knight directly from their website, and he can answer all your questions.



ARE YOU ABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH AT THIS TIME?

During our time in the stay at home order where we can no longer gather as a parish community, your donations can help us continue to pay for the hydro, water, office supplies, wages, and more Our Pastoral Team & Staff continue to work throughout the stay at home order. Our Diocese has applied for and is receiving a subsidy to cover part of our employee wages. This subsidy enables us to keep our employees working, to help prevent further job losses. Even with the subsidy our parish depends on the generosity of our parishioners to keep our building open and maintained. If you are able to donate at this time, there are several ways you can donate:

1. The most cost effective for the parish is through monthly Pre-Authorized Giving. Contact the office for this option.
2. Request offertory envelopes from the parish office or by email olph@dol.ca.
3. eTransfer to olph@dol.ca from your mobile banking app (Please specify fund in the message section. Ex: Regular Offertory, St. Peter's Seminary, Diocesan Assessment, etc... and include your address so we may credit the correct family.)
4. You can donate online through CanadaHelps. Follow the link on our website to donate this way.
5. You can drop off your donations to the mailbox on Fr. Tony's house.

Whether you choose to give with an envelope, pre-authorized debits, or online (CanadaHelps or Etransfer), we thank you for your generosity at this time.



OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

At this time if you wish to help our parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you may make a cash donation. They are now offering the option for you to make a e-transfer. Send the e-transfer to ssvpolph@hotmail.com In the memo line please put your name & address. The answer to the question is : SSVPOLPH. Thank you for your generosity at this time.



ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

“Forming priests, deacons, and laity for apostolic ministry according to the Heart of Christ, for mission of the Church and world.”

We ask you to access the 2021 Appeal brochure on our website. It can be found on our website under the COVID 19 outreach tab— Message from our faith leaders. If you do not specify where you would like your donation to go, it will be shared between the operational and capital objectives of the Seminary on an approximate 70/30 basis. Gifts may be sent directly to the Seminary Foundation, or may be collected by the parish as part of a collective parish gift— the special St. Peter's envelopes can be found in your offertory boxes— or you may use a envelope from home and clearly mark it for St. Peter's Seminary— with your name and address on it.

We are grateful for your support of the Seminary in whatever form it comes. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Peter's Seminary.

Feast & Memorial Days

May 18— St. John I

May 20— St. Bernardine of Siena

May 21— St. Eugène de Mazenod

May 21— St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

May 22— St. Rita of Cascia



For the holy Church of God, commissioned to go and proclaim the gospel to every nation by the power of the Holy Spirit; and for all Christians who live the new life of the resurrection.

We pray to the Lord.



What is Laudato Si' Week?

Laudato Si' reminds us to harbor hope at all times, and especially amidst dark times, including the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme for Laudato Si' Week 2021 is "for we know that things can change"

For Laudato Si' Week 2021, (May 16– 22) Catholics across the globe will take part in the celebration that will serve as the crowning moment of the Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year.

The week long event will let faithful celebrate the great progress the global Church has made in its ecological conversion journey during the past six years and offer a clear road map for the decade ahead.

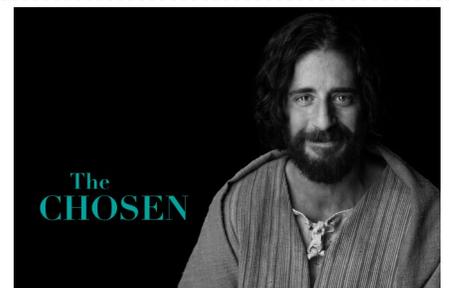
We know that much remains to be done, but we rejoice and celebrate the steps we have taken thus far, and we look to the future with hope. An ample array of workshops, trainings, and events will help us explore these themes:

- Day of global action in which individuals, communities and institutions around the globe will organize concrete action to care for our common home.
- Live-streamed concert and cultural festival on World Biodiversity Day on May 22
- Prayer gathering and missionary-like sending of Catholics to go and announce the Gospel of Creation in every corner of the globe.

More information and a video invitation featuring the Holy Father are at <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

THE CHOSEN

Watch the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. "We're bringing our loaves and fish, thousands of ordinary people are bringing theirs, and together we'll watch Jesus feed the 5,000. I've seen every Jesus movie ever made, and one issue I often had was a lack of depth in the characters. A multi-season show allows us to explore these people so that their encounters with Jesus are even more impactful," said *Dallas Jenkins, Director of The Chosen*. "We believe if the audience can see Jesus through the eyes of those who actually met him, they can be impacted in the same way."



The Chosen is:

- * the first-ever multi-season show about Jesus
- * the #1 highest crowd-funded project of all-time at \$10 million from over 19,000 people
- * translated into 50 languages and counting
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- * completely free to watch on our app that connects directly to streaming devices with no fee or subscription necessary
- * generating income for future seasons when viewers choose to "pay it forward" after viewing

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Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
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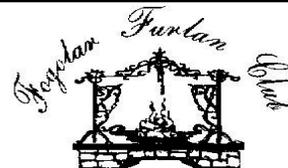
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