

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 1, 2025



**WELCOME TO  
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GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH  
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm    Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](#) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Wednesday June 4</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Stephen Breen; Hughie Bishop George Dillon</b>
<b>Saturday June 7</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	<b>Maureen Finlay; Violet &amp; Cyril Gibbons Lawrence J. &amp; Rita Gibbons, Lawrence Gibbons Jr.</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Alphonsus, Theresa &amp; Michael Bishop Michael Critch; Kay Achong</b>
<b>Sunday June 8</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Elizabeth Power, Joseph &amp; Stella Power Fergus Hickey; Marie Gregory</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	<b>"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased</b>

## MINISTRY LIST

<b>Saturday June 7</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	Cross Bearer: Priscilla Tobin Reader: Verna Hayward Collectors: Pat Gibbons, Brian Fleming Gift Bearers: Marilyn Kielly, Lucinda Hayward Eucharistic Minister: Anne Hayward
<b>Saturday June 7</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	Cross Bearer: Marion Bishop Reader: Darlene Critch Collectors: Len Ryan, Des Yetman Gift Bearers: Denise White, Marg Singleton Eucharistic Minister: Hubert Kielly
<b>Sunday June 8</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Cross Bearer: Jerry Ryan Reader: Howard Power Collectors: Pat Singleton, Bill McDonald Gift Bearers: Joseph & Emma Ryan Eucharistic Minister: Theresa Williams
<b>Sunday June 8</b>	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	Cross Bearer: Don Power Reader: Hugh Lawlor Collectors: George Critch, Iggy Philpot Gift Bearers: George & Donna Critch Eucharistic Minister: Rosalind Philpot

We, the parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish, extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to our former pastor, Father Steve Courtney, who served our parish community with dedication and grace from February, 2015 to April, 2022. It is an honor to have you join us to commemorate your 20<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of Priestly Ordination and to celebrate the weekend Masses. May this anniversary be filled with joy, gratitude, and blessings as we acknowledge your years of service. We pray that God will continue to guide you in all your undertakings and bless you abundantly all the days of your life. Congratulations, Father Steve!

### **ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

As part of our Archdiocesan Jubilee Year celebrations, on Sunday June 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist, the Archdiocese will be hosting a Mass celebrating marriage and family life. All individuals and families are invited to attend this celebration. **Couples celebrating 25 or more years of marriage are invited to register before June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Couples celebrating 25 or more years of marriage who "register" their intention to attend this Mass before June 18, 2025, will be provided with reserved seating and will receive a special anniversary blessing as part of the celebration. Couples can register via a link on the Archdiocesan website [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) or by phoning the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at 709-726-3660 ext. 2. (For those unable to attend the Mass will be live streamed at [www.thebasilica.net](http://www.thebasilica.net))

### **FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:**

May 24, 25th: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel/

**Weekly Offering: \$1184.70**

**Archdiocesan Campaign: \$30.00**

**Lenten Offering: \$20.00**

### **GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS (May)**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: Felix Lake #0022

Drawn by Mary St. Croix

Witnessed by Joan Neville

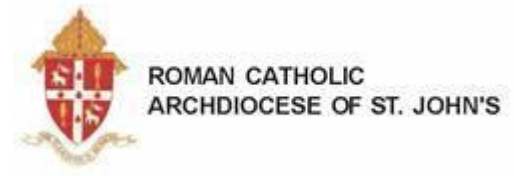
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: Cathy Puppy # 0344

Drawn by Mary Francis Comerford

Witnessed by Sheila Lee

If you like to support the parish through this initiative, please contact Shirley 709-687-7057 or Sheila 709-699-9503.

# LIVING FAITH A FAMILY RESOURCE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



## THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

LUKE 24:46-53

And Jesus said to them,  
'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer  
and to rise from the dead on the third day,  
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed  
in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things.  
And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised;  
so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'  
Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.  
While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.  
And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;  
and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**"YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS."**

## A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus ascended into Heaven. On Easter Sunday, he rose from the dead. He spent the next forty days appearing to his disciples, talking with them, and preparing them for the time when he would return to His Father, leaving them to do His great work on earth, spreading the Good News to every place where people are to be found. Today He returns to God, but promises that He will send His Holy Spirit to strengthen them for the great mission ahead of them. He tells the disciples that they are to be witnesses. Today, Jesus says to us, His modern-day disciples, "You, too, shall be my witnesses." What does a witness do? A witness testifies to the truth of what he or she has seen, what they know to be true. What have you seen? What do you know to be true? If you have seen people loving, acting with compassion, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, you are a witness to Jesus at work in our world. If you have heard people speaking with kindness and comforting one another, you are a witness to Jesus being made known in our world. So long as you do this to one of the least of His sisters and brothers, you do it to Him.

# The Asce,nsion of Jesus

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Luke 24:51 (NIIIV)

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for tie numbers to reveal Hle coded words\_



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2. 11-16-13-18-13-4 \_\_\_\_\_

3. 22-8-18-4-10 \_\_\_\_\_

4. 10-15-7-8-16-26-14-7-13 \_\_\_\_\_

5. 7-8-10-13 \_\_\_\_\_

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8. 26-12-17-13-18 \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE CHURCH TEACHES

## THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



In today's Gospel, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit brings many gifts.

God gives you these gifts in Baptism,  
and refreshes or confirms them in you in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



# World Communications Day, June 1

View here:

## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 59th WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16)

In January 2024, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released a Pastoral Letter and Video Series on the use of Social Media. A copy of this letter can be found [here](#).

Links to the video commentary can be found below:

[Introduction to the Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social](#)

[Media Check for Accuracy and Seek Greater Perspective](#)

[Value Human Dignity in Online Interactions](#)

[Bring Curiosity into Conversations and Distinguish Between](#)

[Intention and Impact](#)

[Prioritize Real-Life Encounters and Manage Online Time](#)

