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<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Cathy &amp; Frank Cartagine</p>	<p><b>Ministry Schedule - May 27/28</b></p> <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sue Armstrong 10:00 am - Pat Gillis</p>	<p><b>Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Bob Hignett</p>
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**Pastor**  
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen  
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane  
(Dean of Haldimand)

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule  
on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Interview and Classes Required

**St Martin Elementary School**  
905-957-3032

**Blessed Trinity High School**  
905-945-6708

**Cemetery Management**  
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organizations**  
**Catholic Women's League**  
President - Maryanne Mous  
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**Facility Maintenance**  
Chair Frank DeFilippis

**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council (Pending)  
Parish Events Group  
Parish Financial Council  
Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
Children's Liturgy.  
Youth Ministry  
ACTS Retreats Teams

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**May 21, 2023 - Year - A**

**The Ascension of the Lord and World Communications Sunday**

# May 21, 2023

## The Ascension of the Lord

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am**

Mon	May 22	9:00 am	+Ted and John Wisniewski	by Joan Wisniewski
Tues	May 23	9:00 am	+John Pinner	by Maria Chorley
		9:30 am	- 10:45 am Choir Practice	
		7:00 pm	- 9:00 pm What We Believe Session Seven	
Wed	May 24	9:00 am	For God's blessings upon Richard Newman	by the Newman Family
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 25		NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	May 26		NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Sat	May 27		<b>Pentecost Sunday - Year A</b>	
		5:00 pm	For the special Intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
Sun	May 28	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

#### E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

**st.martinsdonation@gmail.com**

Please do not enter a security question and answer. You will be informed that your transfer to: **The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation has been completed. Thank you**

#### CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into the Family of Faith:

Milana Chiara Boschi-Rossi - May 21  
Analia Tiara Boschi-Rossi - May 21  
Madison Carmen Gazzola - June 25  
Isabelle Rosemary Gazzola - June 25

All Baptisms are at 11:30 am.

#### UPCOMING FEASTS

Pentecost Sunday - May 28.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - June 4.

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ( Corpus Christi) - June 11

Ordinary Time returns following the Feast of Pentecost May 29.

#### PARISH PICNIC JUNE 25

Right after Sunday Mass  
BBQ Lunch and Fellowship.  
All food and beverages provided.  
Bring only your own lawn chairs.  
Come, and enjoy your Parish Family.  
Games and Fun Activities planned.  
Sign up sheets will be in the church foyer. Deadline to sign up is June 11.  
Everyone is Welcome!

#### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION MAY

"For Church movements and groups"

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

#### THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

This special collection is May 21.

Once called "Peter's Pence," this collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father for his charitable contribution to those most in need throughout the world, and for the support of the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. We thank you for supporting this annual collection.

#### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

It was necessary that Jesus ascended into Heaven so that the Holy Spirit could come to be with us. Referring to him as "the Advocate," Jesus told his disciples that when he returned to his Father, he'd send the Holy Spirit to be with them. Ten days after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on Pentecost, as Jesus had promised. The Holy Spirit helped the Twelve to evangelize and share the Gospel. He's still with us today to share his gifts with us. Because we're Jesus' disciples too, the Holy Spirit still helps us to stay rooted in Christ.

However, this doesn't mean that Jesus no longer abides with us. He promised to be with us always, and we can still find him even though he doesn't physically walk with us. The most obvious place where we can find him is in the Eucharist. In the Blessed Sacrament, we find his true presence as he gives us the gift of his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. More than this, we can still feel him with us at home, at work, at school, and wherever we go. We might not be able to see him, but this is where faith comes in.

Happy Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

#### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY MAY 21

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, internet) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

##### UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 14 Last meeting until September

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

We thank God for the gift of being called to the altar to receive Him in Holy Communion. With our First Communion liturgies now complete, we pray daily that parents will continue to bring their children to be fed by the Lord Jesus weekly at Sunday Mass. Let's do our part to promote Mass attendance in our FAMILIES so they can be nurtured by the Word of God and receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Once again, God bless all of our First Communion children, their parents, families and teachers.

#### WHAT ARE THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church promotes the following:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

#### 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](mailto:familyandyouth@saintcd.com).

Note: Session details can be found at:  
<https://fb.me/e/4cTw2qGXl>