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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Morning Prayer:**

Monday to Friday 8:40 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am  
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
For any other day by appointment only

**First Fridays:**

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm  
Mass 7:00 pm

**Baptism:**

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

**Marriage:**

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

**Care of the Sick:**

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

**New Parishioners:**

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

**Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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**Principal:** Ms. Sandy Gunter

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*Mass Intentions*

May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
30 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
31 Tues, 9am	Frederick Chan - Healing	Pauline Taylor
June 1 Wed, 9am	Alice Mak - Healing	Pauline Taylor
2 Thurs, 9am	Maria Paz H. Beltran +	Beltran Family
3 1 <sup>ST</sup> Fri, 9am 6pm 7:00pm	Deceased members of Joyce Family + No Holy Hour No Mass	Pauline Taylor
4 Sat, 9am	>Thanksgiving In honor of the Blessed Trinity >Chelsea Taylor – Thanksgiving >Elizabeth Joyce – Thanksgiving >Thanksgiving In honor of the Holy Family ,Jesus Grandparent, All Saints & Holy Angels >All Parishioners >Thanksgiving In honor of all Saints & Holy Angels	..... Pauline Taylor Pauline Taylor Lella ..... .....
5 Sun, 9am  11 am	Aristea Nguyen – Thanksgiving (7 <sup>th</sup> birthday) Shauna D’Souza – Thanksgiving	Doumouras Family  D’Souza Family

Meditate on  
God's Word



1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23  
or 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23  
Gospel: Luke 24.46-53

The Ascension of the Lord

Prayer and Evangelization “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.” This is the great commission that continues to echo throughout the centuries. All of us, especially stewards, are called to be witnesses of the Gospel and evangelize the hearts of those nearest to us. However, before we can convert others, we need to have an interior conversion ourselves. St. Vincent Ferrer says that, “If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.” Before we can do any great deeds for Christ and the Church, we need to be sufficiently nourished by the love and grace of God. This can only come about through our dedication to prayer. We must pray for the strength to love and share the Gospel with others. One practice we can adopt is the morning offering. This involves beginning each day, perhaps even while still lying in bed, with a prayer to God thanking Him for another morning and asking Him to help us offer our day for the good of the Gospel. We can supplement this by beginning any period of formal ministry with an opening prayer. We need to always remember that it is the Holy Spirit working through us that is bringing about great graces. Let us strive to infuse our stewardship with the power of prayer.

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Tuesday to Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m. in the Church *except on holidays.*

**Special Note: NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM MAY 19 – JUNE 17,2022**



*Let us pray for the sick*

*We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.*

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

## History of the Ascension of Our Lord

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is the denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER

Loving God, often giving into temptation and weakness, we forget that You alone are God. Help us to avoid greed in all its forms, seeking satisfaction from things that are passing and being indifferent to the cries of those who suffer pain. May we allow the Gospel to teach us that all human life is sacred, that everyone has a right to a place in Your world and that the desire for peace resides in every vulnerable human heart. We offer You, Most High and Glorious God, the pain of our war-torn and hurting world and entrust to Your care those who have lost their lives, those who grieve for them and those who have to leave their homes to be safe. Inspire those with power to see that violence is not the path to peace and to pursue resolutions to conflicts that respect human dignity. Loving God, hear all of our prayers and those in hearts throughout the world through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Jesus gave us special promises prior to His departure for Heaven. He went up to be with God the Father, but He will return someday. We can await that, but can also spread His love to others around us.**



### What is Sharelife and how does it work?

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation.

"Each year, over 200 young women, ages 13-25, come to the doors of Rosalie Hall. They are often alone, worried, and vulnerable. ShareLife donors like you make a difference by helping to provide a place of safety where no young woman is judged for her choices and people are here to help." – Jane Kenny, Executive Director, Rosalie Hal

The Society of Sharing is a ShareLife-supported non-profit organization that provides free services to isolated, lonely and frail seniors. Their mission is to improve the lives of isolated seniors in our community by connecting them with skilled volunteers who provide companionship and support.

"Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much. As we work alongside every young person who comes through our doors to help them rechart their path, we are so grateful for your commitment. Thank you." – Mark Aston, Executive Director, Covenant House Toronto

**June 5 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Some people only give during the holidays because it makes them feel good. You've given when we needed your financial support the most no matter when it is, and for that, we thank you.**

Rev. Godofredo Claudio

Mass Schedule May 30 to June 5, 2022	
Monday: May 30	No Mass , No Adoration
Tuesday: May 31	9:00 am Mass, No Adoration
Wednesday – Thursday: June 1&2	9:00 am Mass , No Adoration
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday: June 3	9:00 am Mass, No Adoration No 6pm Holy Hour & No 7pm Mass
Saturday: June 4	9:00 am & 5pm Mass
Confession	4:00 – 4:30pm
Sunday: June 5	9:00am & 11:00am Mass

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