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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00pm

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Sunday Masses:

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

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 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: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
22 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
23 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Helen Chan	Pauline Taylor
24 Wed, 9am	Resty Foronda +	Ducusin Family
25 Thur, 9am	Florence & James Wong +	Bennett & Robert Wong
26 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Pedro Cruz	Ducusin Family
27 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Lilia Cuenco Talas + Thanksgiving – To the Holy Spirit, for His love & comfort Nikola & Sharon Remedios Cionelo
5pm	Thanksgiving – Marg & Pam Bowes Thanksgiving – To the Holy Spirit, for His love & comfort	Mila Benedicto
28 Sun 9am	Thanksgiving – To the Holy Spirit, for His love & comfort
11 am	Thanksgiving – Carina D'Souza	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20 – The Commissioning of the Disciples


Being the Hands and Feet of Christ

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord's ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them "why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible. We see this at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel when Jesus gives the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St. Teresa of Avila. "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Summary

Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action for at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel He gives us the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." This is a call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. Let us strive to do this through the strength of Christ within us who says "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

<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 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church ***except on holidays.***



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.*



Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for 4 Tuesdays: 7 – 9 p.m. on **May 23 and 30th**, as we continue our study on **"SALVATION HISTORY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW:**

Part V". Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.

St Vincent de Paul - Marygrove & Ozanam Camp:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting names of children from families in need who want an opportunity (free of charge) to attend the Society's Camps - Marygrove Camp for Girls aged 5 -13 & Camp Ozanam for Boys aged 7 – 12. Please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your Name, Tel, Child's name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.

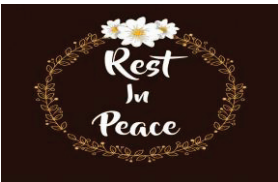


Healing Prayer Service for the Sick
Saturday, May 20, 2023 10:30 AM - Saturday, May 20, 2023 12:30 PM

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto (69 William Street) Divine Retreat Centre Toronto will be

having a Healing Prayer Service for the Sick, especially praying for cancer patients/survivors and the terminally ill. There will be Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For further information please contact our office.

PHONE: 647-949-4932



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY: we as a parish family would like to express our sincere condolences to **Mila Benedicto** and her family. We ask you to pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Cristita Benedicto**

(mother of Mila Benedicto). May she rest in Peace! Amen. May the Lord God help and bless her grieving family at this difficult time.



Offertory lamp (Sanctuary lamp in the Tabernacle) is available to burn for your intention for one week for \$20.00. They burn from Saturday to Friday. Please call the parish office to book your lamp.



The Ascension is the event, where Jesus arose into heaven, at the end of his time on earth. Jesus' time on earth began with his birth. It was interrupted for three days by His death on the Cross. During that time, He descended into the realm of the dead and preached the Gospel to the good people who died before Him. This allowed those good and holy souls--the righteous dead, as we call them--who accepted Christ as their Savior to proceed to heaven. On the third day after his death and burial, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people. At the end of this 40 day period, Jesus ascended into heaven. We call this the Ascension.

The Ascension of Jesus is a significant event in the Christian faith. As he ascended into heaven, his disciples watched in awe, wondering what would come next. Jesus left them with a command to be his witnesses, spreading the message of salvation to all around them. This command was not only for the disciples but for all believers throughout history, including us today.

The Holy Spirit plays a central role in the Christian faith, empowering and guiding every believer. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples, and he continues to guide and empower us today. The Holy Spirit is not limited to personal transformation, but also equips us to carry out God's mission in the world. It gives us the strength, wisdom, and gifts we need to serve others, proclaim the gospel message, and work for justice and peace.



Happy Victoria Day Weekend!
Wishing you all a safe and wonderful long weekend!

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