

# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

May 21, 2023— Solemnity of the  
Ascension of the Lord

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### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

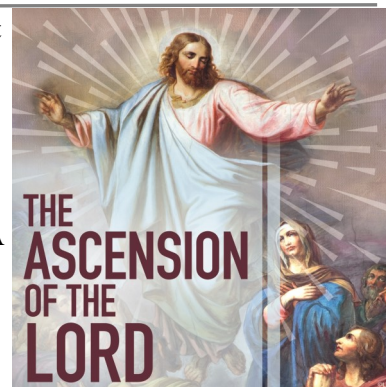
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The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the "historical Christ" comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated. *The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* (Mt 28:16-20)

**The Eleven** The Community of disciples, who gathered the "testimonies" about the proclamation of the Gospel, was Community that was wounded due to the absence of one of their companions, Judas. Even though it was imperfect, it was to this specific and real Community that Jesus entrusted the task of becoming witnesses of his Gospel, of his proposal of love.

**Galilee** The text precisely states that the mission the disciples received brought them back to the beginning of their experience with Jesus: *"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"* (Acts 1:11, today's First Reading). Galilee is where everything had begun. It was the place where they listened to Jesus, where the Community was formed, of daily life.

**A new way of being** The text from Acts offers us some theological-spiritual coordinates to understand the mystery we are celebrating. The text says in Acts 1:11 that Jesus *"was taken up"*. It places emphasis that it was an action of God. A cloud *"took him from their sight"* (v. 9) recalls the image of the cloud on Mount Sinai (Ex. 24:15), the cloud above the ark of the covenant (Ex. 33:9), and lastly, the cloud on the Mount of the Transfiguration (Mk. 9:7). Jesus's Ascension into heaven, therefore, is not a "separation" but a different way of being. He explains why the disciples were *"filled with joy"* (see Lk. 24:52). Because Jesus died, rose, and now ascended, the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of eternal life. The *"cloud of faith"* that envelops our lives today is not an obstacle, but a way through which we can have a living and true experience of Jesus, since we have the certainty that if he has risen and ascended into heaven, the same destiny awaits us, since he is the first fruit (see 1 Cor. 15:20).



**Church on the move** We do not await the last day idly, nor do we close ourselves in our own homes. But, as Jesus reminds us, we await the last day dedicated to a mission that reaches the ends of the earth. *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth"* (Acts 1:7ff). We are fortified by Jesus's promise: *"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"* (Mt. 28:19), where Jesus is our God, God-with-us (see Ex 3:12), Emmanuel (see Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14). And even if the disciples' faithfulness failed at times, God's faithfulness towards us never fails. This is why the journey of the community and of every disciple of the Risen Jesus is always open to new perspectives and possibilities, for nothing is impossible for God.

### THIS WEEKEND! 'THE CHOSEN; EPISODE 5

From Fr Bob's homily, May 7, 2023:

"You are a chosen race" says St Peter in our second reading. Chosen. Throughout the series, called "The Chosen", which we are continuing to watch every Sunday evening at St Philip, I have been asking "Who, exactly, is, or are, the chosen?" Well, obviously, firstly, it is Jesus Himself, who his heavenly Father declared over him at his baptism in the Jordan, "This is my beloved, my Chosen One". But also the term refers to the apostles, whom we see, throughout the first series, being personally called by Jesus and chosen to be his disciples and follow him. But in another sense, as our second reading makes clear, the term "chosen" also applies to each one of us, baptized and confirmed Catholic Christians. We are called, we are chosen, to that "royal priesthood, that holy nation, God's own people." What a fantastic privilege to be singled out like that by Jesus. Doesn't he know how fragile and fickle we are? Of course he does. Does that put him off? Of course not!

In the next several weeks, we will be showing at St Philip's, on Sunday evenings, episodes from a DVD series called exactly that: "The Chosen." It is a series showing the life and ministry of Jesus, drawn from the gospels, his choosing of the twelve apostles and others, to become his disciples as he moves around among the people, healing and preaching to them.

**All welcome: Episode 5: Sunday May 21, 7pm, St Philips Parish Hall**





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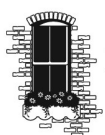
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**Coffee Sunday**—2nd Sunday of month. May 7, Munster Grp  
**CWL**—every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm

### ST PHILIPS:

**Adult Ed/RCIA:** Dcn Louis—444-1228

**Adoration o/t Blessed Sacrament:** Mondays, 2-6:45pm and  
Thursdays, 3-6:45pm

**Apostles Div Mercy:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, 7:45pm. For location,  
Contact Janet (44401228)

**Bible Study:** Mondays after 7:30pm Mass, in St Philips Hall

**Coffee Sunday:** Sundays weekly after 10:30am Mass, Hall

**Euchre:** Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: May 3 & 17

**First Friday Mass:** 6:30p, or live-stream. Adoration follows

**Knights of Columbus**—2nd Tues of mo-7:30 in Hall

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Wednesday May 10, 7:30pm

**Pastoral Council:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of month, 8pm, Hall

**Prayer Meeting**—Every Thurs, 7:30pm, St Philips Hall

**Rosary:** St Philips, 4:10pm (before 4:30pm Saturday mass) &  
10:10 (before 10:30am Sunday Mass)

**St Vincent de Paul**—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month in Rectory

**Temporal Affairs Cnc'l:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month, 7pm, Hall



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## Announced Masses—May

### Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip Parish

**May 6**—In memory of Kim Goodwin by Birgit & John Evans

### Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

**May 7**—In memory of Curtis Harry by Tilly & Phil O'Connor

**May 14**—In memory of Mary Duck by Marjorie & Mike Cassidy

**May 21**—In memory of Kristin O'Connor by Jerome and Shirley

**May 28**—In memory of David Hamilton by Reta Hamilton

**June 4**—Deceased members of the Ryan and O'Connor families by  
Vincent and Marion O'Connor

### Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

**May 14** - In memory of Pat Monuk by Joanne Denis

**May 21**—In memory of Lucille & Yvon Sorel by the family

## Catechism Corner

**To whom does the Fourth Commandment refer, and what does it require of us?** The Fourth Commandment refers in the first place to one's physical parents, but also to the people to whom we owe our life, our well-being, our security, and our faith. What we owe in the first place to our parents naely love, gratitude, and respect should also govern our relations to people who guide us and are there for us. There are many people who represent for us a God-given, natural, and good authority: foster or step-parents, older relatives and ancestors, educators, teachers, employers, superiors. In the spirit of the Fourth Commandment we should do them justice. In the broadest sense, this commandment applies even to our duties as citizens to the State.

**What place does the family have in God's plan of creation?** A man and a woman who are married to each other form, together with their children, a family. God wills that the love of the spouses, if possible, should produce children. These children, who are entrusted to the protection and care of their parents, have the same dignity as their parents. God himself, in the depths of the Trinity, is communion. In the human sphere, the family is the primordial image of communion. The family is the unique school of living in relationships. Nowhere do children grow up as well as in an intact family, in which they experience heartfelt affection, mutual respect, and responsibility for one another. Finally, faith grows in the family, too; the family is, the Church tells us, a miniature church, a "domestic church", the radiance of which should invite others into this fellowship of faith, charity, and hope. (YOUCAT questions 367-368)

**Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2196-2206) and other references [here](#).

### Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

Just like any other charity or non-profit organization, it costs money to keep St. Philip Parish and St. Clare Mission afloat. For example, the annual operating expenditure budget of St. Philip Parish is approximately \$155,000, which goes towards paying for the following items:

- Paying for the parish priest, the parish office administrator, replacement priests to say Mass and the parish bookkeeper;
- Diocesan tax on parish revenues (donations);
- Utilities (heat, hydro, water, sewer, utilities, etc.)
- Repairs and maintenance on St. Philip Church, the Parish Hall, and other buildings and grounds;
- Office expenses; and,
- Pastoral expenses.

In addition, St. Philip Parish also spends about \$10,000-\$20,000 per year on major projects and renovations to replace and/or renovate the parish buildings and other items within the parish.



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### PENTECOST RETREAT

Friday, May 26 - Sunday, May 28 Hosted by the Servants of the Cross. Be inspired by great talks on identity, intimacy with God, and the power of the Gospel, we will go out together on mission using the tools and skills gained from our retreat. Retreat includes special guest Bryan O'Donnell from Urban Encounter Ministries in Columbus, Ohio. Saturday, Pentecost Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dampousse. On Sunday, we conclude our retreat with a Healing Service with Fr. Ken Lao, CC. \$35 dollars per person (\$60 per couple). Includes 2 meals. Register, click here: <https://encounterottawa.regfox.com/2023-pentecost-retreat-> or Call (613) 314-3715

**PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF STE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRE** and Our Lady of the Cape is resuming with buses that will depart from the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Gatineau, Pembroke, St-Jérôme/Mont-Laurier and Kingston August 12-13, 2023. Our Weekend Celebrant is Bishop Guy Desrochers, Diocese of Pembroke. 613 224-8110 ou EMAIL: [mike.budge@bell.net](mailto:mike.budge@bell.net)

**HEART OF WORSHIP – HOLY REDEEMER – TUESDAY MAY 30** - You are invited to this month's Heart of Worship adoration evening at Holy Redeemer parish. The event includes a talk by Fr. John Orban, praise and worship music, silent prayer time, and snack after! Please join us at 44 Rothesay Dr. in Kanata on Tuesday, the 30th of this month at 6:45pm until 8:30pm. Join us in person, or by livestream at: [www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata](http://www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata)

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### THE OFFICE IS OPEN

The office continues to be open virtually on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1:30pm. Starting on Wednesday May 24th: the office will be open for 'in-person' requirements on Wednesdays only from 9am to 1:30pm. The office will continue to be open virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Email: [wel-comehome1819@gmail.com](mailto:wel-comehome1819@gmail.com).

**ST CLARES YEAR-END PARISH POTLUCK SUPPER** ...on Thursday, June 29th beginning at 6 pm. Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Please join us for some fellowship and great food.

### CANCELLATIONS UNTIL AUGUST

Please note the following are cancelled while Fr Bob is gone and will resume in August:

- Monday evening Mass (at St Philips)
- Monday evening Bible Study (at St Philips)
- Tuesday evening Mass (at St Clares)
- 'First Friday' Masses

### THIS WEEKEND! 'THE CHOSEN'

The remaining episodes will be shown Sunday evenings May 21, 28 and June 4 in St Philips Hall at 7pm. No charge ... bring your family and friends. **Pre-register: email John Evans at [jte65@outlook.com](mailto:jte65@outlook.com).** <https://watch.angelstudios.com/>

### SPRING CLEAN UP AT ST CLARES SAT MAY 27TH

Beginning at 9 am: Parishioners are encouraged to come out and lend a helping hand in any way they can. Many hands make light and fast work.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Fr Bob Poole, Georgette Jubinville, Billy Kavanagh, Mavis Lewis, Sheldon Seward, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, Melissa Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Krista Van Gaal, Elizabeth Vickers, Heather Murphy, MJ Wilson, Tracy Haddad, Samson Purdy, Ray Lalonde, Theresa Slattery, Alfie Kavanagh, Robert Braund, John Pybus, Michael Lawless, Fr. Michael Ruddick, Suzanne Denis, Joyce Cook, Elizabeth vanGalder, Kyram Dear, Karen McCarthy, Doris Calagoure, Lorraine Wannamaker, Amber Williamson, Francine Landry, healthcare workers, those affected by COVID-19, those who are isolated and all who mourn. God bless them & families with peace, joy, strength. St Joseph, Hope of the Sick, Patron of the Dying, intercede for us.

### FROM THE DIOCESE: PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE SUPPORTING UKRAINE – Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)

<https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/> Help the People of Ukraine Survive the War - CNEWA Canada ([cnewa.org](http://cnewa.org)). **Development and Peace (D & P)**-Give now | Development and Peace ([devp.org](http://devp.org)). **Red Cross:** Red Cross launches Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal - Canadian Red Cross ([redcross.ca](http://redcross.ca)). May Mary Queen of Peace, intercede for end to the conflict & those most affected.

### HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE MAY LONG WEEKEND!



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