

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into Heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into Heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into Heaven." ~ Acts 1:9-11

AFTER JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD on Easter, he spent forty days with his disciples teaching and preparing them for the Holy Spirit. At the end of the forty days, he ascended into Heaven in his risen and glorified body. Christ's body was glorified at his Resurrection, but his glory remained veiled until his Ascension. When he appeared to Mary Magdalene on Easter morning, he said to her: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (Jn 20:17).

Only the Son of God has the power to ascend to the Father. We do not have this power. We can enter the Father's house only through Christ, who ascended there first. His entrance into Heaven with our humanity marks the completion of his salvific work begun on the cross. He died on the cross to draw all humanity back to the Father. He is the bridge between God and us and, united to him, we go wherever he goes. Jesus says, "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (Jn 14:2-5).

After his Ascension, Christ took his seat at the right hand of the Father in all the glory and splendor of his divinity. "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into Heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God" (Mk 16:19). To be seated at the right hand means to be seated in a place of authority and royalty. Je-



Jesus ascends to Heaven, by Domenico Mastroianni, 1876-1962

sus is the Messiah-king who has taken up his Heavenly throne and fulfilled what the prophet Daniel spoke of him: "And to him was given dominion and glory and Kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his Kingdom one that shall not be destroyed" (Dn 7:14). Jesus also is the one and eternal priest who has entered into the Heavenly sanctuary "to appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb 9:24). Before God's throne, Jesus is the one mediator, and it is his mediation that draws us back to the Father and into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Kingdom of Heaven is a spiritual reality in Heaven but also a visible reality made present in the Church on earth. Before his Ascension, Jesus commissioned the apostles to go and preach the gospel to all nations, to baptize, and teach them what he had taught (see Mt 28:19-20). Through the Church, we continue the work of the apostles to spread Christ's Kingdom on earth. We testify to the reality that his Kingdom has been established forever and will not be destroyed.

Traditionally, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven on Ascension Thursday ten days before the Feast of Pentecost (although individual regions of bishops are permitted to move the celebration to the Sunday before Pentecost for their dioceses). On this day we are reminded of all the significance of this event and blessed and strengthened by Christ to witness to his kingship and draw others to him.

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"He ascended into Heaven in his risen and glorified body."

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We celebrate today the Ascension of the Lord. You will find the readings for the mass on page 383 in the Blue missal in the pews.

Pastor:	Fr. Lawrence Donnelly	Secretary:	Pat Wright
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Deacon:	Dan Ritchie	Catechism Coordinator:	Kris Blair
Music Coordinator:	Arthur Medina	Youth Coordinator:	Daniel Wack

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon – Fri Closed for Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m.
Spanish Mass (1st Sunday of the Month) 5:30 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 a.m. Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Saturday and Holidays 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 MINUTES PRIOR to Sunday Mass:
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM.
Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 30 minutes before the weekday Masses.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 8:45 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mon – Thurs. 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

Six months' notice is normally required. Archdiocesan marriage preparation is mandatory.

BAPTISMS

Must attend the monthly Baptism Preparation Class. Call Parish office to register

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Contact: Adrian Fengler: faithjourney.saintjosephs@gmail.com

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MASS ANTIPHONS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
ENTRANCE HYMN: JOURNEYSONGS 429	
ALLELUIA PSALM ANTIPHON Psalm 47	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 96	O sing to the Lord * and bless _____ hisname _____ alle - lu - ia.

May 13, 2018

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S
Join us for Coffee & Fellowship in the Parish hall after the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. masses

PARISH EVENTS

Gospel Music Concert: Sunday May 13, 2:30 p.m. (Doors open 2:00 p.m.) at St. Joseph's Church. Featuring The Blackwood Brother Quartet; Mark Donnelly; Jim Thirsk; Class Brass; Harvey Loland, Al & Jean. Suggested donation \$20. Funds raised to support The Langley Food Bank and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. More info 604-534-2997

PREP Closing Mass: Thursday May 17, 6:30 p.m. for both Wednesday and Thursday Classes, followed by party in the hall. PREP registrations for September 2018 are now being taken. Register on line

Revival: Revival is happening Sunday, May 20th!! All are invited to come spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration from 6:45 - 7:45! There will also be confession available!

The Couples for Christ (CFC) Christian Life Program, (Saturdays) from 1:30 - 4:00pm. In the parish hall. Information contact Romano 778-800-0142

PARISH NEWS

R.I.P. Please pray for the soul of Helen Czizjak.

Recently Baptized: Layla Logan.



Sacrament of Confirmation: this past Saturday, May 12. Bishop David J. Monroe administered the sacrament to fifty six Grade Seven students. Please continue to pray for these young people that they will cooperate with the gifts of the Holy Spirit they have received in confirmation.

Second Quarter, a group for those in their "second quarter" (after undergraduate, before middle age!). For more info, email David at sj2ndquarter@gmail.com

El Shaddai Langley Cell Group - a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group - would like to invite all parishioners on May 20, 2018 (Pentecost Sunday) at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall for a special prayer group meeting combined with a membership drive. Come and experience the outpouring of the healing power of the Holy Spirit. See you there."

Crowning of Mary Rosary Procession - May 26 Saturday at 4:00 p.m. followed by the usual 5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass. The Knights of Columbus is the sponsor for this event for the 11th year and warmly invite all parishioners to come and join our parish community for a rosary procession and the Crowning of Mary. Please bring flowers to offer to Our Lady, Saturday May 26, 4:00 p.m.

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Bursary Available. Our very own St. Joseph parish Knights of Columbus Council 2552 is now accepting applications for Council 2552's Bursary. This Bursary is open to all members of council 2552, their Spouses, Children or Grandchildren. For application form and details please contact Grand Knight Tony Mate. 604-530-7366

SCHOOLS

St. Catherine's Elementary School - Parish Education Committee
The Annual election of the Parish Education Committee (PEC) takes place on May 26-27, 2018. Nominations will be accepted by Committee members Cara Hudson and/or Christine Marin. If you are interested in a position or know of someone who is please contact: Cara at carahudson@telus.net or Christine at themarins@hotmail.com by no later than **May 18, 2018**

St. Catherine's Elementary School is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. We anticipate vacancies at all grade levels. If you are interested in having your child attend an excellent school where developing the whole child in a Catholic infused environment is our priority, please contact the school principal, Mr. J. Brophy at 604 534 6564 or jbrophy@stcatherines.ca

St. Catherine's Second Annual Swap Meet is coming! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 26.** There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, games and lots of hidden treasures to be found. This is a great community building event that was well loved last year. Take spring cleaning to next level and reclaim your garage, shed and storage closets. Make some money for your family and be a part of this fabulous community event. Email swapmeet@stcatherines.ca to book your table - PLEASE BOOK YOUR TABLES BY **MONDAY, MAY 14TH.**

St. John Brebeuf High School: SJB is planning **Phase III Expansion.** View the Plan Poster in the Foyer. Contact the School for more information 1-604-855-0571

St. John Paul II Academy Community Fund Raising Social: Fri., June 1st at 6 pm at Morgan Creek Golf Course. Please join us for this exciting evening to celebrate St. John Paul II Academy's success to date. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with the new families and supporters of our new high school, hear from Archbishop Miller and participate in an exciting auction and sponsorship opportunities. Tickets purchase on-line: www.sjp2academy.com/social/. Questions or to volunteer? Cathy cathy@profinimport.com or Holly holly.king@yahoo.com For more information visit - www.sjp2academy.com

YOUTH EVENTS

Revival
Revival is happening Sunday, May 20th!! All are invited to come spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration from 6:45 - 7:45! There will also be confession available!

Edge: - Gr 6/7
Because of some scheduling conflicts there will be **NO EDGE** this month! Stay tuned for our night in June!!

Life Teen: Worship - Gr 8-12
May 13th is our next Life Night! We're going to be talking about worship!! Can't wait to see you in the parish hall from 6 - 8!!

Senior Youth - Gr 11/12
Senior Youth! Our wrap up bonfire is going to be May 25th! Save the date & stay tuned for details!!

Upper Room Summer Mission - Gr 10 - 12
This summer, Saint Joseph's Youth Ministry is running a summer mission that any youth currently in grades 10-12 can participate in! The mission will include a week long retreat, 4 further partial weeks of formation, and 2 final weeks of leading ministry. For more details, or to apply to the program, please email: saintjosephs.youthmin@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Soccer Nights!
Soccer nights are back! Come out May 17th! We'll be at Denny Ross Memorial Park at 7 PM for some drop in soccer!! They're open from anyone graduated through 35! See you there!!

OTHER NEWS

Christian Culture and Sports Camp 2018
A five day adventure for kids age 7-15. Sports; Music; Fine art. 9 a.m. - 4 pm. July 19-13 at St. Catherine's school. Fr. Lawrence Donnelly, chaplain; Steve Knight, fine art & iconography; Alexander McCune, music. Daily Mass. Lunch and snack provided. Early registration: \$220 per child, until May 13. Regular registration: \$270 per child. Space is limited - family discounts available. Registration closes June 17. Facebook.com/ChristianCultureCampBC email: ChristianCultureCamp@gmail.com



7th Annual Walk to Keep the Dream Alive
Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society Sunday, June 3rd at Tynehead Regional Park in Surrey. Run, walk, or bike. Registration opens at Noon and the walk starts at 12:30. Bring the whole family; pets on leashes welcome. Enjoy a day in the park, a BBQ concession, face painting, prizes, and FUN, FUN, FUN! Register on-line and download a pledge form at www.domesticabuseservices.ca. For more info call 604.585.6688