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May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Today is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We celebrate this feast on the seventh Sunday of Easter. The end of the Easter period is approaching, which will end with the celebration of Pentecost. The two Evangelists speak of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus: "After speaking with them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven" (Mk 16:19). St. Luke describes this event in more detail: "Then he led them out to Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven." The apostles were not delighted with the departure of the Lord. They thought humanly, because every parting is connected with sadness, often with tears, but this parting was different. The Lord Jesus explained to them that he was returning to the Father from where he had come to receive the glory due to him, and that he would remain with them forever. Before leaving, Jesus reassures the Apostles, saying, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today is a special day for eleven children from our parish who will receive the First Holy Communion. **Anastasia Macedo, Emily Kozinski, Ava Nunes, Oliver Moriarty, Stella Bartula, Brixton Bartula and Katalaya Smakaj** will receive Jesus in the Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Mass and **Aleksander Gaj, Matthew Mosor, Julia Slusarz, Octavia Szkotak, Zofia Mickiewicz – Gallant, Julia Szuty and Veronica Pakulski** at 1:00 p.m. Mass. Jesus is coming to make his home in their hearts and they want to welcome him with love and grate joy as they begin this new part of their journey in life. We wish all the children who receive Jesus in their hearts for the first time today to carry him through their lives. We recommend you, dear children, to the care of Our Lady to watch over you and protect you from evil, and we ask Her to obtain for you graces needed to achieve spiritual maturity. Have courage to be the good people who listen to God.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

Sincere thanks to Teresa Berezowski and Sr. Weronika Maronska who prepared our children for the First Communion. We thank you for being the witness of faith. May God bless you!

MAY DEVOTIONS

During these next May days, together with Mary, we continue to pray during the May service, which we celebrate in our church every day at 6:30 pm. If there is anyone in our parish community who has not participated in this service even once, I strongly encourage you, because who better to take care of our spiritual and life needs than the Helper of the faithful.

MAY 22 – VICTORIA DAY

On the long weekend of Victoria Day, May 22, we wish parishioners a sunny long weekend and a good rest.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, May 28, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund. We thank everyone for the donation.

AIR CONDITIONING IN THE CHURCH

The air conditioning in our church needs modernization and repair. The air conditioner responsible for cooling the back of the church needs to be replaced due to its age. This is a complicated and very expensive process. The late Father Antoni Mendrela established air conditioning in 1994.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Father Zbyszek will celebrate his birthday on Wednesday, May 24. Dear Father, we wish you joy, health and unwavering fervor in your difficult priestly service. May the Immaculate Mother, Patroness of the Missionary Oblates, surround you with motherly love and care, especially in difficult times, and ask her Son for all necessary graces. May God bless you in your further priestly ministry. Happy birthday!

FAREWELL TO FR. ZBYSZEK

We are sad to announce that Fr. Zbyszek Halemba starts his missionary experience in the North of Canada in September. We thank him for his beautiful service in our parish for the last 2 years. We especially thank him for his dedication to altar boys and young people. Thanks for making him truly love his calling and priesthood. We will miss his sense of humor, kindness and smile. May God bless you in your new ministry.

MARRIAGE JUBILEES

Celebration of Marriage Jubilees will take place on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Couples who wish to take part in this celebration have been asked to contact the parish office.

SHARE LIFE

Thank you for your donations to the Archdiocese of Toronto ShareLife charity. Our parish has raised \$10,720 so far this year on ShareLife. By comparison, last year our parish raised \$18,904. The next and final ShareLife collection will take place on Sunday, June 5th. We sincerely thank all donors for their generosity.

INTERNATIONAL HALLERS' RUN

The International Haller's Run (5/10 km) in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Lt. Jozef Haller and under the Honorary Patronage of Minister of National defence of republic of Poland, Deputy Prime Minister Mariusz Blaszczak, will take place on June 10, 2023 in Niagara on the Lake from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. Main prize – ticket to Poland *only applicable to the 10 km category. Registration \$50 at int.hallersrun@gmail.com

BIALY ORZEL DANCE & DINNER PARTY

The White Eagle dance ensemble invite to Witaj Lato! Welcome summer! Dance & dinner party on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Oasis Convention Centre, 1036 Lakeshore Rd E, Mississauga. Doors open 6:00 pm, dinner & performance by Bialy Orzel Dance Ensemble at 7:00 pm, late night snack table, raffle and silent auction. Music by Mr. System. Tickets \$85 adult (19+), \$65 youth (13-18), \$45 kids (12 & under) for ticket sales please contact Diana: diana@trejgo.com or Edward 416. 522.0680

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND

Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland will take place on August 7-13, 2023. The theme for this year's pilgrimage are words from the Gospel of St. Luke: "*Mary arose and went with haste.*" To register, please visit www.pielgrzymka.ca

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass, please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 21

8:00 For the members of the Devine Mercy Society

9:30 First Holy Communion

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 First Holy Communion

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For God's blessing, health & needed graces for Jozef & Lucyna – own

MONDAY, May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 For deceased from Hnatiuk & Wojciechowski families – K.H. Skibinski

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For peace in our hearts, families, faith communities & in the world

TUESDAY, May 23

8:00 For deceased from Bielenda family – Drmic family

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For deceased from family – Stanislaw Bomersbach

WEDNESDAY, May 24

8:00 1. For + Leszek Dziewiatkowski – family

2. For deceased from Nowak family – Drmic family

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Jozef Bogdanowski, parents Jan & Anna Zuziak, Regina & Marcin Firlejczyk – family

THURSDAY, May 25

8:00 Apologizing for the sin of abortion, asking for a complete end to abortion in the world

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Amelia Szulc on the 1st anniversary of death – parents, sister & family

FRIDAY, May 26

8:00 1. For + Franciszek Ciesla (6th anniversary of death) – wife with family

2. For + Stanislaw Magdziak - family

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Wiktoria, Jan, Henryk Nogas & Rozalia Rzepa – daughter-in-law – Janina Nogas

SATURDAY, May 27 – St. Philip Neri, presbyter

8:00 1. For + Stanislaw Kedzior & deceased from Kedzior & Zabkiewicz families – daughters with families

2. For + Genowefa & Mieczyslaw Lewicki – daughter with family

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Anastazja & Michal Gracon – daughter-in-law

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28

8:00 For + Jaroslaw Lezon – wife & son

9:30 For + Amelia Szulc – parents, sister & family

11:00 Marriage Jubilees

13:00 For + Wladyslaw Zubyk – daughter with family

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Marianna & Roch Glen & grandparents from both sides – daughter Aniela with family