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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &
Saturday:
@ 8am before morning Mass

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday: 7:00 pm

ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY

Every Friday after evening Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Registered parishioners are invited to
pick up a Baptism information package
from the Parish Office.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please contact Parish Office for program
start dates.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office
ONE year in advance. At least one
party must be a registered and
practicing member of St. Boniface.

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Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and those who are visiting St. Boniface Parish this weekend.
New parishioners are asked to fill out registration form below and put it in the collection basket or drop-off at office.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION SHEET

MR. & MRS. ☐ MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ MISS ☐ MS. ☐

Last Name

First Name(s)

STREET# AND NAME/APARTMENT# OR UNIT #

CITY

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TELEPHONE#

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME(S) AND DATE(S) OF BIRTH OF CHILD/CHILDREN:

NAME(S)

DD/MM/YEAR

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE ENVELOPES?
YES ☐ NO ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT PARISH INVOLVEMENT?
YES ☐ NO ☐

**ONCE REGISTERED, ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY
ENTRANCE OF CHURCH.**



MAY 21ST 2023
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

CYCLE A (MATTHEW)

The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

Readings:

Acts 1:1–11

Psalms 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9

Ephesians 1:17–23

Matthew 28:16–20

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14–15](#)). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism. The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" ([Psalm 47](#)). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace. The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand. This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.



Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

MAY 20TH TO MAY 27TH 2023

Sat May 20th 5:00pm - 75th Birthday Thanksgiving for Rafaelito Dizon

Sun May 21st 7:30am - Napoleon Niepen & Ernesto Niepen †

9:00am - George Heron †

10:30am - People of the Parish

12:00pm - Emelda Suico Mapula †

Mon May 22nd 8:30am - Cheryl Goddard †

Tue May 23rd 8:30am - Cheryl Goddard †

Wed May 24th 7:30pm - Healing for Noli Reyes; and Special Intention for Fr. Savio Bruto da Costa

Thu May 25th 8:30am - Thanksgiving for Fr. Peter & Fr. Sherwin

Fri May 26th 7:30pm - Birthday Thanksgiving for Neriza Bugante

Sat May 27th 8:30am - Mr. and Mrs. Felix's Family; Continuous health for Anamay Raber; and Thanksgiving for Cecilio Santiago



OUR SICK:

Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Joan Plouffe, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Ursula Solomon, Holly MacInnis, Norma Diso, Jennifer Solomon, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Ecclejtton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Natty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Jean Schofield, Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Duverney Family, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kissoon.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH ANNUAL LIVING ROSARY SUNDAY, MAY 28TH @ 2:00PM

The St. Boniface 25th Annual Living Rosary will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2023 @2:00pm.

All ages are welcome. Please join us to thank & honour our Blessed Mother Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and unite in prayer. Assembly time will be in the church hall @ 1:00pm, followed by procession to the front of the church. (Refreshments will follow).



RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS



If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or are seeking information about the process, we welcome you. The R.C.I.A programme begins in the Fall and is facilitated by our Parish team and includes group meetings. New Catholics are welcomed into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. You are invited to discuss any questions or concerns you have by contacting the Parish office at 416- 261-5983.

SAINT BONIFACE FEAST PICNIC

Please join us on Sunday June 4th at 1pm (after the 12pm Mass) to celebrate the Feast of Saint Boniface. We'll have great food, games and other fun stuff. Tickets will be on sale at the back of the church after all Masses.



Come out and enjoy an afternoon with your parish community.

Why is Jesus' Ascension Into Heaven So Necessary?

It is true that Our Lord was "glorified" at the moment of His Resurrection. But in reciting these words of the Lord Jesus to Saint Mary Magdalene: "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", the Catechism of the Catholic Church points out: "This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the Risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension". In other words, as the Lord Jesus appears to His Apostles and disciples after His Resurrection, they experience Him in a risen and glorious state. In the Ascension and exaltation of the Lord Jesus in glory at the Father's right hand, the disciples are also able to experience Jesus' risen glory as one of triumph and exaltation.



On Saturday, May 13, 2023, Archbishop Francis Leo ordained seven transitional deacons with the Sacrament of Holy Orders as priests who will serve in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Please pray for all those who continue to serve and, in a special way, our newly ordained priests: Rev. Sávio Bruto da Costa, Rev. Sean Jacob, Rev. Mirko Ljuba, Rev. Carlos Marquez, Rev. Cole Powers, Rev. John Wang and Rev. Matthew Wang.

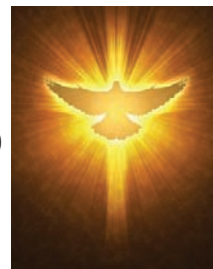
Let us also pray for those who are currently in formation to the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary and at the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

We give thanks to God for all those who have answered the call to serve the Church through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.

CONFIRMATION

Parents and Confirmation candidates are reminded that the Confirmation Masses will take place on the following dates:

**Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at 7:30 pm; and
Monday, June 5th, 2023 @ 7:30pm**



NOTE: Candidates and their sponsors are asked to arrive before 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall for a rehearsal and gown fitting.

2023 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2023 donation envelopes have been moved to the parish office. If you have not picked up your envelopes or if you would like to have envelopes, please call parish office at 416-261-5983.

Thank you for supporting our Parish.



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