

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year "C"
*Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.17-23;
 Luke 24.46-53*



Entrance Antiphon (Acts 1.11)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Sign-Up For Holy Doors of Mercy Pilgrimage Saturday, June 25th



To help deepen our faith during this Year of Mercy Holy Redeemer Parish will be going on a pilgrimage to St. Theresa's Shrine **Saturday, June 25th** followed by a reception here at Holy Redeemer in the parish hall.

Parking is limited at St. Theresa's so we will be travelling together by bus from Holy Redeemer. The bus will be at the church at 9:45 a.m. with a depart time of 10:00 a.m. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of the buses. The buses hold 46 people so it is important that we get numbers to ensure we have enough buses. There are sign-up sheets by the gift shop.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Cycle C

*John 17:20-26
 Jesus prays for his disciples.*

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples.

Several important themes appear in this prayer of Jesus. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

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Photo Directory

The Photo Directory has arrived. For those families who did not pick-up their copy last weekend please contact the office to make arrangements to get your copy.

The Pope's Pastoral Works

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a party of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid. ...The old question always returns: 'How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?' (1 Jn 3.17)." -Pope Francis



Sacramental Dates

Confirmation:

Rehearsal Grade 7 All Schools
7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 19th
 Sacrament Grade 7 All Schools
2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 21st



1st Communion:

Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 14th
 First Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 24th
 Sacrament of First Communion
1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 29th



May: Month of Our Lady

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard)

It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded



Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle May 14th

Mathias was one of the first to follow our Saviour; and he was an eye-witness of all His divine actions up to the very day of the Ascension. He was one of the seventy-two disciples; but our Lord had not conferred upon him the dignity of an apostle. And yet, he was to have this great glory, for it was of him that David spoke, when he prophesied that another should take the bishopric left vacant by the apostasy of Judas the traitor. In the interval



between Jesus' Ascension and the descent of the Holy Ghost, the apostolic college had to complete the mystic number fixed by our Lord Himself, so that there might be the twelve on that solemn day, when the Church, filled with the Holy Ghost,

was to manifest herself to the Synagogue. The lot fell on Mathias; he shared with his brother-apostles the persecution in Jerusalem, and, when the time came for the ambassadors of Christ to separate, he set out for the countries allotted to him. Tradition tells us that these were Cappadocia and the provinces bordering on the Caspian Sea.

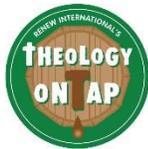
MY Unique Personal Vocation

with Patricia Murphy, Assistant Professor, Moral Theology, St. Augustine's Seminary

Monday, May 16th @ 7 p.m.

Boston Pizza, 400 Progress Avenue in Scarborough

Theology on Tap offers young adults ages 19-39 the opportunity to gather together for evenings of thought-provoking theological discussions and presentations in a comfortable and relaxed setting. For more information, contact Sarah Rodrigues at the Office of Catholic Youth, 416-599-7676 or srodrigues@archtoronto.org



Happy Mother's Day

She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her. *Pro 31.27-28*

Knights Korner Council 11729



May will continue to be another busy month for our Council. At our general meeting last Thursday we added another member as Paul Cane finished his first degree. As well, our election process began and will finalize at our June meeting. In addition, we attended the Durham Catholic Separate School dinner as part of Education Week and Alexander Harold was recognized as a distinguished alumni.

This coming Thursday we will support the "Pro-Life" bus to Ottawa and on May 15th, there will be a third degree ceremony for those who need it in Oshawa.

As well, on Wednesday, May 25th, we will be totally involved in the blessing by Bishop Nguyen and Father Colman of our new Father Fénelon school. Lastly, May 29th is the fifth Sunday of the month and we invite everyone to celebrate the rosary with us at 8:30 a.m., prior to the 9:00 a.m. mass. This is an appropriate way to end the month of May, a time dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Why not join us?

Walter Heeney
Grand Knight

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide

It's Time To Act!

On April 14, 2016, the federal government introduced Bill C-14 - legislation that, if passed, will amend the criminal code to make euthanasia/assisted suicide legal in Canada. Thousands of Canadians have contacted their elected officials, respectfully expressing their concerns. We still need your help. Visit CanadiansforConscience.ca to urge



elected representatives to protect health care workers and institutions from having to provide or refer for euthanasia/assisted suicide. We are also asking Members of Parliament to expand palliative care & support for the vulnerable. Thank you for your ongoing support!