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Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday Deacons Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



# May 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord

Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.



But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. "While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'" In other words, "Don't just stand there, do something!"

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles "to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth," not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

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# Parish Calendar

### Monday, May 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Carmel Dube †
Donna Taylor †

## Tuesday, May 23

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle† Mary & Alfred Potrecz†

# Wednesday, May 24

**8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -** Michael Koch† Gabriel Montesi†|Diane McMahon†

Thursday, May 25 - No Mass

## Friday, May 26

**8:30 a.m. (Livestream ) -** Souls in Purgatory † Special Intentions

## Saturday, May 27

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Carolyn Jedlinski † Donna Taylor † | Pierette & Georges Cote †

# Sunday, May 28

9:00 a.m. - Elaine Flynn † | Vincent Dugo † Deceased members of the Dickson Family † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

# Offerings for April

Envelopes	\$ 17,649.91
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	9,793.75
Canada Helps	1,410.45
Interac e-Transfer	4,935.00
Renovations & Repairs	2,925.00
Good Friday	4,782.15
Easter	7,845.00

Total \$ 49,341.26

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish

# **Are You Being Called?**

"And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.





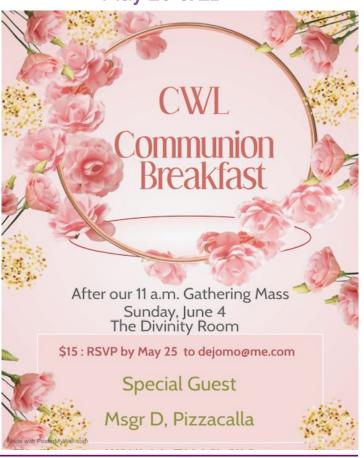
Love is Kind."

# CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



# Catholic Women's League Corner: May 20 & 21

- \* Abundant thanks to all who so generously supported our Mother's Day Extravaganza. The donations of baked goods, gift baskets and tulips were amazing and the buzz of purchases and draw entries made the Divinity Room come alive.
- Please see our white board for a list of our generous donors and our lucky winners.
- Prayer Shawl gathering: May 24 at 2pm in the Divinity Room. All are welcome to join us.
- \* Executive meeting: May 24 at 6:30 pm.
- Funeral Committee meeting: May 25 at 11 am in the Divinity Room.
- \* Communion Breakfast all ladies of the parish are invited. Buffet breakfast includes: quiche, sausage, eggs, bacon, pastries. Please submit payment to the office in a clearly labelled envelope by May 25.



# Tour the Catholic and Cultural Heritage Sites of Northern Iberia and Southern France

Fr. Peter Rowe and Ineke Brinkman invite <u>you</u> to be our travelling companion(s) on pilgrimage in <u>2023</u> (the dates: September 9-22)! Included in the itinerary are Fátima and Lourdes, Porto and Braga, Vila Real and Bragança, León and Oviedo, Covadonga Shrine and Altamira Cave, Bilbao and Pamplona, Loyola and Javier, Andorra and the Pyrenées, Montserrat and Manresa, and Gaudí's Barcelona.

Package price, with flights (Air Transat), is \$4,850 per person based on double occupancy (\$1,100 single supplement). To reserve your space, call Ineke (905-684-0888, extension# 1415) or email lineke.brinkman@visiontravel.cal.





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Introduction to Contemplative Prayer Workshop

Sponsored by Contemplative Prayer Niagara

Saturday July 29th, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Monastery of Mount Carmel 7020 STANLEY AVE NIAGARA FALLS ON 12G 787

Come and learn to pray in silence in the tradition of St. John of the Cross and Father Thomas Keating

Cost: CAN\$55 Includes Lunch

Registration: Step 1: e-Transfer to bcoleman@bell.net
Or: Mail a cheque payable to Lorraine Urquhart
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Step 2: Send an email to lurquhart2208@gmail.com Confirm your name and any dietary concerns.



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  - 5. Contacts email address
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