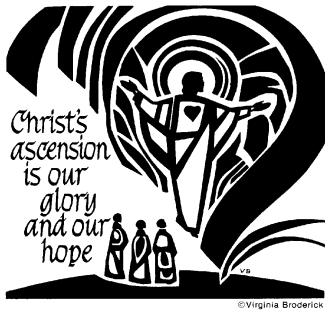


ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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By Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M

A really good storyteller will never tell a story quite the same way twice. Luke is a great storyteller: Today we hear his two versions of the Ascension of Jesus, one from Luke's Gospel, the other from his Acts of the Apostles. As you might expect, the two accounts have some differences. For example, the Gospel's story of the Ascension takes place on Easter night, while in Acts, it is situated 40 days later. This and other differences remind us that these accounts are not strict history, but rather written to teach a spiritual point. Luke locates both accounts in Jerusalem, where Jesus has won victory in his death and resurrection. From there, the Church will spread to the whole world. The Gospel version evokes the past: We hear Jesus explain how it was prophesied that he would suffer. In Acts, his words point to the future, to the commissioning of his apostles as witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit they will soon receive. We're fortunate to have both versions of this special moment in the life of the Church. We need to remember how the story of Jesus fulfills God's plan and promises of old. We must also be challenged to witness to Christ, empowered by his Holy Spirit.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday, May 17 th	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Vince Bonneau ++++++ Beverley and Foch Healy
Tuesday, May 18 th	Prescott	NO MASS - ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT	
Wednesday, May 19 th	Prescott		
Thursday, May 20 th	Prescott		
Friday, May 21 st	Prescott	7:00 P.M.	Pat and Eileen Lacey ++++++ Carmel and Tom Glynn
Saturday, May 22 nd	Prescott	5:15 P.M.	James Hughes ++++++ Pat, Erin and Shannon Warren
Sunday, May 23 th	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Intentions of St. Mark and Sacred Heart Parishioners
	Prescott	11:00 A.M.	Eric Latimer ++++++ Ida May and Joe Doyle

Sunday Offertory : May 9, 2010 - St. Mark - \$1,712.00 Sacred Heart - \$488.60

Thank you for your generosity.



PARISH MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR MASSES ON May 22ND & 23RD (4TH Sunday)

MASS	USHERS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	GIFT BEARERS
May 22 nd - 5:15 p.m. - St. Mark	Norm Fortier, Pat Warren, Anelie Norton	Maria Iligan	Bev Currier, Sharon Schoemaker	Laura Lee Scott and Family
May 23 rd - 9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart	<i>To be determined on Sunday</i>	Cathy / Lindsay MacPherson	Jason Edge, Joan Toupin (C)	<i>To be determined on Sunday</i>
May 23 rd - 11:00 a.m. - St. Mark	Tom Campbell, Paul Girard, <i>Need Volunteers</i>	Patsy Gillis	Micheline Cook, Rosita MacDonald, Tony Jozefowicz (C)	Currier - Goodberry Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - PENTECOST - SUNDAY, MAY 23RD - SHANNON JONES				

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS - We are now receiving donations for this collection. It will remain open until **Sunday, June 6th**. Donations received after this date will be considered individual Parish donations. Please make cheques payable in the name of your Parish. This collection is used by the Vatican to support areas in the world which have suffered natural disasters. **Please be generous.**

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT - The regular Bulletin editor will return after this weekend. Please send bulletin submissions to **Bernie Currier** at **613-925-4060** or **covsky@xplornet.com**.

PLEASE NOTE: REGULAR GIFT BEARERS - have resumed their duties beginning **this weekend, May 15th and 16th**. The First Communion Candidates have completed their duties. We thank everyone for their indulgence and contribution to the Church community.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Monday, May 17th** at **7:30 p.m.** in **St. Mark Parish Centre (Upstairs)**. All Sir Knights are invited to attend this meeting.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 19th** at **7:00 p.m.** in *St. Mark Club*. **(Please note the change in time)** There will be a Crowning of Mary, and a birthright baby shower. We are also accepting donations for our 3 theme gift baskets: gardening, kitchen and bath/spa. Everyone is welcome.

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FOODLESS BAKE SALE - C.W.L. members at **Sacred Heart Parish** are inserting special envelopes in the *Parish Bulletin* at that Church. You are asked to place a donation in these envelopes equivalent to what it would cost to make a pie, cookies, cake or any bakery item. You may place your envelope in the **collection basket** until **Sunday, May 30th**. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Women's League and their projects.

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PERENNIAL PLANT SALE/ORDERS FOR FALL BULBS - **Saturday, May 22nd** from **8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the *St. Mark Church* parking lot. We are in need of plants to be donated and delivered **Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** or prior to the sale on Saturday morning. If you require items to be picked up, please call 613-925-5601. Proceeds will benefit Community agencies and school bursaries. Those wishing to plan ahead can also order Fall bulbs at the Sale.

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STRAWBERRY SOCIAL - The C.W.L. will be hosting a Strawberry Social on **Sunday, June 13th**. Tickets will be on sale beginning **next weekend May 22nd / 23rd**. We hope you will join us for some faith, fun & friendship.

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ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT - This week all priests of the Archdiocese will be away for the annual Retreat to be held as usual at the Opinicon in Chaffey's Locks (613-359-5233). It is a time of spiritual renewal and mutual encouragement. It always begins with the Monday evening Supper, honouring all the priests who celebrate anniversaries this year, and will end on Friday morning. Due to the absence of **Father Appelman**, there will not be any Eucharistic Celebrations from Tuesday through Thursday. The Eucharist will be celebrated in Prescott on Friday evening. *You are kindly asked to remember all our priests in your prayers.*

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PLASTIC MILK BAGS - The *Helping Hands* group would like to thank all those who have donated bags for the purpose of making mattresses for Africa. They will now stop receiving bags after **next weekend** and begin again on **October 1st**.

For several years now we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord on a Sunday, to make sure all people can attend the Mass. But the real day was last Thursday, namely 40 days after Easter. In the Breviary I say the day's prayers on the actual day. The day is also one of the list of ten official days of Obligation, from which the national conference of Bishops can choose the ones that are perhaps the most meaningful to the country. In Canada the actual day is not of obligation.

We know the Gospel story of the Resurrection, and also that after Forty Days the Lord Jesus ascended into Heaven: "And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place". The ascension of Our Lord is not only his departure from our visible world, but it is very specially also the great day of "Honour and Glorification" of our Lord; humanly speaking we might say it was his graduation day and his return to his Father after his "Mission Accomplished". It is indeed a day of great rejoicing as we honour and thank Our Lord for his birth and life and teaching and death and resurrection among us. And now as we say so clearly every Sunday in the Creed: "He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead". And not only his coming as judge, but also he is still our priest, our advocate, as we say in the preface of the day's Mass. He is our great and powerful intercessor before the Father for all of us, in all our prayers, all our needs and loving relationships with our heavenly Father.

At the same time we are reminded of our own life and "graduation", yes, we are all on our way to heaven, our final goal; it is not just that we "live and die", but that we "die and live". At the funeral Mass we always pray that inspiring preface: "by our death life is changed, not ended, and when the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven". Do we really live with this in mind, today too! We sometimes hear it said: "Heaven is great, but not yet, Lord". And what will heaven be like? So much has been said, or so many human ways of speaking about heaven have been filling our minds and hearts: Will I see my parents and dear ones, will I have to sing for all eternity (I can't even sing a note!); and will all this be enjoyed for ever and ever without end? Recently I read a most beautiful chapter in one of the books of Father Frederick Faber about Heaven; just a few lines: "It will be a life of inability to sin....there will be no more possible discomforts of conscience; it will be the joy of our life...it will be a life of endless spiritual sweetness... a life of spiritual sweetness far beyond what the highest saints have ever experienced on earth....there are the pleasures of sense. Who can tell the powers of enjoyment which there will be in the glorified bodies of the just raised up in the likeness of Jesus!"

To all of you holy and blessed Ascension Day and the best of joy on your own way to this most definite day of your "Graduation".

In memory of my own dear parents, who died 30 and 25 years ago in Holland I planted here in our St. Mark Cemetery, along the side, a Crimson King Maple Tree, one of my favorites. I would love to see it grown tall after 25 years!

Father J. Appelman, M. H. M., Pastor



MILL HILL FATHERS - While we pray for our own Diocesan priests, we do not forget the many missionary Orders of priests, one of which is the *Mill Hill Fathers*. This week there will be the six- yearly event of the General Chapter, that is a general council and decision making for the Order with new elections and studying where the Order is going from now on. The Chapter will take place in Kuching,

Sarawak, (Borneo), the region where there are still a number of Mill Hill priests and brothers. Important decisions will have to be made by the delegates from the various regions. You are asked to include this special Chapter in your prayers in the coming weeks.

ST. LAWRENCE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL - is in need of some new billets for actors performing in this summer's festival. If you have a spare room or basement suite that you would be willing to open up for 10 weeks, please call the Festival Office at 613-925-5788.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MEETING - Just a reminder that we will be holding our monthly Youth Meeting this **Sunday evening, May 16th** at Tony and Diane's place (101 Sophia St. Prescott, 925-5133). Dinner starts at **6:00 p.m.** and meeting will finish by **8:00 p.m.**. Just bring yourself and a friend - everything else will be provided. We will continue with our series "Theology of the Body for Teens" (Discovering God's Plan for Love and Life).

JOURNEY TO THE FATHER - It is time to start thinking about Journey to the Father 2010, which will be held from **July 16th to 18th**. Once again, St. Mark Youth will be joining the St. John Bosco group to attend this 11th Annual Youth Conference at St. Raphael's. This weekend conference is an adventure in the Catholic faith, with great music, talks, Eucharistic Celebrations and social time for a group of 500 high school age teens from across the province.

For a Registration/Liability Release Form, please contact **Tony or Diane Jozefowicz at 613-925-5133** or visit www.journeytothefather.ca. The \$150.00 registration fee includes transportation to and from event, meals for the entire weekend, accommodations, ice breaker pizza party and T-shirt. Please return Registration/Liability Release Form to Tony or Diane with payment payable to St. Mark Youth by **Sunday, May 23rd**. Don't miss out – Register early - Space is limited!!



PRESCOTT BICENTENNIAL CHOIR - will host a concert this **Sunday, May 16th** at **St. Andrew Presbyterian Church** beginning at **7:00 p.m.**. Some members of our Parish Choir are participating.

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN, THE OCEAN STAR

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.

Mother of Christ, O Star of the sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.

Virgin most pure, O star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

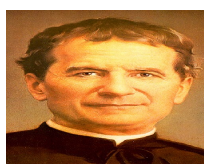
And while to Him Who reigns above
In Godhead one, in Persons three,
The Source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee:

Do thou, bright Queen, O star of the sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS
(attributed to St. John Bosco)

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian,
how sweet it is to come to your feet
imploing your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?
Grant then to me, I implore you,
your perpetual help in all my necessities,
in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.
I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.
Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the
religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,
that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally
thank you in heaven.



St. John Bosco was a dedicated priest who took on blood-thirsty revolutionaries, the Italian government and his own Archbishop in his quest to rescue the homeless children of Turin. His lifelong effort to save the children of the street became the foundation of the Salesians, one of the largest child care networks in the world.

SOME HUMOUR

The old time Pastor was galloping down the road, rushing to get to church on time. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, the Pastor called out, "All you saints in heaven help me get up on my horse!" Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horses back and fell off the other side. Once again on the ground, he called to heaven, "All right, just half of you this time!"