

# LONDON EAST CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA - ST. MARY - ST. PATRICK

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# The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

# Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.17-23; Mark 16.15-20

Today, on the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we are offered a Word of Salvation unlike any we could have imagined. The Lord Jesus has not only risen, defeating death and sin, but has also been taken up into the glory of God! Thus, the path back to the Father, the path we had lost and that was opened to us in the mystery of Christmas, has been irrevocably offered to us today, after Christ fully gave Himself to the Father on the Cross.

Offered? Yes, offered. For the Lord Jesus Christ, before being taken up to Heaven, sent His beloved disciples, the Apostles, to invite all men to believe in Him, to reach where He is. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:15-16).

This salvation that is given to us ultimately consists of living the very life of God, as the Gospel according to Saint John tells us: "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ" (Jn 17:3).

But what is given out of love must be accepted in love to be received as a gift. Jesus Christ, whom we have never seen, wants us to offer Him our love through our faith, which we receive by listening to the word of His ministers, whom we can indeed see and listen to. "We believe in Jesus whom we have not seen: they announced Him, that saw, that handled, that heard the word out of His own mouth... And faithful is He that promised; He deceives not you: only do not faint, but wait for the promise... Keep the faith, and He keeps His promise" (Saint Augustine). If faith is an offering of love to Jesus Christ, preserving and growing it increases charity within us.

Let us, therefore, offer our faith to the Lord!

### SUNDAY MASSES SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl) 5:00 pm - St. Mary (En) 5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00 am - OLC (En) 10:00 am - OLC (Pl) 10:00 am - St. Mary (It) 10:00 am - St Patrick (En 12:00 pm - St. Mary (En) 12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

#### **MONDAY**

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

#### **TUESDAY**

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl) 7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

# WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En) 7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

#### **THURSDAY**

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En) 7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

#### **FRIDAY**

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl) 7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

#### **SATURDAY**

9:00AM - OLC (PL) 1st Saturday of the month

# CONFESSIONS OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

1 hr before weekly Masses Saturday at 4:00 pm

#### ST. MARY

30 min. before Masses Saturdays at 4:00 pm

#### ST PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm Saturday at 4:00 pm

# MASS INTENTIONS, May 13 to 19, 2024

**TUESDAY, MAY 14** 

St. Matthias, Apostle

7:00pm

Special intention known to God alone

† Gaspara Salarma † Gordon Mandfor

† Gaspare Salerno; † Gordon Mandford

† Fr. Jerzy Witek

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 (Our Lady of Fatima)

9:00am † Chuck, Marie, Beverly Bourgeois

† Hildy Wrzykowski; †Jen Winch

**THURSDAY, MAY 16** 

9:00am † Pranas, Eugenije Lesevicia

† John Maguire

SATURDAY, MAY 18 (PENTECOST)

5:00pm Intention of Parishioners of St. Patrick

**SUNDAY, MAY 19** 

(PENTECOST)

10:00am Intention of Parishioners of St. Patrick

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **OUR LADY OF FATIMA - May 13**

This title - Our Lady of Fatima was given Blessed Virgin Mary after she appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. The three messages or "secrets" of Fatima stress the importance of repentance, conversion of heart, and dedication to our Lady, especially through daily prayer of Rosary. There are many pilgrimages to Fatima where lives are touched, prayers are answered and mystery is embraced! How many times is the Rosary prayed around the world each and every day? We can never fully comprehend the ways of God or the heart of God. We do know that our God is there for us and Mary continues to intercede for us in prayer, carrying humanity in her heart.

# **CANADA HEALTH DAY- May 12**

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and nurturing the whole earth.

# ST. PETER'S SEMINARY - Parish Appeal

I ask you, as stewards of St. Peter's Seminary, to be as generous to this Appeal as your circumstances allow, as you have in past years. Our Diocese is very instrumental by forming Priests who are ministering here in our Diocese and in the Dioceses across Canada. Brochures for the appeal are at the back of the church.

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GABRIEL

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather that we are having and as I am hearing, many people are planning vacations, holidays or just slowing down.

The Easter Season is coming to an end. This Sunday we are celebrating the <u>Ascension of our Lord</u> - it completes what the Incarnation began. Christ came down from Heaven and now He returns to his Father. Next Sunday we are celebrating the birthday of the Church with the Feast of Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit. "Come Holy Spirit and renew the hearts of your faithful". Now we must carry on the Mission of Christ and the Mission of the Church.

## **MOTHER'S DAY - May 12**

We are honoring our Mothers today - let us remember them in our prayers: "Holy God you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in their work for their families". **Happy Mother's Day!** 

# **NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK-May 13-19**

The Church in Canada has set aside one week to celebrate Life and Family. This annual event gives time to reflect on the importance of the family and gives us an opportunity to renew our Christian commitment to uphold dignity of human life of every stage of development. This year's National Family & Life Week, the theme is: "Love Hopes all Things" (1 Corinthians 13)

# **CWL NEWS & REMINDERS**

The **High Tea** committee thanks everyone for the support that made our Saturday Afternoon High Tea a great success. Everyone had a great time. It was wonderful to see all the enthusiasm for the event as well as the fancy hats worn with pride.

CWL May General Meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Thursday, May 16 beginning at 1:00pm. We will have a post tea party review. The agenda will include information about the summer CWL Day at the Shrine, and future business. Don't forget, bring your packaged cookies for Project Hope - helping those who help others. Bring your own lunch and you can socialize from 12 to 1:00pm with your CWL friends. All women are welcome to come and find out about the objectives of the Catholic Women League.

# **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, to conclude the Year of Prayer for Vocation to the Priesthood there will be a **Holy Hour at St. Peter's Cathedral** in London from 12:30 to 1:30pm. All are welcome!

# ST. PATRICK - FINANCIAL REPORT - 2023

We would like to thank everyone for all the financial contributions to St. Patrick's Church. The financial report for the year 2023 can be found on our website.