

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

The reading from Acts speaks of the ascension of Jesus. It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of His Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through His followers. The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading – God has glorified Jesus, raising Him above all earthly powers, and making Him head of the Church and Lord of creation. The Gospel Reading consists of the end of St. Luke’s Gospel. It contains Luke’s first account of the Ascension, which is here presented as occurring on Easter Sunday. The risen Lord shows the Apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and rise again. Jesus also gives them a mission (the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins) and promises to send the Holy Spirit to them. They return in joy to Jerusalem to await the Spirit. In his Gospel St. Luke has shown that “the time of Isreal” has yielded to “the time of Christ”. Now, “the time of Christ” is to yield to “the time of the Church”. The word of salvation will go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. He will tell us about that in his second book, Acts of the Apostles. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus’ life and the start of the Church’s mission.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Sts. Marcellinus &amp; Peter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St. Charles Lwanga &amp; companions</i>	9 am	+ <i>Patrick Hartman</i>	By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Wednesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Jim Bauer</i> + <i>Wayne Vollmer</i> (Linwood)	By Peter & Ornella Miller + family By Donna & family
Thursday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Boniface</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Yesid &amp; Maria Bernal &amp; family</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Norbert</i>	9 am	+ <i>Debbie Wood</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Saturday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Elgin Vollmer</i> + <i>Wayne Vollmer</i>	By the Family By Todd & Sarah Holyoak
Sunday, June 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Pentecost</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#77) – Although the Eucharist and baptism were accorded special importance, other rites of the Church were also considered sacraments instituted by Christ. By the Middle Ages seven sacraments were officially listed. Of these none underwent as much as the sacrament of penance. Its earliest form is obscure. There even seems to have been a reluctance on the part of the first

Christians to entertain the idea that a person once converted to Christ could sin and be forgiven again. The Shepherd Hermas (c. 150) speaks as though a second remission of sins was unthinkable. But the Church soon had to reckon with the sad fact that many did fall into sin even after baptism.

PARISH PICNIC– Please mark your calendars for our Church picnic, Sunday, June 22 from 12:00 - 2:30 pm at the church, rain or shine. Hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee, tea and water will be provided by the Christian Mothers. We are asking people to bring your favourite salad or dessert and a lawn chair. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please help us gauge our numbers by signing up by June 15. We are in need of two barbecues! Please reach out to Sheryl Runstedler if you have a bbq you could lend out for the day. There will be games and prizes for all ages. Please welcome your friends and families to join us for food, fun and fellowship. God bless.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – The retreat for those in the confirmation preparation class is this Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4:30pm in the parish hall. Please join us in praying for all the students who will be celebrating their Confirmation next week.

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH MEETING – Please join us on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in St. Mary’s parish hall for a meeting regarding the churches of St. Mary and St. Joseph.

KW-RTL FISH DINNER – KW Right-to-Life is holding a fish dinner fundraiser for the CAUGHT foundation, a Canadian not-for-profit created by former law enforcement, military, and intelligence professionals to address human-trafficking and child exploitation. Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn Pl., Waterloo. Call 519.746.5433 or email [kwrtlif@gmail.com](mailto:kwrtlif@gmail.com) for reservations.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN JUNE – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Sunil D’Souza, OCD, Christopher Tracey, Barnabite Fathers. CRSP, Rev. Edward Henhoeffler, Catholic Youth, & Rev. Roque Concepcion.

VOCATION SEEDS – The Lord said, “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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