

# The Ascension of the Lord

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

## Mass Intentions

✠ May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

**Monday**.....**NO MASS**..... **May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday**..... **May 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ For Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Anne Marie Smyth)  
✠ Henry & Sharon Braun (by Family)

**Wednesday**..... **May 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **For the Special Intention of Fr. Stephen Bruzzese**  
(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)  
✠ Joe Luciani (by Denis Luciani)

**Thursday**.....**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **For the 100 Anniversary of The Catholic Women's League**  
♥ **For the Special Intention of Fr. Daniel Corso**  
(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

**Friday**.....**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **For the Special Intention of Fr. Ronald Angervil**  
(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)  
✠ Angelo Albanese (by Vince Addario)

**Saturday**.....**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00am ✠ Abramo Gazzola (by Jean & Gerard Parent)  
✠ Kevin McNamara (by Anne Mary Smyth)  
5:00pm ✠ Joseph Luciani (by Family)  
✠ Tim Sinnett by John & Rita O'Brien  
✠ Paul McArdle (by John & Rita O'Brien)  
✠ Vincenzo & Teresina Ricciuto  
(by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)  
✠ Constantino Afonso (by Family)  
✠ Michael & Mary-Ellen McDonald (by Family)  
✠ Sandarsh Krishna

**Sunday**.....**Pentecost Sunday**..... **May 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ ✠ The People of Holy Rosary Parish  
9:30 am ✠ Giuseppe Marcone (by Maria Marcone)  
✠ Grace Saltarelli (by Albert Saltarelli)  
11:00 am ♥ **For the Special Intention of Fr. Benjamin Weber**  
(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)  
✠ Luisa Minicucci (by Norma & Carmine)

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Sandarsh Krishna*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

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## Pope s' Prayer Intention for the Month of May

### THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD:

*Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.*

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**Special collection:** Pope's Pastoral Works – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Happy 100 Anniversary to  
The Catholic Women's  
League

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## EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines**. For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at [corso.danielanthony@gmail.com](mailto:corso.danielanthony@gmail.com) or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya)

## Hearts On Fire Annual Appeal

The Hearts on Fire annual appeal supports the development of new ministries across the Diocese of St. Catharines. All donations are tax deductible

📖 **EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY**  
Developing programs that empower parishioners to share their personal journeys of faith with others.

📖 **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**  
Reaching more young people through events, programs, and outreach that help build lifelong faith.

**Envelopes are in the back of the Church. Please, be generous. Thank you!**

## LATIN MASS

Our Parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, will celebrate **the Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, with Latin Mass on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 pm. All are Welcome!**

## Weekly Offering

**10-May-26**

Offertory: Regular & Initial	3,347.25
Online Offertory	1,114.30
E-Transfer Offertory	170.00
Church Base + <b>1st Communion: \$400-</b>	1,504.70
Pope's Pastoral ork	10.00
Bishop Appeal	425.00
Church Maintenance	20.00
St. Anthony of Padua	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,651.25</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of May 3rd, 2026	\$169,946.30	-	\$169,946.30
New Donations: May 10th, 2026	-	-	169,946.30
2nd Collect May 10th, 2026	1,064.70	-	171,011.00
First Communion - May 9th & 10th, 2026	440.00		171,451.00
Incurred Expenses as of April 26th, 2026	-	333,281.49	-161,830.49

**WELCOME SUNDAY:** Today, following all Masses, parishioners are invited to enjoy some refreshments and a time of fellowship at the Parish Hall.

## The Ascension, In the Words of the Church Fathers

‘Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love. He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven.’

-St. Augustine

‘At Easter, beloved brethren, it was the Lord's resurrection which was the cause of our joy; our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of an-gels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. It is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from men's sight of everything that is rightly felt to command their reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold.

For such is the power of great minds, such the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight. Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible.

And so our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord's ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit; it would remain unshaken by fetters and imprisonment, exile and hunger, fire and ravaging beasts, and the most refined tortures ever devised by brutal persecutors. Throughout the world women no less than men, tender girls as well as boys, have given their life's blood in the struggle for this faith. It is a faith that has driven out devils, healed the sick and raised the dead.

Even the blessed apostles, though they had been strengthened by so many miracles and instructed by so much teaching, took fright at the cruel suffering of the Lord's passion and could not accept his resurrection without hesitation. Yet they made such progress through his ascension that they now found joy in what had terrified them before. They were able to fix their minds on Christ's divinity as he sat at the right hand of his Father, since what was presented to their bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that *he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven.*

The truth is that the Son of Man was revealed as Son of God in a more perfect and transcendent way once he had entered into his Father's glory; he now began to be indescribably more present in his divinity to those from whom he was further removed in his humanity.’

-St. Leo the Great

God love you,

*Father Daniel*

## THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us seek Her intercession for our parish, our families and our diocese by promoting a sincere devotion to her as Mother of God and model of Christians.

*Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Living God, pray for us!*

## LEGACY ROSARY:

Parishioners are invited to look at the presentation at the back of the church, which shows the Rosary Beads that will encircle the Basement Hall. The Rosary beads (Plaques) can be dedicated in memory of a loved ones. Look at the chart and pick your bead for your loved ones. Make your loved ones legacy memorable!

*A tax receipt will be issued for the amount donated.*

## The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed,  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen, Alleluia.

➤ We welcome, with great joy, our newly baptized, **Beckham William Swatton and Sofia Lida Swatton**, who joined our Parish family. May God bless these new members and their families as they live as followers of Jesus Christ.

## Confirmation

<b>Confirmation Rehearsal:</b>	Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2026 at 7:00pm
<b>Celebration of Confirmation:</b>	Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2026 at 7:00pm

**WELCOME!** We welcome Bishop Gerard Bergie to our Parish on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep our Parish youth in your prayers.

## REMINDER:

**The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for Victoria Day.**

