



Ascension of the Lord May 15th & 16th, 2021

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LIVE STREAMED MASS INTENTIONS—May 16th -26th, 2021

Sun. May 9 10am Parishioners
Wed. May 12 9am Michael LeBlanc and Mass of thanksgiving
Sun. May 16 10am Parishioners
Wed. May 19 9am Johnnie O’Connell and Noreen & Kenneth Surette

Please note we will not be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

Please note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and on Sunday at 10:00 am. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at www.stambroseymouth.ca or go to our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57

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envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes.

REFLECTION: The Prayer of Jesus “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.” [John 17:11](#) John’s Gospel, Chapter 17, is referred to as Jesus’ High Priestly prayer. It’s a long and beautiful prayer that would be worth reading in its entirety for reflection.

Jesus begins by speaking to the Father that “the hour has come.” His hour of suffering and death is upon Him. But He sees it as an opportunity for His glorification. This is an important revelation within John’s Gospel and especially within this prayer. The Cross is horrible from a human perspective alone. But from the divine perspective or the will of the Father and the salvation of the world, it is glorious and the moment in which Jesus takes up His throne of the Cross. It is glorious because He perfectly fulfills the will of the Father through His freely embraced suffering.

From there, Jesus prays for the Apostles in particular. He prays for their mission so that they will have the grace they need to also embrace the will of the Father and continue the work of Jesus. He knows that it is only by embracing their crosses, in accord with the will of the Father, that they will be able to be glorified.

Lastly, Jesus prays for those who would come to faith through the ministry of the Apostles. In particular, He prays for their unity. The unity Jesus is speaking of is a oneness that comes as a result of being united with the Father in Heaven. It is this oneness that leads to glorification for all. And, once again, this oneness is achieved only by being in full union with the will of the Father.

Reflect, today, upon this beautiful prayer and as you do, allow the Lord to speak to you. Hear Him calling you to perfect fulfillment and glory. But know that this is achieved by the embrace of your “hour.” The Father is calling you to follow in the footsteps of His Son by laying down your life in perfect obedience to the Father’s will. Embracing this cross is the path to Heaven and Jesus’ prayer provides all the grace you need to say “Yes.”

Father in Heaven, I choose to embrace Your perfect and holy will in all things. I accept from You the invitation to embrace my crosses in life and to enter

into the hour to which You have called me. May I find true glory in this hour and may my life always give glory to You. Jesus, I trust in You. – My Catholic Life

PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR PROTECTION:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON: Pope Francis invites

Catholics around the world to take part in a global prayer initiative. The faithful are invited to pray the rosary every day in May to seek Mary’s intercession to end the global pandemic. Thirty Marian shrines from various parts of the world will host a livestreamed recitation of the rosary.

The prayer marathon takes on the theme: “The whole Church was fervently praying to God,” which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Attached you will find the outline of the liturgy being used as well as the list of participating Marian shrines. Also, the Vatican News will broadcast the recitation of the rosary at 6 PM Rome time (1:00pm Halifax time) from the various shrines taking part in the initiative. You can view this on the Vatican News YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7E-LYc1wivk33iyt5bR5zQ>

FOOD BANK: Even though we cannot hold our usual



food bank collection, we would like to remind parishioners that the food bank still needs our help. The weekend of June 5th and 6th would normally be a food bank collection time. Please consider making a donation during the next few weeks. The food bank is only collecting donations of money at this time. You can make a donation in one of the following ways:

1. You can place your donation in an envelope marked FOOD BANK and drop it off at the Parish Centre mail slot between the hours of 9:30 to 1:00.
2. You can mail your donation directly to the food bank treasurer, Art McPhee at 4624 Hwy 1, Woodvale NS, B5A 5B1.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: If one finds it very hard to



forgive injuries, let them look at a crucifix and think that Christ has shed all his blood for each of us, and not only forgave his enemies, but prayed the eternal Father to forgive them also. – St. Philip Neri

THE WORD AMONG US: The monthly missals have



arrived. If you wish to pick one up please call before hand so that we can be ready for you at the door of the parish centre. The cost is \$3.00 each.

SIANT QUOTES:

Try to keep your soul always in peace and quiet always ready for whatever the Lord may wish to work in you. It is certainly a higher virtue of the soul, and a greater grace, to be able to enjoy the Lord in different times and different places than only in one. ~ St. Ignatius

Mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking the time to frequently be alone with Him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything. ~St. Teresa of Avila