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**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 16, 2010**  
**MASS INTENTIONS MAY 15 – 23, 2010**

<b>5:00 pm Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>)</b>	+Helen McMullin req. Herb, Sandra & Shannon McMullin
<b>9:00 am Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>)</b>	+Helen McMullin req. Herb, Sandra & Shannon McMullin
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	<b>NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup></b>
9:15 am Tuesday (18 <sup>th</sup> )	+Peter & +Mary Olinyk req. Charlie & Lois Olinyk
<b><u>1:00 pm Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Mass at Sturgeon Creek I</u></b>
9:15 am Wednesday (19 <sup>th</sup> )	+Cordelia Sibrian req. Al & Ann McMurdie
9:15 am Thursday (20 <sup>th</sup> )	+Cordelia Sibrian req. Estelle & Gisele
<b><u>2:00 pm Thursday (20<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Mass at Heritage Lodge</u></b>
9:15 am Friday (21 <sup>st</sup> )	+Deceased Family & Friends req. Sue & René Gobeil
<b>5:00 pm Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	+Chris Zaharia req. Flora Zaharia & Family
<b>9:00 am Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	Special Intention req. Kitty Piper
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

<b>Catechism Sunday: May 16</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>(Last class prior to Summer)</b>
Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg.	Monday, May 17	7:00 pm	<b>Room 5 Please note change of meeting room</b>
Scripture Study Meeting:	Tuesday, May 18	10:00 am	Room 10
A.C.C. Board Annual Gen. Mtg.	Thursday, May 20	7:00 pm	Room 10

Father Gerald will be away the week of May 24-28 at the Diocesan Priests Study Days. There will be no morning Masses that week and no Tuesday morning Scripture Study meeting.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 16, 2010

**First Reading:** After Jesus spoke to His disciples of the gift of the Holy Spirit, He is taken up into the heavens. The disciples' vacant gaze is challenged by a proclamation of Jesus' imminent return. The Holy Spirit will be showered upon them in order to preach His Good News to the ends of the earth.

**Second Reading:** Paul proclaims to the Ephesians that God calls them to share in the sovereignty of Christ, whom God has established as the king of creation and head of the Church. The Resurrection of Christ reveals God's promise and power at work in those who believe. The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ are our hope of glory.

**Gospel:** At the centre of Luke's account of the Ascension, Jesus promises His followers an ongoing share in His mission. He promises the power of the Holy Spirit in their proclamation of repentance to the ends of the earth. In response, the disciples do not weep or despair, but they worship Him and rejoice as they return to Jerusalem to await the Holy Spirit's gift and the commencement of their mission. *(Sourcebook)*

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

We are about to enter the third stage of a four-stage Liturgical Renewal in the parish. As we recently offered the fourth presentation on the Rite of Dismissal, we will begin the third stage at Pentecost. With each stage comes some practical changes to the Liturgy. In the third stage, the most prominent change will take place in the Rite of Communion. Beginning with the long-weekend Masses on May 22 and 23, we will invite people to do two specific actions during the Communion Procession.

The first will be to offer a simple bow as a sign of reverence **prior to receiving** the Eucharist. Ideally, this is done when the person ahead of you is receiving the Eucharist. This gesture acknowledges your entrance into the place of communion. There is no need to bow again once you receive the Eucharist. This practice has been standardized in the Archdiocese with the Liturgical Renewal that was offered to the Archdiocese in 2007.

The second action of significance during the Communion Rite is that the posture of the assembly during the reception of Communion is **standing**. Ideally, from the time that the Presider receives until the last person has received the Eucharist, the assembly is invited to stand as one. It must be acknowledged that this posture is an invitation, if you are able. If you have health issues which impede you from standing throughout the Communion procession, you are permitted to sit. Once the procession is completed, and all have received the Eucharist, and as circumstances allow, the assembly may sit or kneel while the period of silence is observed.

(Please take note of the insert in this bulletin outlining the changes in posture and actions throughout the liturgy). *(Fr. Gerald)*

**Volunteers needed to clean the sacristy and worship area:** We need four or five people to join our group of committed parishioners who undertake this important service. Commitment consists of approximately two hours each week for one particular month. Usually the cleaning is done on Thursdays following the 9:15 am Mass but if this is not convenient, then it can be done at your convenience whenever the office/church is open. Please phone Kitty (832-7175) if you are willing to help out in this area.

**St. James-Assiniboia Catholic Women's League Potluck Windup** will take place here in our parish on **Monday, May 31** with gathering and refreshments at **5:30 pm** followed by dinner at **6:00 pm**. Please bring a **\$5.00 wrapped gift** for the bidding auction. Please come and join us as we fellowship with our sisters in the League.

**St. Charles Catholic School's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Robert Morrison Texas Scramble Golf Tournament**, Glendale Golf and Country Club; Tuesday, June 15; 11:00 am Lunch; 12 Noon Shotgun Start. \$150 per player or \$600 per team of four. To register please visit [www.stccs.ca](http://www.stccs.ca) or call Marcel Mollot 837-8073. Sponsorship opportunities available – prize donations gratefully accepted.

**Stewardship Reflection:** What a roller-coaster ride of emotion Jesus' disciples have been on. First, Jesus leaves them when He dies on the cross; then the joy of the Resurrection; today He leaves again, ascending into Heaven. Today though, they feel much differently than they did on Good Friday. They, and we, are not alone; Jesus is always with us. As we continue in our walk as disciples and stewards of God's many gifts, we pray that we may find confidence and courage in the promises of the Risen Christ. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

**Assiniboia Christian Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in Room 10. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.**

**Pre-authorized Debit (PAD):** Parishioners who support the parish by PAD contributions and wish to change the amount of their contribution, the form is available in the office.

**Pentecost 2010 "Let The Fire Fall"** – A weekend you will want to experience and will remember, **May 21-23**, St. Norbert Community Centre, 3450 Pembina Hwy. Experience dynamic presentations on: The Healing Ministry of Jesus Continues Today; Jesus our Rock and Anchor; Making His Path Straight; The Road to Glory; Set Ablaze by the Power of the Word; Gifted and Empowered. For more information and to register, contact CCRS of Manitoba at 895-7544 or email them at [CCRS@Catholicrenewalservices.com](mailto:CCRS@Catholicrenewalservices.com)

**Winnipeg Harvest Appeal:** Macaroni & Cheese Dinners.

**Spring Garage Sale** will again be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2400 Portage Ave., on Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, and on Sunday, May 23 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. All proceeds donated to *Development & Peace Organization*.

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Mary** will be held on **Sunday, May 30** at Holy Eucharist Parish, Watt & Munroe. Join us in our celebration of our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of walking and praying the Rosary. Registration 1:30 pm; Walk 2:00 pm; Devotion to Our Lady 4:00 pm with reception to follow at parish centre. This year's theme: *Walking and praying for our brothers and sisters of Haiti*. Proceeds in support of the Marian Hour, a daily Rosary Program on CKJS Radio Station 810. Pledge forms on south bulletin board. For more information call 669-3666 or 294-2276.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Ruth Kuch; Karen Kirkpatrick; Lloyd Moist; Bert Whitnack; Marlene Scheffler; Allan Egan; Eleanor Kapitany; Stella James; Dolores Mulaire; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan; Mike Falavena; Baby Andi Robertson; Livia Johnson; Jenö & Maria Farkas

*My heartfelt thanks to everyone for your prayers, kindness, warmth and caring ways during my husband Jack's illness and funeral, especially Father Gerald. You are all very special people. Thank you and God bless. (Angela Krassie)*

**Catholic Children's Camp 2010 – “Canadian and proud of it...”** A camp for children and youth (Grades K-10) that nurtures the development of Christian values. Grade levels indicated must be completed as of June 30, 2010:

July 4 - 11      Grades 6-10

July 11 - 19      Kindergarten-Grade 6 (overlap for grade 6)

Junior and Senior counsellor resumes and parent volunteers are most welcome. Applications are available on the south entrance bulletin board. For more information call 669-3666 or 294-2276.

During the month of May, **Assumption Catholic Cemetery** will be holding **Information Days** at the Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, 3990 Portage Ave., every **Tuesday afternoon** from 1 - 4 pm. Family Service Counsellor, Lorne Bound, will be present to provide information and answer questions. Please call 888-7557 for more information.

***Balanced on the Edge of a Razor:*** Thinking about assisted suicide – an evening with George Webster, June 3, 7:30 pm, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2400 Portage Ave. Coffee, tea and bannock will be provided. For more information, contact Micah House, 589-5393, or email: [sjustice@mts.net](mailto:sjustice@mts.net).