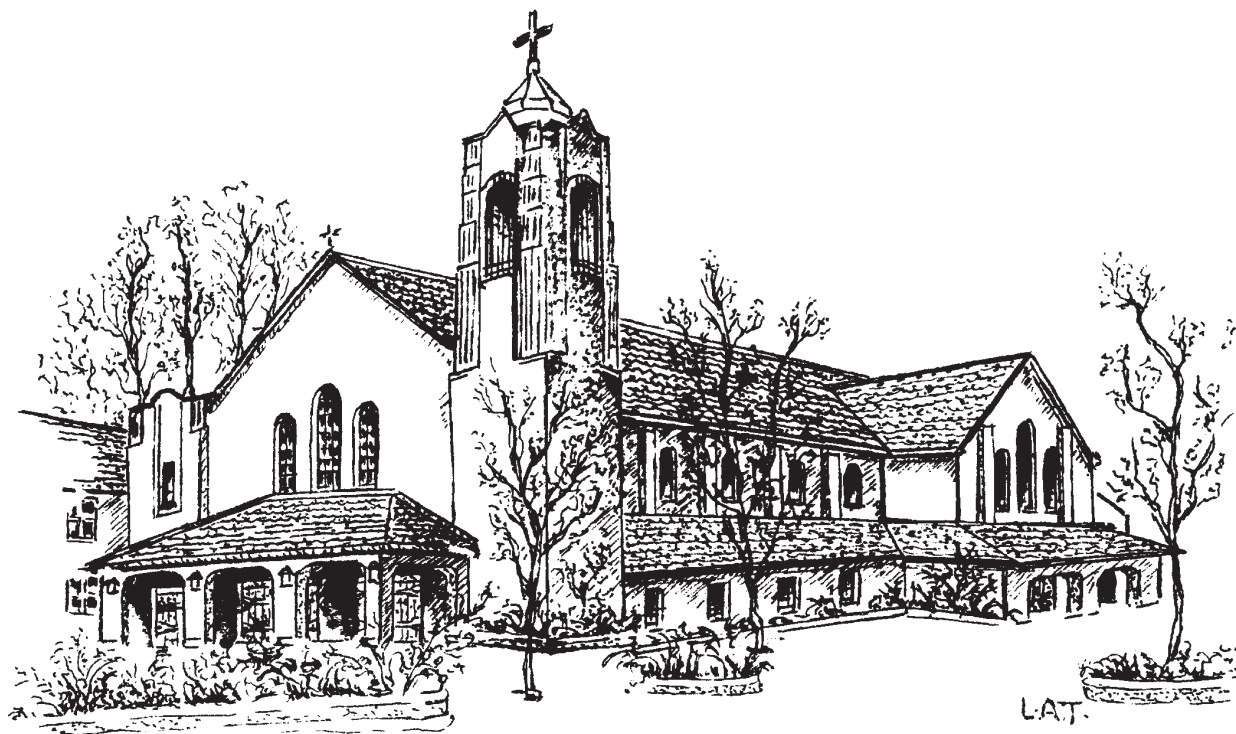


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## Parish Office Hours

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## Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Friday After Morning Mass until 9:15 a.m.

## Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

## Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually required.

## Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

## Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



From the desk of:

**FR. PAUL EDMONDSTONE**

We say goodbye to Mauricio this weekend as he leaves for his summer program. We thank him for his service to the parish and presence among us over the last number of months. We wish him well over the next weeks and months and as he returns to the Seminary in September for another year of studies. Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers as they discern God's call for them in their lives. Hopefully, we can have Mauricio back before he returns to the Seminary in late August so that we can properly thank him, and he can properly say goodbye. It will be a lonely rectory until Father John arrives at the end of June.

Our kitchen renovation is nearing completion. It should be done by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. It's looking good and I'm looking forward to having a kitchen again. Thanks to everyone who donated to the One Heart One Soul campaign for your generosity for making this project possible. A note about the secretary/bookkeeper position - we are beginning interviews this Wednesday so please keep those who are being interviewed and those of us who are interviewing them in your prayers.

This week, the March for Life took place in Ottawa, though largely virtually. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and assisted suicide in our country and that the dignity of life from conception until natural death may be upheld and promoted. We entrust this to the intercession of our Blessed Mother, who we honour in a particular way during this month of May. Thanks to David for making a shrine to our Lady, that can be seen during our livestream Masses.



Have a good week!  
Father Paul



### VOCATIONS

**Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem to wait to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2222. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)**

### Monday, May 17

8:00a.m. † Donna Hansen

### Tuesday, May 18

*St. John I, Pope*

8:00a.m. † Elva Godin

† Margaret Haley

† Leon & Rita Ducharme

† Mrs. Rose Rosario

### Wednesday, May 19

8:00a.m. † Eric LeRue

### Thursday, May 20

*St. Bernadine of Siena*

8:00a.m. Intentions of Christopher

### Friday, May 21

*St. Eugène de Mazenod &  
St. Christopher Magallanes*

8:00a.m. Esterina & Ilario Orsini

### Saturday, May 22

*St. Rita of Cascia*

*Saturday 9am Mass is not live streamed; however, these Mass intentions are offered at Mass each Saturday by Father Paul Edmondstone.*

9:00a.m. † Stan & Maria Filice

Mass in Honour of St. Rita

5:00p.m. † Catherine Cassidy

† Lea Adile

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

#### Week of the May 16, 2021

*This week we especially pray for:*

Monday	Rev. Rafal Tomon
Tuesday	Rev. David Mowat
Wednesday	Seminarians
Thursday	Rev. Florian Stasinski
Friday	Rev. Harry Reitzel
Saturday	Rev. Patrick McKelvie

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen



## DONATIONS TO ST. ANN PARISH

- ✚ Pre-Authorized Giving is a great way to provide your regular offering to our Parish. To register for EFT, call the Parish Office and we will email you the necessary forms.
- ✚ Drop off your envelope by putting it through the mail slot in the Parish Office door.
- ✚ You can make a donation online through the CanadaHelps site which can be reached by going to <http://www.canadahelps.ca/>
- ✚ You can also e-transfer donations through your Financial Institution using our email address [stannancaster@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stannancaster@hamiltondiocese.com). There is no need to use a password or phrase.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support! Without you we cannot be the amazing parish that we are.*

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension into heaven. He has completed his mission by fulfilling his father's will. So, as a good son, He has returned to render a full account of his work to his father.

As Christ's disciple, we rejoice because we celebrate the final victory of Jesus over Satan and this world. This is a sign of hope that we, too, shall overcome all the forces of sickness, poverty, humiliation, injustice, and oppression that try to subdue us in this world.

This is certain because the same Holy Spirit that raised and ascended Christ is with us (Rom 8, 11). Thus, Ascension reminds us that we are on a journey and that heaven is our final destination rather than this world.

In our first reading, Luke gives us a summary of the life of Jesus up to the point of his dramatic ascension into heaven. There are two messages of hope for us here. The first is the promise of the Holy Spirit: "...You will receive the Holy Spirit...and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

This means that Christ is not leaving us as orphans. Instead, he remains with us through the Holy Spirit "till the end of time." Therefore, the Ascension of Christ does not mean his absence from us. Rather it means his continuous presence through the Holy Spirit. The second is the promise of his second coming (Parousia). So, today we celebrate because Christ has gone to prepare a place for us in his kingdom. We also celebrate the hope that he shall return to take us to be with him one day.

However, it is important to note that while we wait and prepare for Christ to return, we are not supposed to remain idle. That is, we are not to continue gazing endlessly as the apostles did at the scene of the ascension. Instead, we are expected to live productive lives. We are expected to continue Christ's mission.

Both the second reading and the Gospel remind us of our missionary vocation. So, while we wait for the return of Christ, we have to make efforts to fulfill this call by living appropriately. Hence, Paul admonishes us: "Live a life worthy of the call you have received. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together."

Brethren, this is what we are supposed to be doing, rather than remain idle in the name of waiting for the Lord. The Lord must not meet us idle. We must have enough souls to present to him when he returns. So, rather than stand and gaze endlessly, we must embrace our calling with new zeal and hope.

Today's Gospel reminds us of the mandate of our Christian calling: "Go out into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation..." Christ himself evangelized through his words, works, sufferings, and complete offering of himself. Now he calls us to do the same because the same spirit that sustained and resurrected him is with us.

Indeed, we cannot afford to fail Christ in this call. So, as we rejoice today that Christ has ascended into heaven, we must work hard to fulfill his mandate to us in the hope of his second coming to take us with him. This is what will merit us to be eternally with him.

Finally, together with the psalmist, let us acclaim the Lord: "God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast." Alleluia, alleluia!

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