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An inviting faith community building up the Body of Christ

MAY 24 , 2020 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The 40th day of Easter commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven (Mk 16:19, Lk 24:51, Acts 1:2). Along with the Passion, Easter and Pentecost, the Ascension one of the great Christian feasts celebrated universally by East and West. It always falls on a Thursday and is usually a holy day of obligation. However, in Canada, as in many countries, the feast is moved to the following Sunday, replacing the 7th Sunday of Easter.

The Ascension is an ancient feast in the Church. St. Augustine (d. 430) said it had apostolic origins and spoke of it in a way that showed it had universal observance throughout the Church long before his time. We also find frequent mentions of it in the writings of St. John Chrysostom (d. 407), St. Gregory of Nyssa (d. 394), and in the *Apostolic Constitutions* (ca. 375).

Christ's Ascension is so important that it's one of the major events listed in the Creed: *He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father* (Nicene Creed). That's because to deny the Ascension would be a grave a departure from the truth and teaching of Jesus. That Jesus ascended into Heaven in the flesh is significant. It's tied to the Incarnation: Jesus was both fully human and fully divine; and it's tied to the Resurrection: Jesus was raised up in the flesh not merely in spirit. By ascending into His glory, Jesus Christ completes the Paschal Mystery and the work of our redemption.

His bodily Ascension also foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven after death, not simply as souls but with glorified bodies. In redeeming us, Jesus not only offers salvation to our souls but also to our bodies. His mission is to restore the whole material world (the Cosmos) to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. May the joy of Jesus' Ascension bring us hope and a longing for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

In this time of quarantine,
Fr. Roger will be celebrating daily Mass
for the following intentions:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sun, May 24 - *Pro Populo* (9:30am Live-stream)

Mon, May 25 - *+Brian Atkins*

Tue, May 26 - *+Jim Park*

Wed, May 27 - *+Mary & James O'Connor*

Thu, May 28 - *+Henry Kijewski*

Fri, May 29 - *+Leander Kirwer*

Sat, May 30 - *Dorman Family in Thanksgiving*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sun, May 31 - *Pro Populo* (9:30am Live-stream)

*God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*
Responsorial Psalm, Ascension Sunday

RESOURCES

PENTECOST NOVENA – The first of the Church's novenas: *After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, His disciples came together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is "the first agent of evangelization" (Evangelii nuntiandi, n. 75; cf. Redemptoris missio, n. 24).* See [Parish website](#) for a sample novena.

LIVE-STREAMED & TELEVISED MASSES:

- **Fr. Roger:** 9:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@sacredheart-wetaskiwin](#)
- **Archbishop Smith:** 10:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@archedmonton](#) or Telus Optik TV **Channel 876**
- **Other Parishes' Masses & Exposition:** bit.ly/2JjDAGZ
- **Daily TV Mass:** bit.ly/3amhQWN

Note: [Living With Christ](#) Mass missal still available for free

OTHER ONLINE FAITH RESOURCES:

- [FORMED.org](#) – Free access to movies, programs, talks, children's resources (Parish code no-longer needed)
- [The Kid's Bulletin](#) – Weekly activities that correspond to Sunday readings
- [Catholic.org](#) – Daily reflections, faith classes, and more
- [CatholicTV.org](#) – Daily Mass, programs, and more
- More resources on our Website – [Catholic Resources](#) and [Resources for During the Pandemic](#)

DEACONS CORNER – Wednesdays at 3:30pm on Facebook [@DeaconsCornerRadio](#)

Don't forget to read your Bible and a good spiritual book.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

COVID-19 UPDATES:

As some of the restrictions on gatherings in Alberta are being lifted (including for churches), the Catholic Bishops are working to discern the gradual reinstatement of public Masses. Details to come.

Go to www.caedm.ca, with links to [Grandin Media](#) and [Quid Novum](#) for more info, as well as [Archbishop Smith's Blog](#).

Visit caedm.ca/covid for COVID-19 updates, faith resources and Abp. Smith's past video messages. His latest Vlog: [Can we Celebrate the Sacraments Virtually?](#)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – The Catholic Bishops of Alberta & NWT have issued a special message. <https://bit.ly/2WSf6fH>

PARISH NEWS

INDOOR-OUTDOOR CLEANING BEE – May 26-29 from 9am-3pm. "Many hands make light the work." Let's work together to make our church and its grounds shine! Call the office to sign up.

ROSARY PRAYER MEETINGS – Join other parishioners from home, via *Zoom*, to pray the Rosary for *the life of our Parish & Missions, and an end to the pandemic.* **Mondays at 8pm.** Enter Meeting ID: **525-940-3114** and Password: **jesus** For instructions go to: sacredheartchurch.ca/events/rosary

PARISH FINANCES – Thanks to all who've continued donating to the Parish during this pandemic. Ways to donate:

- **Cheque:** Mail, drop off at the Office or slip through doors
- **Pre-authorized Debit:** Call the Parish Office
- **EFT:** Call the Parish Office
- **Credit Card:** Donate online through caedm.ca

STAY CONNECTED

We're still here to serve you!

OUTREACH PHONE MINISTRY – We've set up a ministry team for prayer, support, and to build community. Please contact the Office if you'd like this support.

BULLETIN – Sign up to receive our Bulletin by email.

CONFESSION – Call to set up an appointment with Fr. Roger.

HOLY WATER – Regular water can be brought in and blessed.

PRIVATE PRAYER – During Office Hours

SACRED HEART PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!



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