



Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish

"We, the people of Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish, accept as our mission to be a welcoming, diverse parish family who shares our gifts and talents that God has given us to serve others in need as we grow in our Faith."

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The Ascension of the Lord

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY—9:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.
**ROSARY AT 9:10 A.M.
WED—10:00 A.M. AT RIVERVIEW

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Readings for Next Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading—Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading—1Cor 12:3-7,12-13
Gospel—John 15:26-27,16:12-15



Events - News - Information

The Ascension of the Lord

Introduction: Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him throughout the world by their lives and preaching. But the ascended Jesus is still with us through his indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death, and Resurrection – a glory in which we, too, hope to share.

Life Messages

1) **We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers:** In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his mission to all believers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives." As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension — we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life, love, hope, and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, "living in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received." Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, says: "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the Faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. ... Indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love."

2) **We need to live a life of Christian Joy in the presence of the ascended Lord.** According to Luke, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Apparently, Jesus' exaltation and final blessing gave them, as it gives us, the assurance that, though absent, Jesus is still present, even in the pain and sorrow we undergo. That is why St. Augustine assures us, "Christ is now exalted above the Heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his Body, have to bear. He showed this when He cried out from above: 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?' and when He said: 'I was hungry and you gave me food.' While in Heaven He is also with us; and while on earth we 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." (Sermon on the Ascension of the Lord, Mai" 98,1-7: PLS 2, 429-495) "With a spirit of wisdom and insight to know him clearly," (Eph 1:17), we can discover Christ's presence at every turn of our life's journeys to his final return at the end of time.

3) **We have a teaching mission:** Jesus gave us lessons in Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and Redemption. We cannot put these lessons on a shelf and ignore them. They stand before us in the person of Jesus. Although no longer visibly present in the world, He is present in his words. We must make his words real in our lives and in the lives of others. Christianity was meant to be a Faith in which Jesus' followers would help and care for others, just as Jesus had done, and in so doing, care for Jesus in them. But the spreading of the Good News to all nations is not a goal that can be attained by human might and craft. *Continued on the other side ...*

JOKE
OF THE
WEEK

We are in Heaven Already

The story is told about a priest who, talking about heaven in his homily, said: "We bring nothing with us when we die. There is no money in heaven! People in heaven have no money!" The whole congregation was quiet, till a little girl whispered to her mother loud enough for all to hear: "Mama, mama, we're in Heaven already!" .

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Life Message Continued ...

This is why Jesus promises to empower his messengers with His abiding presence and that of the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all mankind should, therefore, begin with our admission that we have often been arrogant and overbearing. We must learn to be humble and let the Holy Spirit lead the way.

4) **The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement:** Perhaps some of the nagging doubts, which inevitably accompany the journey of Faith, could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. When we are too far from Faith to pray on our own, let us remember that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which He arose from the tomb, the same glory in which He ascended, and the same glory in which He currently abides. Though our limited perception might find Jesus absent, our Lord is fully present, participating in every moment of our lives. By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter all times and places. In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We are enlivened, and our actions become animated in a new way by Holy Spirit as we serve the God we love. Each of us, particularly, each ministerial priest, has become "another Christ" (alter Christus) in the world.

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Great Big Thank You!

Thank to everyone who have been continually praying for our 4 communicants as they journeyed with Jesus in making their First Holy Communion. A special thanks to the CWL for their gifts to the communicants and putting together the reception afterwards.

Our job as parishioners is not done yet. We must continue to pray and support them.

CWL NOTICE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the 1st Communion celebration a memorable event. The help and the food donations were much appreciated.

Please join us again at Fellowship Hour on Sunday, May 19, 2024 following Mass. As always, we look forward to any help and to any donations for the table.

Saint for the Week

St. Matthias's Story—May 14

According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus' followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22).

They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven. At this point, we lose clear track of Matthias. Various traditions have him preaching in Judah, Cappadocia, and Ethiopia. Details about Matthias death are likewise unclear. Some legends indicate he was crucified. But Matthias is often depicted in art holding an axe leading some to speculate that it was the instrument of his martyrdom.

Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

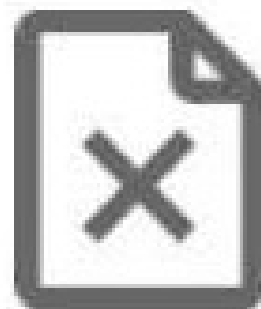
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Liveloud

Praise & Worship Concert

Experience a Catholic Praise and Worship Concert night presented by Liveloud Canada. Liveloud has been traveling to different Canadian cities now for over 10 years. It has made trips to Winnipeg in 2015, 2017 and 2019 and this year, it is back! After leading worship at the World Youth Day in Portugal last year, the Liveloud band is back! The concert will be on May 19th from 7-9pm at Canad Inns Polo Park. Tickets are \$15 and available to be purchased online. If you would like to know more about the band and their music, just search Liveloud on YouTube or Spotify or check our Facebook page Liveloud Canada or IG @liveloudcanada. For ticket inquiries, please contact Patrick at 204-509-0023 or visit: [simplivetix.com/e/2024-liveloud-central-concert-tickets-153069](https://www.simplivetix.com/e/2024-liveloud-central-concert-tickets-153069)



Happy Mother's Day