

**Sunday, May 28, 2017**  
**Ascension of the Lord**

READINGS: Acts 1.1-11 Ephesians 1.17-23  
Psalm: 47 Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

**Saturday, May 27 - 4:00 pm**  
**Outdoor Mass at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Cemetery**

Offered for: Angus Adams – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, and  
Danny Jo Adams – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Requested by Veronica Adams and Family  
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia  
Lectors: Caroline Peters and Nicky King

**Saturday, May 27 – 6:30 pm**  
**Tri-District Elders Lodge**

Offered for: Benny Roundpoint – Memorial Birthday (May 21)  
Requested by wife, Julia, and the Family  
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan

**Sunday, May 28 – 10:00 am**

Offered for: Ruth White – Memorial Mass  
Requested by Altar & Rosary Society  
Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer  
Lectors: Cora Gibson and Judy Cole

**Tuesday, May 30 - 6:00 pm**

Offered for: Reginald Mitchell – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection.

**Wednesday, May 31 – 12:10 pm**

Offered for: Hubert Rourke – Memorial Mass.  
From the funeral collection

**Thursday, June 1 – 12:10 pm**

Offered for: Ida Thomas – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection

**Friday, June 2 – 12:10 pm**

Offered for: Daniel White – Memorial Birthday  
From the funeral collection

**Saturday, June 3 - 4:00 pm**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**

**With Most Reverend Terry LaValley**

Offered for: Francis 'Doc' Lazore – Memorial Mass  
From the funeral collection  
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan  
Lectors: Confirmation Candidates

**Sunday, 4 – 10:00 am**

**Children's Mass**

Offered for: Elma & James 'Jimmey' Jacobs, and  
Cynceria 'Syear' Jacobs – Memorial Mass  
Requested by the Family  
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia  
Lectors: Children and Youth

**Ascension of the Lord, according to the**  
**Apostle,**

**St. Matthew 28.16-20.**

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15).

However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**May 31**

The feast, commemorating the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, has been celebrated in the Roman liturgy since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Found in Luke's Gospel, this event is one of rejoicing in the wonders God has done, as both the barren Elizabeth and the young Virgin Mary find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Elizabeth's response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; and Mary's response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat.

**The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)**

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens. NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

**May 28 – Ascension of the Lord**

"GO," SAYS JESUS to his confused followers, "make disciples of all nations... And remember, I am with you always." Witnesses of Jesus' words and acts, people transformed through close relationship with him, they are instructed to build a community that embraces the whole world. Go... do... assured of the Spirit's presence – this is their direction and ours. The readings chosen today to mark Ascension invite us to reflect on how we are to live this command, on what making "disciples of all nations" might involve in our pluralistic world. We painfully recall some past attempts at shaping disciples – forced baptism and the condemnation of indigenous religious values and rituals, for example – that did not reflect Jesus' loving hospitality. And we have an increased awareness of and respect for the many paths to the divine discerned among the world's cultures. So, as disciples today, what are we to communicate? Answers emerge from our dynamic relationship with Christ, Paul suggests. Through prayers, sacraments and our experience as individuals in community, we are transformed in love. Learning to see with the eyes of our heart enlightened, he suggests, allows us to experience resurrection and pass it on! As resurrection people, we witness to hope and love.

*Ella Allen, Frederticton, NB*

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Dear Lord and Father, help all who are suffering, especially those in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who are homebound. We pray for Philip Francis, April Benedict, Mary Ellen Jackson, Clyde Cree, Hilda Smoke, Orlo Ransom, Cecilia Lazare, Eric Seymour, Isabel Rourke, Nancy Phillips, Marie Casey, Madeline Laffin, Hubert Jock, Larry Pyke, and Francis Cree.

*Please pray for all our recently deceased friends and relatives who are now in God's kingdom. May their soul rest in peace.*

**Memorial Day Parade and Family Fun Day – Sunday, May 28th:** the St. Regis Church and the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Center will be hosting the annual vendor and family fun day at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center in Hogansburg. A place for the entire family to watch the parade and enjoy good food, and fun.

**May 28 – World Communications Day**

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth. (Ordo, p.244)

**Ecumenical Service in Celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>.** June 4/17 – 7:00 pm – St. John's Presbyterian Church (28 Second St., E., Cornwall). Sponsored by the Cornwall and area Christian Council. All are Welcome!

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:** All youth and adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the following is the remaining schedule: May 31 at 6 pm in the Church for Penance/Confession; Fri., June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 pm for rehearsal in the Church; Sat., June 3, 3 pm in Church Sacristy for meeting with the Bishop, followed by the 4 pm Mass. Please give a warm welcome to Most Reverend Terry LaValley as the celebrant for the Confirmation Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS – SWEETGRASS MANOR:** Friday, June 2, 2017 – 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**WEEKDAY MASS IN THE CHAPEL.** Beginning June 13, 2017, the Tuesday evening Mass will be at 7:00 pm, until further notice. The time will be reflected in the weekly bulletin schedule. There will not be a Mass in the Chapel on June 7 and 8, as Father Jerome will be away on family matters. Next Mass will be June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CAMP GUGGENHEIM REGISTRATION**

The 2017 season is almost here!  
Weeks 1-5 are open to 12-15 year olds, and  
Week 6 is open to 16-18 year olds.  
Go to [www.redonv.org/camp](http://www.redonv.org/camp) to register, or for more information, or contact the Office of Youth Ministry at **315-393-2920**. You can also see Laura Morris at the St. Kateri Center for the forms, or to help register.

**PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS**

Parish Pastoral Council	July 26	5:30 pm
Liturgy and Faith	June 7	5:30 pm
Music/Choir	(to be announced)	
Altar & Rosary Society	June 4	12:30 pm
St. Kateri Circle	June 4	1:00 pm

**COLLECTIONS for: May 20 and 21, 2017**  
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